

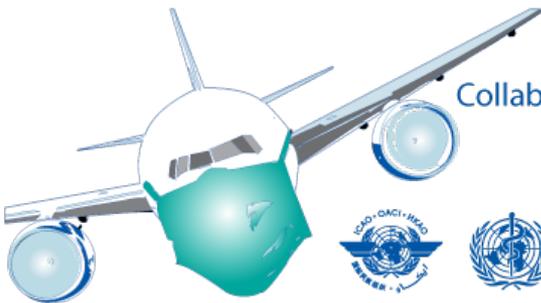


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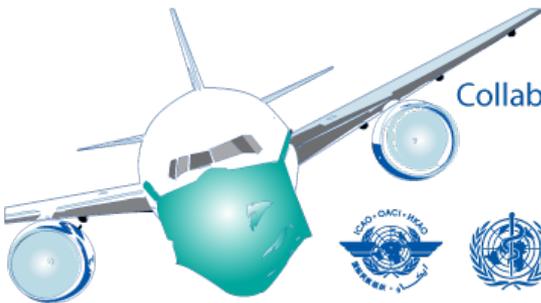
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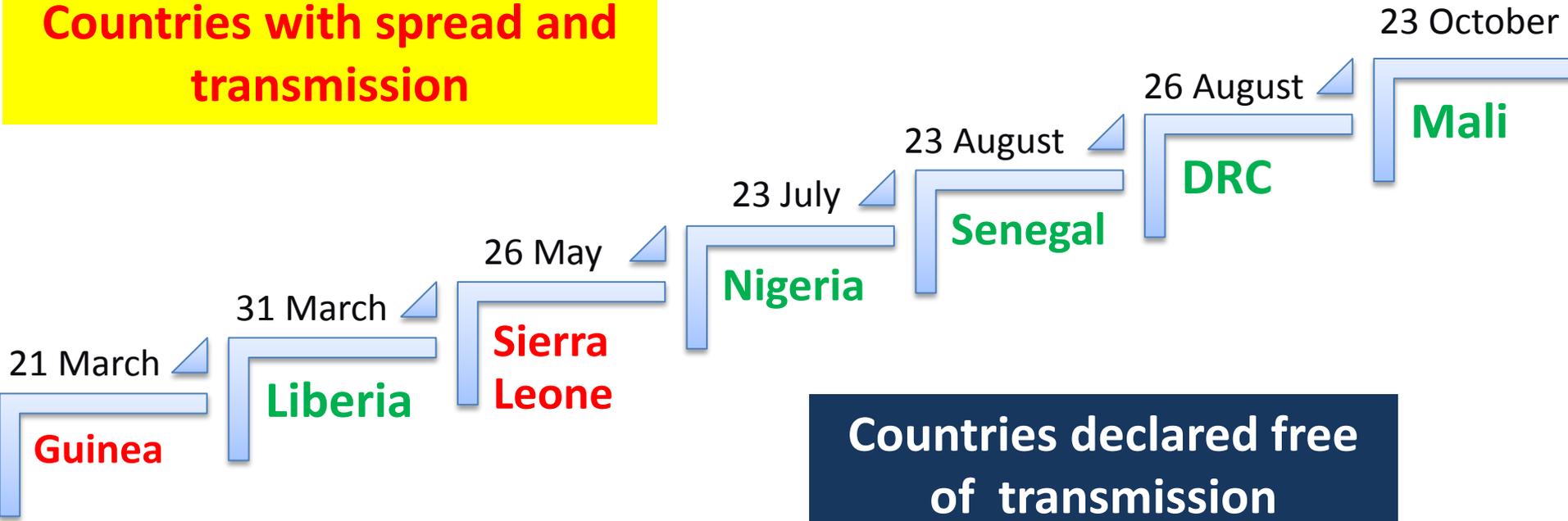
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EVD Outbreak in Africa

Countries with spread and transmission



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EVD Outbreak in Africa

- ➔ WHO established an Emergency Committee (EC) on EVD and the WHO Director General announced on 8 August that the EVD outbreak in West Africa a “Public Health Emergency of International Concern” (PHEIC) under the IHR 2005.
- ➔ A member of ICAO is an advisor to the WHO Ebola Emergency Committee;
- ➔ ICAO chairs and coordinates the Joint Ebola Travel and Transport Task Force with membership from WHO, IMO, UNWTO, IATA, ACI, Cruise Lines International Association and International Chamber of Shipping.

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EVD Outbreak in Africa

- ICAO, with IATA and ACI worked with the WHO and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to assist with development of various aviation-related procedures and guidance on management of EVD in the aviation sector
- ICAO has facilitated the lifting of restrictions on flights by some States; and has supported Ministerial Meetings on Ebola which result in declarations for States to avoid imposing restrictions on flights.

