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# Summary Report on 8th & 9th Regional AVSEC Coordination Forums (RASCF-APAC/8 & RASCF/9)

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## **RASCF-APAC/8 & RASCF/9- OVERVIEW**

- The 8<sup>th</sup> and 9th Regional Aviation Security Coordination Forum – Asia and Pacific Regions (RASCF-APAC/8 & RASCF/9) were held virtually during the pandemic period in 2020 and 2021 respectively;
- The RASCF/8 in 2020 was opened Mr. Arun Mishra, (then) Regional Director ICAO Asia and Pacific while RASCF/9 in 2021 was opened by Mr. Tao Ma, Regional Director ICAO Asia and Pacific.
- Mr. Douglas Yeo, Senior Deputy Director from the Ministry of Transport, Singapore and Mr. Matthew Pedler, from the Department of Home Affairs, Australia served as Chair and Vice-chair respectively for both sessions of the Forum;



## RASCF-APAC/8 - OVERVIEW

- The Forum was conducted virtually and split into two sessions, with the first conducted from 1-2 December 2020 and a follow-up session conducted on 19 February 2021.
- The Forum was attended by 94 participants from 26 States/Administrations and 5 aviation security partners (International Organization, Industry Partners and States outside the Asia Pacific Region).
- A total of 26 Discussion Papers and/or Presentations were delivered to the Forum during the initial and follow-up sessions.



## RASCF-APAC/8 - OVERVIEW

**AGENDA ITEM 2: ISSUES FROM RASCF-APAC/7;** The Forum was provided with presentations relating to ICAO and IATA's ongoing work in the area of cybersecurity.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: COVID-19 PANDEMIC RECOVERY AND RE-START OF OPERATIONS;** The Forum was provided with a number of presentations relating to individual State's AVSEC & FAL situations, status and experience during the pandemic, guidance and information resources available to support States AVSEC & FAL operations during the pandemic and the work of the ACCRPG and AVSEC/FAL Subgroup.



## RASCF-APAC/8- OVERVIEW

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: GAsEP and APAC ROADMAP IMPLEMENTATION STATUS;**

The Forum was provided with updates and presentations relating to;

- Analysis of global and regional status in relation to GAsEP aspirational targets;
- Individual presentations from a number of APAC and non-APAC States and Industry Partners relating to the 5 key priority outcomes of the GAsEP;
  - 1) enhance risk awareness and response;
  - 2) develop security culture and human capability;
  - 3) improve technological resources and innovation;
  - 4) improve oversight and quality assurance; and,
  - 5) increase cooperation and support



## RASCF-APAC/8- OVERVIEW

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ICAO YEAR OF SECURITY CULTURE;** The Forum was provided with information and guidance from ICAO, States' and industry partners relating to the ongoing ICAO YOSC initiative.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: CAPACITY BUILDING AND REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS, INCLUDING IN COVID-19 ENVIRONMENT;** The Forum was updated on the ICAO and CASP-AP AVSEC training, assistance and capacity development programmes.



## **RASCF-APAC/8 FOLLOW-UP SESSION**

**AGENDA ITEM 1: UPDATE ON AVSECP/31;** The Forum was provided presented on the substantive outcomes of AVSECP/31, an introduction of the Overview of Threat and Risk to Aviation (2020) and confirmation of the phase-out date for Account Consignors by 30 June 2021.

**AGENDA ITEM 2: YEAR OF SECURITY CULTURE (YOSC) UPDATE & IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS;** The Forum was provided with an update pertaining to the YOSC 2021 initiative and the introduction of implementation tools available to support States and Industry to establish effective security culture throughout their aviation environments.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: DISTRIBUTION OF VACCINES AVSEC AND FACILITATION CONSIDERATIONS;** The Forum was provided a briefing on security requirements and guidance materials relating to security and facilitation.



## RASCF-APAC/9 - OVERVIEW

- The Forum was conducted virtually from 23 -24 November 2021.
- The Forum was attended by 93 participants from 19 States/Administrations and 4 aviation security partners (International Organization, Industry Partners and States outside the Asia Pacific Region).
- A total of 25 Discussion Papers and/or Presentations were delivered to the Forum.





## RASCF-APAC/9 - OVERVIEW

**AGENDA ITEM 2: ISSUES FROM RASCF-APAC/8 & ICAO INFORMATION UPDATES RELATING TO USAP-CMA, AVSEC POLICY & CYBERSECURITY;** The Forum was provided with presentations relating to the captioned subjects.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: COVID-19 PANDEMIC RECOVERY AND RE-START OF OPERATIONS;** The Forum was provided with a number of presentations relating to individual State's AVSEC & FAL situations, status and experience during the pandemic, guidance and information resources available to support States AVSEC & FAL operations during the pandemic and the ongoing work of the ACCRPG and AVSEC/FAL Subgroup.



## RASCF-APAC/9 - OVERVIEW

**AGENDA ITEM 4: GASEP AND APAC ROADMAP IMPLEMENTATION STATUS;** The Forum was provided with presentations concerning States implementation activities related to the GAsEP.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: CAPACITY BUILDING AND REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS, INCLUDING IN COVID-19 ENVIRONMENT;** The Forum was updated on the ICAO and CASP-AP AVSEC training, assistance and capacity development programmes. It was noted that the number of ICAO training courses/workshops provided through the ASTC Network had increased during the pandemic period. Two States that has received the newly formulated iPacks for Facilitation and AVSEC respectively shared their experiences with the Forum.



- RASCF/10 is intended to be held as a hybrid physical/virtual meeting at the ICAO APAC RO in Bangkok in early December 2022, specific dates and invitations will be notified to States and industry partners in due course.



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