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Activities of ICAO HQ regarding RSOOs

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Doc 9734 Part BSafety Oversight Manual –
Establishment and Management of a
Regional Safety Oversight Organization

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New approach and future steps

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Nairobi, 10-12 October 2023

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RSOO CP



RSOO Cooperative Platform

- Established in 2017.
- Groups 12+ RSOOs and other mechanisms of regional cooperation in safety oversight.
- Works according to the adopted Terms of Reference and triennial work programme.
- Point of entry to ICAO for RSOOs.
- Regular meetings and teleconferences.
- Facilitates peer support among RSOOs.

RSOO CP Work Programme

1. Sharing Information

- Update and maintain the information on RSOOs.
- Maintain a repository of useful documents for RSOOs.
- Collect best practices of RSOO work.
- Conduct surveys.

2. Strengthening of RSOOs

- Help the RSOOs strengthen their capacities and qualifications using GASOS tools.
- Support the update the Safety Oversight Manual (Doc 9734 Part B).
- Regional cooperation workshop.
- Identify and develop technical assistance activities and projects.
- Exchange information on assistance activities.

3. Building Partnerships

- Maintain a forum for open communication and coordination.
- Promote cooperation and coordination between RSOOs.
- Encourage a more active role by States in RSOOs.
- Coordinate areas of possible collaboration between the RSOO CP and ASIAP.
- Communicate with industry.
- Maintain close cooperation with the RAIO CP.

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Doc 9734 Part B

On-going revision of
this major ICAO
guidance for States
and RSOOs



Why to revise?

History of the document

Initial issue 2011 following ICAO-EU Symposium (2008) and RSOO Symposium (2011).

Minor revision in 2013.

Not revised since then, despite major developments.



Two RSOO studies:

1. Global (2017)
2. AFI (2021)



Assebly resolution A40-6.

Recommendations of HLSC2015, AN-Conf/13 and HLCC2021.



Work of GASOS Study Group, development of new notions, such as level of safety functions.



10 years of experience in operations of RSOOs.

Chapter 2

The establishment of an RSOO

Significant changes to the original text. A more coherent and logical approach to the need to develop RSOO (who? Why? when? how?).

More emphasis on the role of the State commitment to successfully establish an RSOO.

Added elements: establishment of an RSOO within a REC, guidance on membership, levels of safety functions, benefits of an RSOO.

Chapter 3

The legal framework of an RSOO



Involvement of a team of RSOO lawyers (ACSA, BAGASOO, CASSOA, EASA).



Guidance provided on delegation of safety functions to an RSOO and inclusion of establishment of an RSOO as a part of a REC. Less focus on describing existing RSOOs.



Guidance on the regional legislative framework and on conflict of interest added.

Chapter 4

The organizational structure of an RSOO

Focus on good performance of services instead of cutting costs.

Description of the administrative functions and internal audit, as well as consultative bodies involving industry.

Guidance on minimum technical personnel (2 FTEs per technical domain).

Chapter 5

Funding and financing an RSOO



Title changed to provide distinction between funding and financing aspects.



AFI study results reflected – funding from a REC budget included. Less focus on not sustainable or unrealistic sources of funding.



Better description of various services, guidance on cost-benefit analyses.

Chapter 6

The management of an RSOO

Less focus on the Integrated Management system of EASA.

Emphasis on external relations of an RSOO with guidance on stakeholder management and mention of the RSOO CP.

Guidance on record keeping.

Chapter 7

Regional safety activities



The most revised chapter; the concept of a regional safety programme abandoned and replaced by a portfolio of possible activities organized following the structure of SSP, as per the newest version of Annex 19.



General update of terms and concepts related to safety management.



Relationship with regional safety plans explained.

3 GASOS



What is GASOS?

Major features of GASOS

Voluntary assessment programme of RSOOs and RAIOS.

Confidential.

Cost-recovery.