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EVD Outbreak in Africa

- On 1 October 2014, the President of the ICAO Council chaired a meeting, attended by the ICAO Secretary General and representatives of African States and Organizations at ICAO Headquarters, in Montréal, Canada
- The President of the Council summarized the main points of the discussion on the basis of which an action plan was developed in collaboration with WHO, as follows.

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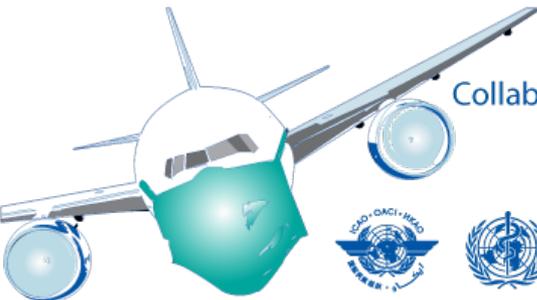
EVD Outbreak – Aviation Action Plan

- ➔ States, airports and airlines implement emergency preparedness plans and containment measures
- ➔ Airlines are encouraged to continue operating into the affected States, or to re-start operations if they had been halted
- ➔ Exit screening procedures are implemented in affected countries, are documented and made public.

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EVD Outbreak – Aviation Action Plan

- Communication and awareness amongst key players at a political level is improved and assurances given on measures being put in place by States
- States to review relevant Notices To Airmen (NOTAMS) and cancel Ebola related restrictions, where feasible
- To facilitate development of preparedness planning and response capacities in the aviation sector, States are encouraged to join CAPSCA. Assistance Visits (AVs) are made available to CAPSCA member States in Africa.

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Rationale for the UN Funded ICAO/WHO Ebola Aviation Action Plan project

- ➔ Joint ICAO/WHO assistance visits to States and international airports have been requested by States under the CAPSCA. These are under consideration but subject to availability of funding;
- ➔ ICAO has much experience in public health multi-sector preparedness planning and response in the aviation sector, through its CAPSCA programme. However, CAPSCA is not currently sufficiently funded to undertake the proposed work.

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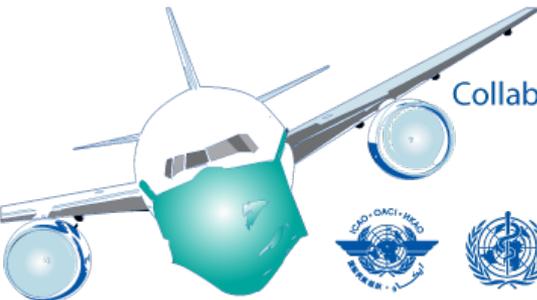


- For the implementation of the Aviation Action Plan, ICAO submitted a project and obtained a grant from the United Nations Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund
- A work plan was developed for 2015 including trainings (for the personnel of Aviation and Public health) and Assistance Visits in States prioritized by WHO

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The UN Funded ICAO/WHO Ebola Aviation Action Plan project



ICAO-WHO CAPSCA Training Workshops

(Dakar and Nairobi, March - April 2015)

- ✈ *Organized within the scope of the United Nations Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund and the ICAO/WHO Aviation Ebola Action Plan implementation project activities relating to the prevention and management of public health events*
- ✈ *In collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the United States*
- ✈ *Focus on the implementation of requirements for the aviation sector contained in the relevant ICAO Annexes and the WHO International Health Regulations (IHR 2005) as well as best practices developed by different organizations (CDC, ACI, IATA etc.)*

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- ➔ 15 States/Airports Assistance visits implemented in 2014 and 2015
 - Uganda, Guinea Bissau, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Ghana, Nigeria, Liberia, Benin, Togo, Gambia, Mauritania and DR Congo
- ➔ 5 more Assistance Visits planned in 2015 :
 - Senegal, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Niger and Kenya
- ➔ New technical advisors and CAPSCA Regional Coordinators trained and qualified

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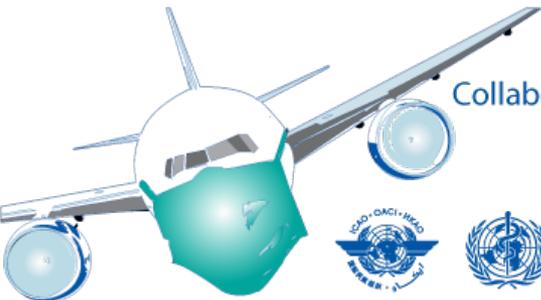
For 2016 (subject to the availability of funds)

- Assistance visits to other States
- Follow up of Assistance visits conducted in 2015
- More trainings

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Conclusions

- ✈ States need to prepare for widespread spread of communicable diseases
- ✈ CAPSCA has a programme that is already in place to assist States develop and implement preparedness plans to manage and mitigate the threats
- ✈ CAPSCA needs funds to undertake the proposed work.

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