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# Discussion Paper 3/6: **Global and Regional Initiatives Related to the Provision of Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation**

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## Q. Does meteorology matter to aviation?



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## OUTLINE

Global and regional initiatives in the field of aeronautical meteorology (**MET**) contributing to the **safety** and **efficiency** of international air navigation



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## Global initiatives

- Adoption of Amendment 76 to Annex 3

## Regional initiatives

- Meteorology in support of air traffic management
- Coordination with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- Assistance to States



## Global initiatives

- Adoption of Amendment 76 to **Annex 3**
  - world area forecast system (WAFS)
  - international airways volcano watch (IAVW)
  - operational meteorological information (OPMET)

## Adoption of Amendment 76 to Annex 3

- **WAFS**
  - operational gridded global forecasts for icing, turbulence and cumulonimbus clouds
  - additional upper-air wind and temperature grid point forecasts
  - **positive effect on efficiency and cost-effectiveness**

## Adoption of Amendment 76 to Annex 3

- **IAVW**
  - monitoring of active or potentially active volcanoes
  - volcano observatory notice for aviation (VONA)
  - **positive effect on safety**

## Adoption of Amendment 76 to Annex 3

- **OPMET**
  - criteria for local routine and special meteorological reports
  - enabling clauses for OPMET information in a digital form
  - **positive effect on the safety**
  - **basis for digital information exchange**

## Regional initiatives

- Meteorology in support of air traffic management
  - Asia/Pacific air navigation planning and implementation regional group (**APANPIRG**)
    - regional air navigation plan and documentation
    - facilitate implementation of systems/services
  - Meteorology sub-group (**MET SG**)
    - global air navigation plan (GANP), global aviation safety plan (GASP), aviation system block upgrades (ASBU)

## Regional initiatives

- Meteorology in support of air traffic management
  - APANPIRG/MET SG
    - meteorological **requirements** task force (**MET/R TF**)
    - meteorological **hazards** task force (**MET/H TF**)
    - **world area forecast system** task force (**WAFS TF**)
    - regional **OPMET** bulletins exchange working group (**ROBEX WG**)

## Regional initiatives

- Coordination with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
  - tropical cyclone programme of the WMO
    - panel on tropical cyclones (PTC) for the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea
    - typhoon committee (TC) for Asia and the North Pacific
    - tropical cyclone committee (TCC) for the South Pacific and South-East Indian Ocean

## Regional initiatives

- Coordination with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
  - tropical cyclone programme of the WMO
    - promotion of the ICAO provisions with respect to tropical cyclones
    - facilitates implementation of quality systems for MET
    - facilitates monitoring and rectification of air navigation deficiencies in the field of MET

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## Regional initiatives

- Assistance to States
  - SIGMET tests
  - regional guidance material
  - special implementation projects

## Conclusion

- Global and regional initiatives contribute to safety and efficiency
- New and improved provisions in Annex 3
- MET in support of ATM
- Regional coordination with WMO
- Regional assistance to States



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