Symposium on Regional Aviation Safety Agencies
(GASR Focus area 5 – Regions)
(Livingstone, Zambia, 13-15 July 2009)

Agenda

Day 1

8h00 – 9h00
Registration

9h00 – 9h45
Opening ceremony
European Commission – Mikołaj Ratajczyk
AFCAC – Charles Wako
President of the ACIP Steering Committee – Dr. O.B. Aliu
President of ICAO Air Navigation Commission – Omari Nundu
ICAO Regional Director (ESAF region) – Geoffrey Moshabesha
Zambia – Chitalu Kabalika

9h45 – 10h15: Coffee break

Theme 1. Introduction
10h15 – 11h45
Air Safety situation in Africa; current problems and need for innovative solutions
Panel: EC (Mikołaj Ratajczyk), AFCAC (Boubacar Djibo), ICAO (Haile Belai), IATA (Gaoussou Konaté)

Theme 2. Why do States create RASAs?
11h45 – 12h20
ICAO’s perspective on RASAs
ICAO (Ruwantissa Abeyratne)

12h20 – 13h00
The African Union views on the establishment of RASAs
African Union (Aboubakari Baba-Moussa)
13h00 – 14h00: Lunch break

14h00 – 15h45
Technical, economical, institutional, political and practical reasons to create a RASA
Presentation of the benefits of regional cooperation in the field of aviation safety, with a focus on African circumstances, including the implementation of the outcome of the Durban Special AFI RAN and the Windhoek EU – Africa Conference
Panel: Kenya (John Patrick Ochieng), Gambia (Haaba Jallow), Maldives (Ahmed Fazeel)

15h45 – 16h15: Coffee break

Theme 3. How to define the mandate of a RASA?
16h15 – 16h45
How to determine the share of responsibilities between the national and Community level?
Synthetic view on aviation safety oversight functions and description of possible criteria to decide whether they should be kept at national level, or transferred to Community level
EASA (Grégory Lièvre)

16h45 – 17h00: Wrap-up session for day 1
EASA, AFCAC, Zambian CAA

Day 2

09h00 – 11h00
Share of responsibilities between national and regional levels: a comparison between the ACSA, BAGASOO, CASSOA, CASSOS and EASA systems
Panel: ACSA (Jorge Vargas), BAGASOO (Haaba Jallow), CASSOA (Mtesigwa Maugo), CASSOS (Gregory Fox), EASA (Grégory Lièvre),

11h00 – 11h30: Coffee break

Theme 4. How to size and finance a RASA?
11h30 – 12h30
Based on its mandate, how to size the agency, in terms of Human Resources, business plan, budget etc. Furthermore, how can regional aviation safety agencies be financed?
Panel: ACSA (Jorge Vargas), CASSOA (Mtesigwa Maugo), CASSOS (Gregory Fox)

12h30 – 13h30: Lunch break
Theme 5. Institutional issues; is it possible to create a RASA outside the institutional framework of a Regional Economic Community?

13h30 – 14h15
Necessary requirements to establish a RASA outside any pre-existing institutional framework
ICAO (Denys Wibaux)

14h15 – 15h00
The case of BAGASOO
COSCAP-BAG (Haaba Jallow) / ICAO (Haile Belai)

15h00 – 15h30: Coffee break

Theme 6. Political issues: which process should be followed and which obstacles should be overcome to create a RASA?

15h30 – 16h30
Building on long-lasting “working together” experience
Panel: ACSA (Jorge Vargas), EASA (Erick Ferrandez), AAMAC (Norbert Compaore)

16h30 – 16h45: Wrap-up session for day 2
EASA, AFCAC, Zambian CAA

Day 3

09h00 – 10h00
The African environment: benefits of RASAs for African Air Operators
Panel: IATA (Gaoussou Konaté), AFRAA (Elijah Chingosho), ISSG (Chamsou Andjorin), Precision Air (Alfonse Kioko)

10h00 – 10h45
Establishing a RASA: “behind the scene” problems and solutions
Panel: European Commission (Mikołaj Ratajczyk), EAC (Ladislaus Matindi), SARI (Ahmed Fazeel), ACSA (Jorge Vargas), UEMOA (Irène Séka Gnassou)

10h45 – 11h15: Coffee break

11h15 – 12h00
Mobilising crucial support of critical “outsiders”
Zambian MP/Aviassist (Tom Kok)
Theme 7. Concrete achievements

12h00 – 12h30
ECCAIRS, SAFA
EASA (Grégory Lièvre)

12h30 – 13h30: Lunch break

13h30 – 14h00
SIAR
ACSA (Jorge Vargas)

14h00 – 14h30
SARI-145
Maldives (Ahmed Fazeel)

Theme 8. Open discussion

14h30 – 15h30

15h30 – 16h15: Coffee break

16h15 – 16h45: Wrap-up session for the Symposium – Conclusions
EASA, AFCAC, Zambian CAA

16h45 – 17h00
Closing ceremony