

Introduction to the Safer Skies Initiative

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Outline



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Safer Skies Initiative

- Established by Canada following the downing of Ukraine International Airlines Flight PS752 in January 2020
- **Mission**
- Brings together States, international organizations, the civil aviation industry, and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to enhance the level of safety and security for commercial airlines travelling over or near conflict zones

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Safer Skies Consultative Committee - Composition

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- Established as a core element of the Safer Skies Initiative, dedicated to advancing global efforts to mitigate risks posed by conflict zones
- Composed of subject-matter experts from key states, organizations and industry partners, working in close collaboration with the ICAO on conflict zone initiatives
- Led by Canada as Chair, with the United Kingdom as Vice-Chair
- Includes 18 Members and an unlimited number of Observers (currently 9), ensuring a diverse network of Representatives from all regions around the world

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Safer Skies Consultative Committee - Functions

1. To **support the work** of individual States, regional State mechanisms, the International Air Transport Association regional coordination groups, air operators, industry associations and international organizations on all matters pertaining to conflict zones
2. To **promote best practices** to regulators, ANSPs and Air Operators regarding risk assessments and mitigation strategies for conflict zones
3. To **enable information-sharing and a broader dialogue** between relevant parties on current issues and way-forward for mitigation strategies; and
4. To **advocate for** the consideration of, modifications to, and **implementation** of ICAO SARPs and/or other ICAO conflict zone-associated guidance documents

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Safer Skies Consultative Committee – Workplan

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Completed

- Gap analysis
- Working Paper – 41st ICAO Assembly
- Review of Doc 10084, including:
 - Principles for reassessing airspace post-conflict
 - Guiding principles for airspace closure
 - Rapid info sharing mechanism & baseline awareness
 - Mitigation strategy inventory
- Safer Skies Forum (202/22/23/25)
- Critical element of risk assessment
- Information Paper in support of ICAO's Contingency Coordination Team (CCT)

Under development

- Development and delivery of Regional Awareness Seminars on Doc 10084– in collaboration with ICAO (2024-25)
- Working Paper on Conflict Zones (Sept 25)

Future dated

- Review of ICAO material on civ-mil deconfliction
- Review of Doc 10084 (pending approval)
- Develop 'Exercise-in-a-Box'
- Knowledge Exchange Program



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Safer Skies Forum

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- Global event solely dedicated to bringing together civil aviation stakeholders to discuss the processes required to better manage the shared risks conflict zones pose to global civil aviation operations
- Canada hosted the first two Forums (2020 and 2022) and co-hosted the third with the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management in 2023
- 4th Forum held in Marrakech, Kingdom of Morocco in April 2025



The poster for the 4th Safer Skies Forum features a blue sky background with a white airplane flying in the top right corner. The title '4th SAFER SKIES FORUM' is in blue, followed by 'SAVE THE DATE' in large, bold, blue letters. Below this, the dates 'April 8-10, 2025' and location 'Marrakech, Morocco' are in orange. The theme 'OVERFLYING CONFLICT ZONES: CONTINGENCY PLANNING AND MITIGATION STRATEGIES' is in blue. The main text, in blue, states that Morocco and Canada, along with the Safer Skies Consultative Committee, are co-hosting the forum. It also details the format as an interactive in-person event with online plenary sessions, mentions that a registration link will be shared soon, and provides contact information for more details. The bottom of the poster includes the logos of the Kingdom of Morocco (Ministry of Transport and Logistics) and the Government of Canada (Gouvernement du Canada), along with the Safer Skies Consultative Committee logo.

4th SAFER SKIES FORUM
SAVE THE DATE

April 8-10, 2025
Marrakech, Morocco

**OVERFLYING CONFLICT ZONES:
CONTINGENCY PLANNING AND MITIGATION STRATEGIES**

The Kingdom of Morocco and Canada, together with the Safer Skies Consultative Committee, are pleased to be co-hosting the **4th Safer Skies Forum**.

FORMAT
Interactive in-person event with online plenary sessions.

REGISTRATION
A registration link will be shared in the coming months along with a program outline.

