

25th COSCAP-SA STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

**EU-South Asia Aviation Partnership Project
Information Paper 2 (IP2)**

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SUMMARY

A brief summary of the paper

This paper recalls the upcoming EU-South Asia Aviation Partnership project. It invites the COSCAP-SA Member States to identify specific areas of bilateral and regional cooperation that the project should support.

1. Background

The objectives of the EU-South Asia Aviation Partnership project are, inter alia, to enhance EU-South Asia aviation relations and bolster technical cooperation, particularly in the field of aviation safety.

The project will be implemented by EASA together with its partners from 2016 to 2020 in conjunction with COSCAP-SA and other partner organisations on a regional and bilateral basis. A project office will be based in Sri Lanka.

2. Activities

The project aims to provide COSCAP-SA member states with ready access to a full remit of aviation expertise. EASA's direct implementing partners will include European National Aviation Authorities (in particular DGAC France, AESA Spain and the UK CAA), Accident Investigation Bodies and industry, including consultancy bodies.

The activities proposed will seek to enhance the partnership between EU and South Asian stakeholders, for example in the field of safety oversight or accident investigation. Activities may also take place under the auspice of ICAO and COSCAP-SA or in conjunction with other partners such as the FAA.

The project will further support of SARI in particular, in line with promoting preparation for the ICAO USOAP audits and promoting enhanced capacity through the use of shared resources.

An initial inception phase will look to gather feedback from COSCAP-SA Member States

and partner organisations.

3. Project oversight

It is proposed that an annual Project Management Board meeting shall take place, including representatives from each South Asia partner. Representatives from other organisations, such as COSCAP-SA, will be invited to act as an observer.

The meeting will usually be held in South Asia, typically alongside a relevant event such the COSCAP-SA Steering Committee meeting or a SAARC air transport meeting. Feedback would be appreciated on a convenient venue following the project's inception phase.

Each South Asian partner shall provide their review and agreement of the provisionally agreed work plan. Activities to be implemented in individual states may be agreed separately.

This should include the feedback necessary to tailor activities to their specific environment and the commitment to reciprocate with the necessary resources and management support required for the activities' success.

EASA shall then propose the revised work plan to the European Commission for approval.

4. Actions for the SC

The COSCAP-SA Member States are invited to identify specific areas of bilateral and regional interest that the project should support. [This may also extend outside of the field of safety, for example on environmental protection and climate change action].

A recommendation would also be appreciated for a convenient date for a first Project Management Board meeting following the inception phase, towards the end of 2016.