

**30th COSCAP SA Steering Committee Meeting****Updates on 58th DGCA Conference of Asia Pacific Regions**

(Presented by Bangladesh)

**INFORMATION PAPER – IP1****SUMMARY**

This paper presents an update on the forthcoming 58th Conference of the Directors General of Civil Aviation, Asia Pacific Regions.

The meeting is invited to note the information contained in this paper.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Civil Aviation is an integral part of the growing economy as it contributes significantly to the national economy by connecting the nation to global markets. As a member State of ICAO, Bangladesh is fully committed to Safe, Secure and Sustainable Aviation in the Asia Pacific Regions.

1.2 The Government of Bangladesh has a strong commitment to the development of aviation sector. We believe that international and regional cooperation and coordination, in any form, is one of the utmost contributors to the current picture of the civil aviation industry in Bangladesh.

1.3 Bangladesh participates actively at both regional and international levels, attending important events and meetings that consolidate the leadership achieved and promoting broader cooperation and relations with other States and aviation organizations.

1.4 We thank all States and particularly our fellow Asia Pacific States and international organizations for their continuous support in our civil aviation journey. We believe that international and regional cooperation and coordination, in any form, is one of the utmost contributors to the current picture of the civil aviation industry in Bangladesh.

**2. HOSTING 58<sup>TH</sup> DGCA CONFERENCE 2023 IN DHAKA, BANGLADESH**

Bangladesh will host the forthcoming 58th Conference of the Directors General of Civil Aviation for the Asia and Pacific Regions, which is scheduled to take place in Dhaka, Bangladesh from 15-19 October 2023.



2.1 The theme topic proposed by Bangladesh during the 57<sup>th</sup> DGCA Conference concluded in Incheon, Republic of Korea on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 through the following Action Item of the Conference.

*Action Item 57/64:*

The Conference adopted “*Promoting ICAO Gender Equality Programme in conjunction with Next Generation of Aviation Professionals (NGAP) initiative*” as the Theme Topic for the 58<sup>th</sup> DGCA Conference of the Asia and Pacific Regions and accordingly gave emphasis to the theme topic in formulating discussion and information papers.

### 3. **BANGABANDHU SHEIKH MUJIBUR RAHMAN NGAP SCHOLARSHIP**

3.1 It is essential that we continue investing in our aviation workforce while ensuring gender equality and women empowerment. In the context of the need to build a qualified and competent aviation work force as the next generation of aviation professionals to operate, manage and maintain the future international air transport system. Thus, starting in 2022, CAAB has introduced the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Next Generation of Aviation Professionals (NGAP) Scholarship Program which is available to female student pilots, aircraft maintenance engineers, and other aviation professionals.

### 4. **INVITATION TO THE 58<sup>TH</sup> DGCA CONFERENCE**

4.1 We have the honor to invite you to participate at the forthcoming DGCA Conference of the Asia and Pacific Regions 2023 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. A formal invitation letter with detailed programme of the 58<sup>th</sup> DGCA Conference will be sent in due time and well in advance of the Conference dates.

4.2 While visiting Bangladesh as our honored guest, it will be our pleasure to enable you to experience our country, the green emerald of South Asia, rich in culture and heritage, gifted with breath-taking landscapes, pristine sea beaches, and smiles and hospitality of Bangladeshi people.

4.3 While facilitating for a productive outcome of the Conference, it will be an opportune time for Bangladesh to showcase the development of its aviation as well. Bangladesh looks forward to working closely with you to promote safe and secure air travel and growth of global air transportation.

### 5. **ACTION BY THE MEETING**

5.1 The meeting is invited to note the information contained in this Paper.

### 6. **CONCLUSION**

6.1 We are happy to collaborate with all stakeholders in order to promote these initiatives for the benefit of all States. On that note, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to Capt. Marie Zubryckyj, CTA COSCAP SA and the ICAO and COSCAP SA Secretariat for the efficient conduct of its business.



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6.2 We look forward to the productive discussions and a successful outcome of the 30th COSCAP-SA Steering Committee meeting.

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Chairman, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh