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**Subject: ICAO-WHO training on the prevention and management of public health events in the civil aviation sector for civil aviation and public health personnel (Nairobi, Kenya, 13 - 17 April 2015)**

**Action required: To confirm participation not later than 27 March 2015**

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that ICAO has been coordinating a global effort to improve preparedness planning and responses to public health events that affect the aviation sector in different regions of the world, through its Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA - [www.capsca.org](http://www.capsca.org)) programme.

Since March 2014 however, the Ebola Virus Disease outbreak in West Africa has generated great concern and attention has been focused on the aviation sector in view of its possible spread through air travel.

I therefore wish to inform you, that as part 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, the ICAO Eastern and Southern African (ESAF) Regional Office is organizing, in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the United States of America, a training on the prevention and management of public health events in the aviation sector. This training will 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 (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Airports Council International (ACI), International Air Transport Association (IATA), etc....). The training will be held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 13 to 17 April 2015.

Topics to be covered during the training will include:

- National preparedness plan for public health emergencies in the aviation sector;
- Communication procedures for the notification of suspected cases on board;
- Management of a suspected case on board;
- Aerodrome emergency plan and aerodrome certification;
- Public health emergency and the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP);

- Management of public health events at ports of entry (case of Ebola);
- Operational aspects of IHR and its application to aviation;
- Airport certification according to the IHR;
- Entry and exit screening, including lessons learned;
- Personal protective equipment for aviation personnel;
- Cleaning of aircraft after transporting a suspected case of Ebola;
- Air ambulance operations involving a case of Ebola; and
- etc.....

Kindly note that the invitation is directed to both civil aviation and public health sectors. In the case of Civil Aviation Authorities, the participation of the medical officers and technical Staff in the OPS, ANS, AGA, AVSEC and Facilitation sections is expected. In Ministries of Health and Public Health Authorities, participants are expected to include the national IHR focal point, port health offices, and airport medical services. In view of the cross-sectorial nature of the subject matter, CAPSCA as the name indicates is a collaborative arrangement which places high premium on the participation of public health authorities.

The participation of all other relevant stakeholders is recommended, particularly representatives of airport operators and their medical services, aircraft operators/handling company representatives, air navigation service providers, security, customs, immigration and other airport service providers and users with the risk of exposure to public health events.

Considering the limited number of places available for the training, you are requested to provide the names and contact details of your participants using the attached registration form (**Attachment A**) as soon as possible and in any case not later than **27 March 2015**.

An information bulletin (**Attachment B**) providing important information on the venue of the training and hotel list for participants is also attached. States are however responsible for costs associated with the travel and accommodation of their participants. Your response including the completed registration forms may be forwarded to the following email addresses: [icaoesaf@icao.int](mailto:icaoesaf@icao.int) with copy to [ANdikumana@icao.int](mailto:ANdikumana@icao.int)

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
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Acting Regional Director

**Attachments:** Attachment A: Information Bulletin  
Attachment B: Registration Form