

Communication item on the ICAO/EASA Second Forum on Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs) for Global Aviation Safety

The ICAO/EASA Second Forum on Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs) for Global Aviation Safety took place in Nairobi, Kenya from 10th to 12th October 2023.

High level panellists from RSOOs, States and industry around the world discussed the following key topics:

- the importance of regional cooperation and availability of resources needed to ensure sustainability of safety oversight mechanisms;
- contributions provided by RSOOs to States and industry to enhance safety oversight requirements;
- the progress made on the conclusions of the first RSOO forum from 22nd to 24th March, 2017, in Eswatini, success stories and remaining challenges;
- the need to enhance regional and global partnerships involving new stakeholders, to address challenges that RSOOs, States and industry currently face; and
- practical steps for the way forward, sustainability for all regional mechanisms on safety oversight, as well as accident and incident investigation.

At the end of the Forum important conclusions were agreed upon, and it is expected that all parties involved would translate these into actions to be analysed during the next RSOO Forum to be organised:

- **States are encouraged to continue to promote and support** the establishment of RSOOs, recognizing that RSOOs as key enablers of this No-Country-Left-Behind Initiative.
- **RSOOs were encouraged** to undergo a GASOS assessment not only to enhance their capacity but also reinforce their credibility to its Member States.
- **RSOOs to continue supporting** Member States in achieving their safety goals, taking into account the importance of sustainable funding.
- **ICAO to update** its Policy on Regional Cooperation that was adopted in 2009 and is recommended to finalize and publish guidance material related to the GASOS programme.
- Member States of the **RSOOs are encouraged to actively** make use of the services provided by their RSOOs and allocate appropriate resources.
- The **need for enhanced partnership** involving States, industry and international organizations to promote regional co-operation was highlighted. It was positively noted the existing and projected contribution of aircraft manufacturers to RSOOs in particular on training aspects.
- **Technical assistance should be channelled**, where appropriate, through regional organizations. An RSOO is the means through which States could collaborate, share best practices, safety oversight tasks and resources, with the aim to establish and maintain an effective aviation safety oversight system in each region.