

27th COSCAP SA STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

**Collaboration Among the APAC COSCAPs
Discussion Paper 8 (DP-8)**

(Presented by the CTA)

SUMMARY

The Purpose of this paper is to discuss the proposal made by APAC ICAO, which contains 7 action items. These action items were developed for the purpose of enhancing the “Collaboration among APAC COSCAPs”. The Secretary General requested for the APAC RD to propose specific trial projects prioritized to demonstrate potential synergies for Items 1, 2, 3 and 4. The Steering Committee would determine the level and mechanism of collaboration among the APAC COSCAPs accordingly.

1.0 Background

At the 55th APAC DGCA Conference in Fiji held in October 2018, the Secretary General (SG) of ICAO chaired a meeting to discuss a proposal to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the three APAC COSCAPs.

The SG noted that the Asia Pacific Region is the only region without a Civil Aviation Commission. This placed greater importance on the existing regional mechanisms, including the ICAO COSCAPs in the case of safety matters. The COSCAPs are by ICAO definition the existing sub-regional regional safety oversight organizations in the Asia region, and are all three performing well in providing capacity building assistance to its Member States. The APAC COSCAPs Steering Committees are the sub-regional formal fora for States’ DGCA to discuss aviation safety implementation matters.

Given the Beijing APAC Ministerial Declaration and its ambitious goals and targets in safety, as well as the Global Aviation Safety Plan, the expectations of States for support from COSCAPs would become greater to achieve the targets in aerodrome certification, safety oversight systems, and State Safety Programmes implementation by 2020, 2022 and 2025, respectively. The COSCAPs therefore need to be strengthened by enhancing the regional cooperation and collaboration within and between the COSCAPs; increasing the support provided by ICAO, Member States and Partners; utilising the available resources more efficiently; and expanding the scope and raising the effectiveness of assistance provided by COSCAPs to States.

2.0 Overview by RD of APAC COSCAP Programme and Proposal for “Collaboration among APAC COSCAPs”

The ICAO APAC Regional Director proposed that synergies and efficiencies be sought from the three APAC COSCAPs for which opportunities will be explored and implemented when beneficial for providing more effective assistance to States to achieve the COSCAP objectives and the Beijing APAC Ministerial Declaration targets.

The Director of TCB reiterated the importance of the COSCAPs and committed to providing the management mechanisms and tools for the COSCAPs to be most efficient and effective from an administrative perspective, e.g. for the secondment of personnel offered by Member States to provide assistance to other Member States, coordinated by and delivered under the COSCAP.

2.1 Proposed Joint APAC COSCAPs Action Plan:

1. Expand the new COSCAP-SA capacity building matrix (CBM) to include COSCAPs SEA and NA
2. Coordinate and collaborate between the three APAC COSCAPs on training events through the consolidation of joint regional events and cross-COSCAP
3. Share ICAO COSCAP and APAC RO experts between the three APAC COSCAPs for providing assistance, USOAP validations and training for States
4. Facilitate the pooling and sharing of experts, training instructors and inspectors between the States and Partners of the three APAC COSCAPs
5. Consolidated coordination of the mobilization and utilization of voluntary financial contributions received from Partners – States, International and Regional Organizations, and Industry
6. Support the design and implementation of ongoing initiatives for the regional and sub- regional harmonized regulation, and recognition and validation mechanisms for licenses, certificates and approvals
7. Consider the possible future design and implementation of delegation by States for COSCAPs to provide operational assistance safety oversight functions (e.g. certification and surveillance tasks - inspections, reviews, audits)

3.0 Conclusion of Joint APAC COSCAPs meeting

The Secretary General concluded the discussions with a request for the APAC RD to propose specific trial projects prioritized to demonstrate potential synergies for Items 1, 2, 3 and 4. The individual COSCAP Steering Committees would review the

implementation. The results of the trials would be reviewed at the next 2nd Joint Meeting of APAC Region COSCAPs to be held on the side of the 56th APAC DGCA Conference to be held in Nepal in August 2019, where the next steps could also be identified and agreed.

4.0 Action by the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee is invited to:

- 4.1 Endorse the Action Plan items 1 – 4 in paragraph 2.1.
- 4.2 Authorize Chief Technical Adviser to operationalize the Action Plan items 1 – 4 in paragraph 2.1 in consultation with Chairman of the Steering Committee, keeping the interest and overall priority of COSCA-SA Phase V while ensuring equitable cross sharing of resources between the three APAC COSCAP Programmes.
- 4.3 Review and discuss the Action Plan items 5 – 7 in paragraph 2.1 in order to operationalize them.