



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

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UPDATE ON AVIATION SECURITY TRAINING CENTERS (ASTCs) ACTIVITIES

(Presented by ASTC – Nairobi)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
<p>This paper presents information on the Aviation Security Training Centres (ASTCs) Activities, individual centre initiatives on the e-learning and virtual classroom programmes and ASTCs contributions towards GAsEP pillars on capacity building (personnel training).</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This paper provides a summary of annual ASTCs (ESAF and WACAF) activities in the year 2019. It also highlights the assistance provided by ICAO through ISD-SEC sponsored courses and hosted by the ASTCs. Finally, the initiatives taken by ASTCs towards developing e-learning and virtual classroom programs during the COVID 19 pandemic is reviewed.

2. ASTCs TRAINING ACTIVITIES IN 2019

2.1 ICAO Sponsored courses at each ASTC:

ASTC	COURSE	PARTICIPANTS	NO. OF STATES
Johannesburg	Risk Management Workshop	15	3
Nairobi	Airport Security Supervisors	15	6
Dakar	Quality Control Workshop	14	7
Lagos	Risk Management Workshop	22	3
Douala	ICAO USAP CMA – Auditors course	12	10
	ICAO Instructors Certification course	18	10

2.2 ASTC Sponsored using ICAO ASTPs - Regional:

ASTC	COURSE	PARTICIPANTS	NO. OF STATES
Johannesburg	ASTP Basic	17	2
	Cargo & Mail	18	2
	AVSEC Instructors	19	4
Nairobi	AVSEC Management	33	6
	ASTP Basic	31	9
	Crisis Management	14	4
	AVSEC Instructors	17	9
	National Inspectors	15	5
	Cargo & Mail	27	11
	Airport Security Supervisors	9	3
Dakar	ASTP Basic	40	2
	Cargo & Mail	23	2
	Crisis Management	80	6
	Risk Management	19	5
	National Inspectors	18	9
Lagos	Cargo & Mail	16	4
Douala	ASTP Basic	171	2
	Cargo & Mail	69	1
	Risk Management	13	1

2.3 National Programs using non- ASTP material:

ASTC	COURSE	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS
Johannesburg	AVSEC Basic Refresher	750
	Dangerous Goods	750
	AVSEC Supervisors	60
Nairobi	-	-
Dakar	X-ray image interpretation	226
Lagos	AVSEC Basic - Domesticated	522
	ETD & X-ray operation	20
	Cargo operators and supervisors	20
	Quality Assurance	30
Douala	X-ray image interpretation	180

2.4 Each ASTC had conducted training on both ICAO Aviation Security Standardized training package and non- ASTP material to participants from various member countries in both ESAF and WACAF regions, and in some instances the participation came from outside the two regions.

3. AFI ASTCs COOPERATION

3.1 All the five centers have a mutual agreement to be meeting annually to discuss issues impacting on ICAO Audit findings on Critical Element number 4 (CE4) to include the following areas;

- AVSEC Course development
- Sharing of available SMEs in the region,
- Common approach to issues raised in ICAO global forums relating to AVSE Training;
- Coordination of annual training plans for optimal participation by member states.

3.2 To this end the centers have met twice and are currently developing terms of reference to guide them in their cooperation.

4. ASTCs INITIATIVES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

4.1 In the last virtual meeting of ASTCs on 23rd July 2020, it was observed that centers need to come up with e-learning and virtual class room material as this may be the new norm in the post COVID19 period.

4.2 Most Centers reported that the idea is still at inception stage and plans are underway to develop infrastructure for the e- learning programs and virtual classrooms.

4.3 For those who reported to have started developing new programs on e-learning and virtual classroom material, they were advised to bench mark with other ASTCs from other regions who may have well established systems to improve what they have developed in their contexts.

5. ACTION BY THE AFI-SECFAL STEERING COMMITTEE

5.1 The AFI-SECFAL Steering Committee is invited to:

- a) Note the cooperation between the AFI(ESAF and WACAF) – ASTCs in coordination of AVSEC training programs;
- b) Take note of the scope of participation by ICAO contracting states in the AFI region in programs planned by the ASTCs using ICAO ASTPs;
- c) Share information on any new development in the global arena impacting on the AVSEC personnel training;
- d) Give advisory support on the best practices in developing recovery protocols in the post COVID19 period at the training centers; and
- e) Support the ASTCs Initiatives in developing e-learning and virtual classroom material.

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