

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
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**OPENING REMARKS ON HIGH LEVEL SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP ON
LOSS OF CONTROL IN-FLIGHT (LOC-I) AND UPSET PREVENTION AND
RECOVERY (UPRT)**

(JOHANNESBURG, 16-19 OCTOBER 2017)

- **Executive, SACAA, Aviation Safety Operations**
- **Acting Executive Director, CASSOA**
- **Distinguished Facilitators**
- **Participants in your various capacities**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen**

On behalf of the Regional Director of the ICAO ESAF Regional Office and the Secretary of the Regional Aviation Safety Group-AFI (RASG-AFI), I would like to express my great pleasure to welcome you to this important Workshop and Seminar on Loss of Control In-flight (LOC-I) and Upset Prevention and Recovery Training (UPRT), here in Johannesburg. Allow me to express our thanks to the people and Government authorities of the Republic of South Africa for the warm hospitality and offer to host these activities.

The First Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for Africa and the Indian Ocean region (RASG-AFI/1) in Kampala, Uganda, in 2012, established, among others, a Safety Support Team dealing with Emerging Safety Issues (ESI), responsible for assisting States address accidents and serious incidents, including Loss Of Control-in flight (LOC-I), which is one of the main causes of accidents with the highest fatality rate and hull loss throughout the world.

In this respect, Kenya, as the designated champion for LOC-I, with the support of the ESAF Regional Office as Secretariat and coordinator, organized a LOC-symposium that was held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 22 to 24 June 2015. This event was convened under the framework of a project proposal for RASG-AFI LOC-I Team Implementation, which was developed by the Champion with the support of the ESAF Regional Office.

The third RASG-AFI meeting held in Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire from 3 to 4 December 2015 endorsed a 5-year Plan of action for LOC-I. Furthermore other recommendations to improve flight safety were also presented.

As a follow-up of the LOC-I Symposium held in Nairobi, a LOC-I and UPRT Workshop was co-organized in Addis Ababa by the Regional Office and Ethiopia from 19 to 21 December 2016.

The activities we are presently having in Johannesburg consist of a core training for CAA inspectors and air operators' and training organizations' instructors in the area of UPRT, as provided for in the RASG-AFI 5-year plan of action for LOC-I. This will be followed by a seminar that will address evolutions in related ICAO guidance material and status of implementation of related SARPs.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I expect that this Workshop and Seminar will enhance your knowledge and skills at various levels within Civil Aviation Authorities and Industry and therefore would like to call upon each one of you in your individual capacities to improve aviation system within your domain and employ best practices in order to implement UPRT and mitigate LOC-I occurrences.

Once again, I would like to express my gratitude on the South African Authorities for hosting this event and for providing all the necessary facilities.

I would like also to extend this to the FAA and all the facilitators for their support and dedication and for sharing their knowledge, skills and experiences on LOC-I and UPRT.

I wish you a most successful Workshop and Seminar.

THANK YOU.