

**COSCAP-SA (LINK WITH [www. coscap.org](http://www.coscap.org)**

Co-operative Development of Operational Safety and Continuing Airworthiness Programme – South Asia

The Programme, commenced in February 1998, is resultant of a cooperative agreement signed between the Civil Aviation Administrations of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, for the sole purpose of the enhancement of safety, regularity and efficiency in civil aviation. Afghanistan joined COSCAP-SA in 2009.

The Participating Civil Aviation Administrations are designated as 'Members' and the Donor agencies such as Airbus, Boeing, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)- USA, European Commission, Transport Canada, IFFAS- ICAO which support the activities of the Programme either in cash and/or kind are designated as 'Partners'.

The activities of Programme are spearheaded by a high level Steering Committee (SC) which comprises the Heads of Civil Aviation Administrations of the Participating States and the International Civil Aviation Organization which is responsible for the execution of the Programme in accordance with the Programme Document and decisions of the Steering Committee. Steering Committee meets at least once a year and is attended by Members, Partners, and Aeronautical Service Providers, aircraft and airport operators, on invitation.

The Programme is financed by a Trust Fund which consists of Member States' annual subscriptions and contributions of donor agencies including Partners. Pakistan is contributing around 94,000/USD per year in COSCAP fund.

In order to improve coordination and interactions between the Member States and the Programme Management in the execution of Programme activities, each Member has designated a senior official attached to the respective Civil Aviation Administration to be the National Coordinator who acts as the focal point in that Member State in regard to activities of the Programme.

## **Objective of COSCAP-SA**

Among the other objectives of the COSCAP - South Asia (Programme) are to overcome deficiencies in the safety oversight capabilities of the Member States by providing a regional core of highly qualified inspectors specialized in the field of Personnel Licensing, Aircraft Operations, Airworthiness, Aerodromes and Air Traffic Services to support the national inspectors of the respective Member States to perform the full range of initial certification and continued surveillance functions relating to civil aviation and/or to undertake such task on behalf of the participant States at the request of such States.

The programme also enhances the individual safety oversight capability of each participant State by providing both theoretical initial and recurrent training together with on-site training to national inspectors and conducting systematic assessment of States' compliance with the applicable International Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPS) relating to civil aviation and making suitable recommendations to overcome deficiencies or upgrade the civil aviation safety oversight system.

## **NATIONAL AVIATION SAFETY TEAMS**

Link (NAST) NAST Meetings can be traced from link of NAST from COSCAP page

Each Member State of COSCAP-South Asia has to establish and maintain a National Aviation Safety Team (NAST) representing a cross-section of the stakeholders engaged in aviation activities which are safety sensitive. Each Member State will convene at least two NAST meetings yearly, with a view to finding solutions to safety related issues in the State. Each Member State will allocate necessary resources for the efficient and smooth functioning of the NAST, which is vital for the efficient and effective coordination of safety related matters in the State.

South Asia Regional Aviation Safety Team SARAST and ARAST works in close cooperation with the NAST of respective Member States in order to strengthen the safety net.

CAA has undergone many changes over the years. It is ever evolving and adapting to meet the needs of the constantly growing international aviation community. Our target is to make CAAs aviation activities a powerful contributor to economic and social development of Pakistan.

Using the safety framework as a backdrop, CAA Pakistan provides an account of achievements in the areas of: Policy and Standardization, safety monitoring, safety analysis and implementation of many assistance programmes such as COSCAP, SARAST, in partnership with the international aviation community .

CAA Pakistan is also a keen player of regional cooperation initiatives. These include participation in Regional Aviation Safety Groups, Regional Safety Oversight Organizations, Regional Accident and Incident Investigation Organizations, and others. CAA Pakistan has held 8 NAST Meetings since 2005 and the NAST comprises Airline industry as well service providers .List is attached as (link)