



CAPSCA

The Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation

CAPSCA is an ICAO global programme to improve preparedness planning and response to public health events that affect the aviation sector, such as an influenza pandemic or a nuclear power-plant accident. ICAO has worked closely with States, the World Health Organization, the International Air Transport Association, Airports Council International and other partners, to develop relevant provisions in a number of ICAO Annexes, i.e.: Annex 6 — *Operation of Aircraft*; Annex 9 — *Facilitation*; Annex 11 — *Air Traffic Services*; Annex 14 — *Aerodromes*; as well as Procedures for Air Navigation Services (PANS) — *Air Traffic Management*; and the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air*.

Guidance material has been produced to support these provisions. In October 2010 the ICAO Assembly adopted a Resolution that urged States to join CAPSCA and ninety-six States have done so. Public health events are often multi-sectoral and international in nature, and should therefore be managed at several different levels: operational, national, regional and global, and CAPSCA provides a platform that facilitates this approach.

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Activities

In addition to providing multi-sector seminars and workshops on preparedness planning in all ICAO regions, CAPSCA arranges assistance visits to States and international airports. These joint ICAO/WHO visits by aviation and public health experts facilitate training for aviation and health professionals who are involved in public health event planning in the aviation sector. During these visits, preparedness plans that have been developed locally and/or nationally are reviewed, and improvements suggested. The visit normally takes two days and a report is provided that may be used by the State for future preparedness plan development/improvement. Fifty-four assistance visits have been undertaken to date.

An annual regional seminar is held in each of the five CAPSCA regions: Asia Pacific; Africa; Americas Europe and the Middle East, bringing together professionals from both the public health and the aviation sector. This expansion requires the continued engagement of relevant authorities responsible for civil aviation in Africa, significant support from ICAO and aviation safety partners as well as considerable financial investments.

Funding

Funding has been primarily from the UN Central Fund for Influenza Action, a fund administered by the UN Development Programme. However, this fund closed in 2012. Unless additional funding sources are obtained, CAPSCA activities will decline.

Future Action

States are encouraged to:

- Join the CAPSCA programme and to receive assistance visits.
- Donate funds to support the CAPSCA programme.



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