



COSCAP-South Asia

1ST Meeting of Chiefs of Civil Aviation Training Centres of the Member States

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FINAL REPORT

1. **Opening Remarks:** Making his opening remarks, Mr. D.M.P.Dissanayake, Acting Director General of Civil Aviation and of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka who is also the Chairman of COSCAP highlighted the importance and contribution of training for the promotion of safety and efficiency; the vital characteristics of civil aviation. He appreciated the contributions made by the Civil Aviation Training Centres in the sub region in this respect and, expressed the confidence that they be able to successfully broad base activities to produce Human Resources required to perform States' regulatory functions in civil aviation.
2. **Participants:** Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka were represented at the meeting and the complete list of participants is given in the [Appendix A](#).
3. **Presentations:** Participants were briefed on the following.
 - a. COSCAP-South Asia and its modus operandi.
 - b. States Safety Oversight Duties and Functions.
 - c. ICAO TRAINAIR Programme.
 - d. On-going ICAO Technical Cooperation Programmes for Human Resource Development (HRD).
 - e. Regional Cooperative Programmes operating in Asia.
 - f. Assistance provided by ICAO-TCB to States.
 - g. ICAO Agreements with States.
4. **State Presentations:** Representatives from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka made presentations on the training activities being carried out by their respective training centres. During these presentations, the meeting observed Civil Aviation Training College – Allahabad, India and Civil Aviation Institute Faisalabad, Pakistan offer a few training courses which are of immense value to other Member States.
5. **Conclusions :** The meeting made the following conclusions
 - a. State's Safety Oversight function plays an important role for promotion of aviation safety and hence personnel involved in the safety oversight activities

should be given a formal course of initial and recurrent training, in order to ensure effective safety oversight.

- b. COSCAP-South Asia has made a significant contribution since its inception in 1998 to date for development of Human Resources in the field of safety oversight by conducting a number of training activities on range of topics. However, the meeting observed that there is no regional arrangement for the consistent capturing and retention of the knowhow that is transferred to the region through these training programmes. It is an impediment for the progressive development of regional competency in certain fields relating to safety oversight. Hence the meeting felt the need to taking early measures for infusion of training competencies to the regional/national training systems for the sustenance and multiplication of expertise delivered to the Member States through the Programme.
- c. Civil Aviation Training Centres (CATC) in the region can play a greater role in conducting the Safety Oversight Training courses, provided requisite encouragement, support and technical assistance is made available to the CATCs by the states.
- d. CATCs in the region may get involved and pool their resources in the development and conduct of safety oversight training in a coordinated environment and, COSCAP-South Asia can play a key role in coordinating the matters in this respect. Establishment of a Task Force comprising members from CATCs of all Member States, to concentrate on this subject and develop a working mechanism would facilitate the process.
- e. Attention of ICAO TRAINAIR Programme should be drawn to the need of developing adequate number of STPs on various topics relating to safety oversight duties and functions. ICAO may also explore the possibility of obtaining non-STP courses on such matters from the Contracting States which have developed such material and offer it for international sharing.
- f. It would be beneficial if ICAO helps States to train their staff on USOAP related activities.
- g. Attention of ICAO should be drawn to consider the possibility of enrolling COSCAPs into TRAINAIR Programme giving recognition to COSCAPs' contribution for training of personnel and development of guidance material in the field of safety oversight, in particular.
- h. COSCAP-South Asia may maintain a database of the training capacities of all CATCs in the region and all CATCs in the region may be linked with COSCAP-SA official website and vice-versa.
- i. The meeting felt the need of having a frame of reference and benchmarking of Civil Aviation Training Centres and requested ICAO to consider the feasibility of developing a grading system.
- j. It was pointed out that the fees being charged by CATC of Member States when entertaining trainees from other Member States should be subsidized.

- k. The meeting also underscored the importance of offering their training opportunities to the Member States through 'ICAO Developing Countries Fellowship Programmes'. COSCAP-SA will take lead to coordinate this matter.
 - l. CATCs of those Member States who have not yet become member of the TRAINAIR Programme may be encouraged to do the same.
 - m. The meeting noted the importance of introducing training programmes to enhance the public awareness on challenges posed on civil aviation system by communicable diseases which are pandemic.
 - n. The meeting also wished to draw the attention of ICAO to the need of specifying the minimum training requirements that Medical Practitioners should fulfil in order to qualify for the conduct of Aviation Medical Assessments for issue of Licences according to the Annex 1.
- 6. Recommendations:** The meeting recommended that the conclusions drawn above be referred to the next meeting of the COSCAP-South Asia Steering Committee for further directions.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

	Member State	Name and Designation	Organization
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