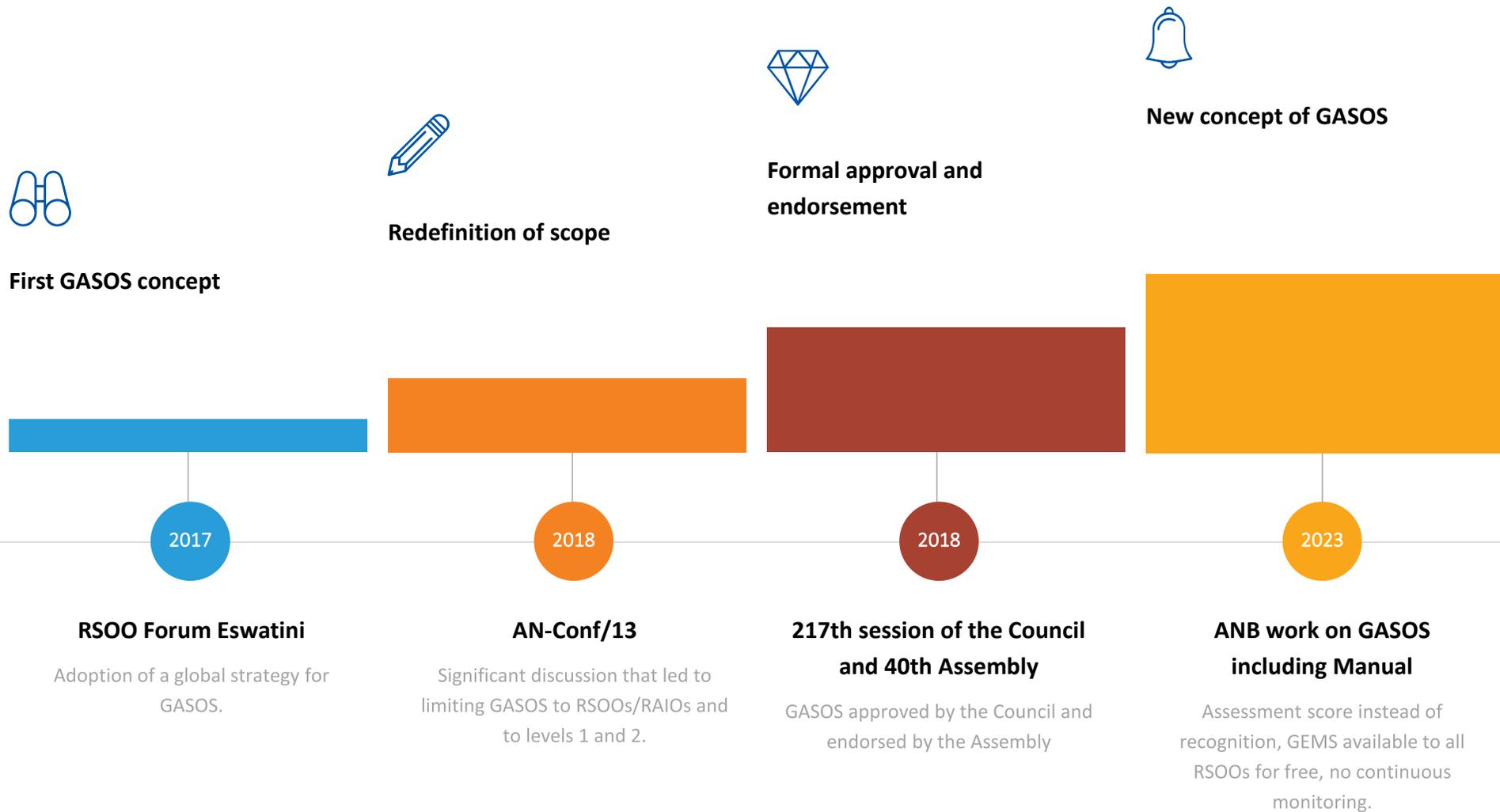
Not an audit.

Using USOAP tools and methods, but significantly different.

Assesses qualifications and capabilities, not effective implementation.

Final result: assessment score.

GASOS evolution



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2nd
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RSOO Forum

The banner features a composite background. On the left, a globe is shown with glowing network lines representing global connectivity. On the right, a cityscape with modern buildings and greenery is visible under a blue sky with clouds.

ICAO/EASA Second Forum
on Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs)
for Global Aviation Safety

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2nd RSOO Forum

Objectives

-  a) update States, industry and international organizations on the relevance of regional cooperation and resources needed to reach sustainability;
-  b) discuss the contributions provided by RSOOs to States to enhance safety oversight requirements and share success stories and challenges of RSOOs;
-  c) emphasize the need to enhance regional and global partnerships involving new stakeholders, to address challenges that RSOOs currently face; and
-  d) discuss practical steps for the way forward, sustainability for all regional mechanisms on safety oversight, as well as accident and incident investigation.

Programme

3 Panels

- RSOO achievements
- Challenges and ways to tackle them
- New partnerships

Information sessions

- Doc 9734 Part B
- GASOS

Followed by CASIP meeting



Thank You!