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**AGENDA ITEM 8: TECHNICAL AND REGIONAL
COOPERATION**

ICAO READY PROGRAM

Presented by the United Arab Emirates

SUMMARY

This paper presents the contribution of the UAE as a Partner in capacity-building, and its strategy to support ICAO programs and initiatives such as USOAP and USAP, the NCLB strategy, NGAP, and Women in Aviation. It reflects UAE's active role as an ICAO Council Member and demonstrates its determination to support and co-operate with other States to achieve a safe and secure aviation environment.

The DGCA Conference is invited to note the following:

1. The UAE supports No Country Left Behind campaign objectives through the ICAO READY PROGRAM.
2. ICAO READY is part of the UAE International Co-operation Annual Training Plan 2018 and of the UAE Technical Assistance Program.

It also seeks to promote the empowerment and engagement of women in the aviation industry.

ICAO READY PROGRAM

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Acknowledging the significance of civil aviation as a global activity, the UAE has decided to intensify efforts to share its expertise with other nations and offer assistance in order to overcome the challenges they face in the aviation arena, through numerous assistance programs.

1.2 To consolidate its efforts and institutionalize the programs as a core business activity, the UAE General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) embarked on its “ICAO READY Program” initiative in 2018 aiming at providing assistance to countries in need, so that their compliance levels with ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) improve. And assist States to prepare them for ICAO USOAP-CMA and USAP-CMA in both domain safety and security.

2. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE UAE CONTRIBUTION IN 2018

2.1 The UAE manages the international cooperation programs with different regional organizations (ACAO, AFCAC, LACAC, ECCAA, and CASSOS) and States on a bilateral basis through Memoranda of Cooperation (MoCs), Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), Agreements and other partnership arrangements.

2.2 These programs are carried out by the UAE GCAA subject-matter experts specialized in different fields of civil aviation.

3. SCOPE OF THE ICAO READY PROGRAM

3.1 The scope of the activities covered under the Program, which is subject to the consent of the assisted State, may include:

- Assistance in resolving safety and security concerns identified by the USOAP-CMA and USAP-CMA audit programs, including on-site activities;
- Assistance in developing and implementing corrective action plans to resolve ICAO USOAP- CMA and USAP-CMA audit findings;
- On-site and off-site customized trainings (training program, initial training, specialized training, on-the-job training) to the State(s) and/or industry personnel;
- Assistance in conducting certification activities or in licensing aviation personnel; and
- Other guidance or information-sharing that could be relevant to the improvement of State(s)’s civil aviation system.

3.2 In addition, the UAE offers Fellowship Programs to the ICAO Member States, which are aimed at human resource capacity-building, by offering over 200 training programs in the UAE. So far, the UAE has received 137 applications from the Arab States as well as 23 applications from the AFCAC States to participate in the Fellowship Program.

3.3 Believing in the importance of empowering female employees in the aviation industry through acquiring knowledge and expertise, the UAE GCAA has hosted and sponsored over 60 female staff from different Regions.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 The UAE will continue supporting international development through sharing experience, training, project execution, joint programs, specialized conferences, and other activities. Therefore, it invites interested States from the Asia Pacific Region and interested regional organizations to participate in and benefit from these Programs. Mr. Mohammad Al Shamali, ICAO READY Project Manager (mshamali@gcaa.gov.ae, Tel. 00971 50 6150569) has been designated as a focal point for the purposes of communication with interested States.

4.2 The UAE reaffirms its determination to relentlessly pursue its efforts to foster international cooperation in the field of civil aviation and assist States in need to meet the requirements of the ICAO Audits.

5. ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE

5.1 The Conference is invited to note the information contained in this paper.

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