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Agenda Item 7: TECHNICAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

Meeting Challenges of Multi-sector Preparedness Planning for Public Health Emergencies through ICAO CAPSCA Asia Pacific Project



ICAO established CAPSCA (Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation) in 2006:

To assist States with the major challenge of multi-sector collaboration on improving the preparedness planning and response to public health events or emergencies that affect the aviation sector.

To bring stakeholders together to facilitate collaboration for the development and implementation of relevant public health related ICAO SARPs.

CAPSCA BENEFITS AND UPDATES:

- Multi-sector Collaboration**
- Fosters Understanding and Implementation of ICAO Health Related SAPRs and Documents**
- Membership to a Global Programme**
- Sharing of Information and Expertise**

Twenty (20) States and Administrations in the Asia Pacific have joined the CAPSCA – AP Project

Afghanistan

Brunei Darussalam

China

Hongkong, China

India

Indonesia

Macao, China

Malaysia

Myanmar

Mongolia

Nepal

New Zealand

Papua New Guinea

Philippines

Singapore

Solomon Islands

Sri Lanka

Thailand

Tonga

Vietnam

The following States/Administrations have received CAPSCA Assistance Visits (13 international airports in 11 States/Administration)

Singapore

Macao, China

Hongkong, China

Malaysia

Thailand

Philippines

Indonesia

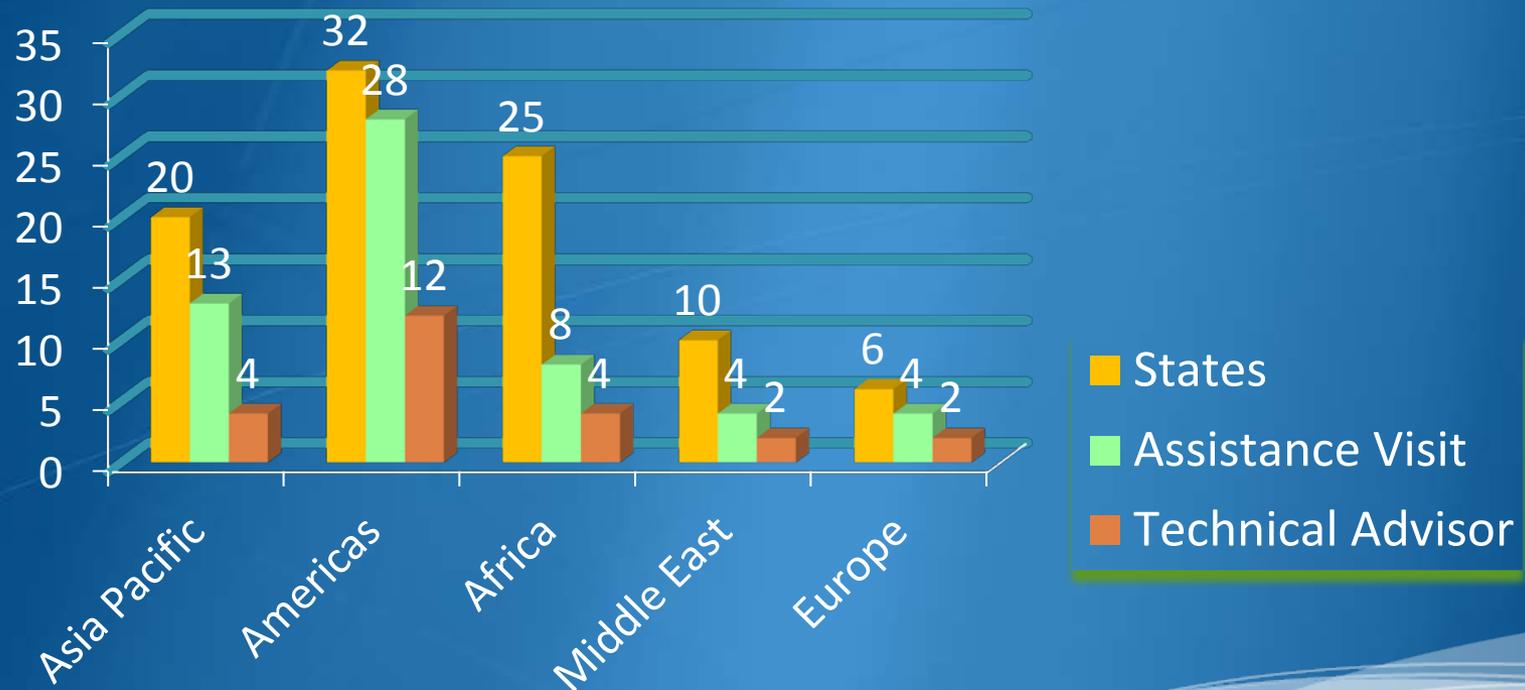
China

Bhutan

Nepal

Sri Lanka

CAPSCA Global Membership and Activities



CONCLUSION

- 1) The Asia-Pacific region remains very sensitive to possible emergence of novel infectious agents. We are faced with new emerging diseases all the time eg. Middle East Respiratory Syndrome – Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) in the Middle East, and the recent H7N9 in China.

Confirms that the ICAO CAPSCA Programme is indeed still relevant and needed in the region.

- 2) Development and implementation of an effective preparedness plan requires political will and the support of high level management to facilitate improved multi-sector coordination, cooperation, communication and collaboration.

- 3) The CAPSCA Asia Pacific Project offers a platform, unique in aviation, to help meet the challenges of multi-sector preparedness planning for public health emergencies. Changes have been made to ICAO Annexes and USOAP audit programmes that require States to consider this subject as part of their regulation and oversight.**

ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE

The Conference is invited to urge:

- a) States to promote CAPSCA at local, national and international events to facilitate the development and growth of CAPSCA in the ICAO Asia Pacific Region.**
- b) States to confirm participation in the CAPSCA – AP Project by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and/or Public Health Authority (if not yet members by sending a letter to the ICAO Regional Office**

- c) States to support the continuation of CAPSCA – AP Project beyond 2013 and propose possible sources of and mechanisms for future funding.**

- d) States to request CAPSCA Assistance Visit (presently at no cost to the State) for 2013 by sending a letter to ICAO APAC Regional Office.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION!