CONTACT
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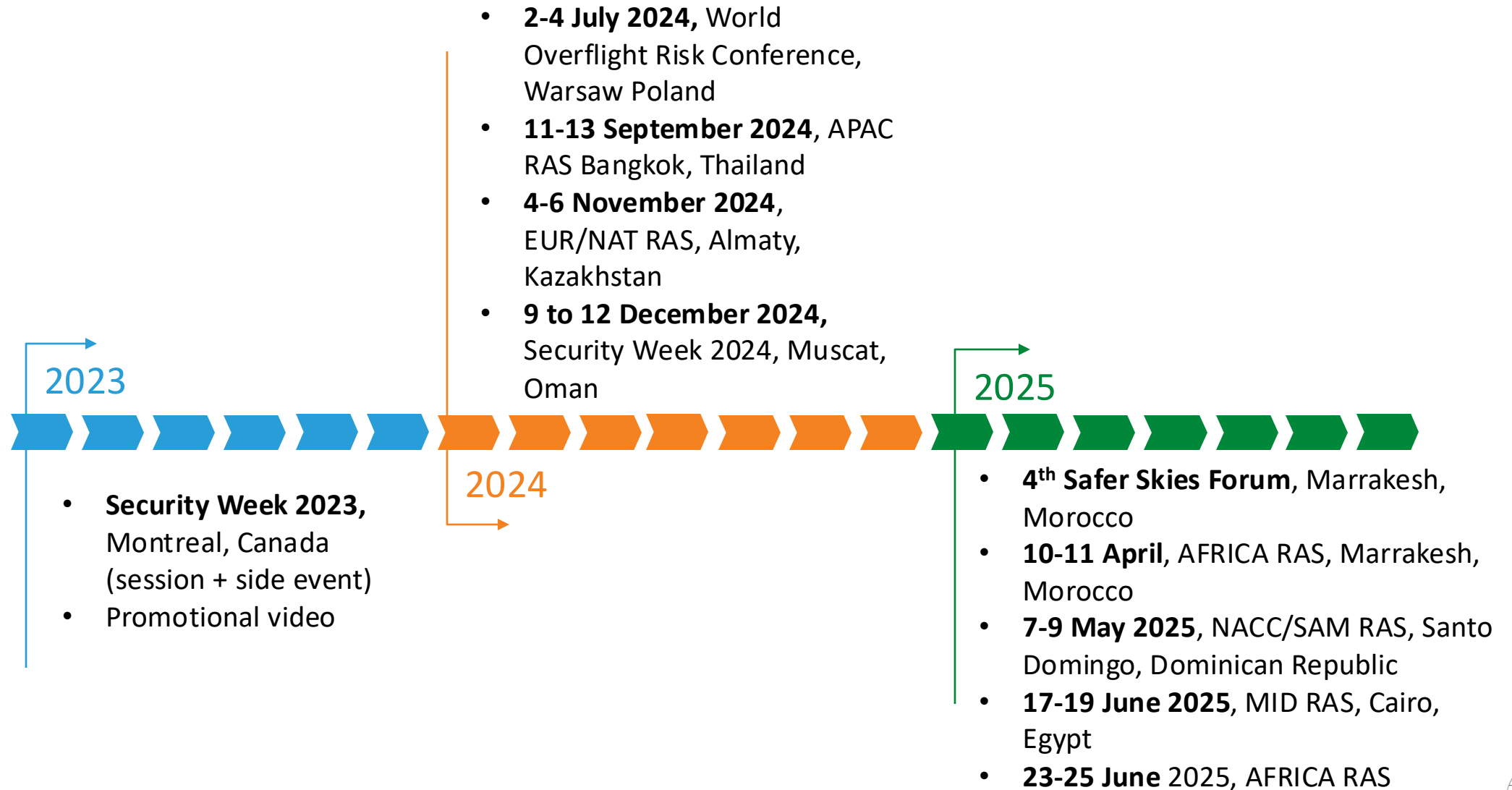
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Doc 10084 – Global and Regional Awareness activities

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Doc 10084 - Implementation Package (iPack)

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Key Components

expert consultation, guidance
material, training and tools

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Who can benefit?

Appropriate Authorities,
Airports, ANS, aviation industry

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Sponsorship opportunities

development and
implementation, SME

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