



## Background

CAPSCA is an International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) global programme to improve preparedness planning and response to public health events that affect the aviation sector, such as an influenza pandemic or a nuclear power-plant accident. ICAO has worked closely with States, the World Health Organization, the International Air Transport Association, Airports Council International and other partners, to develop relevant provisions in a number of Annexes to the Convention on International Civil Aviation i.e. Annex 6 — *Operation of Aircraft*, Annex 9 — *Facilitation*, Annex 11 — *Air Traffic Services*, Annex 14 — *Aerodromes*, Annex 18 — *The Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air*, as well as *Procedures for Air Navigation Services — Air Traffic Management*. Guidance material has been produced to support these provisions. In October 2010 the ICAO Assembly adopted a Resolution that urged States to join CAPSCA. Public health events are often multi-sectoral and international in nature, and should therefore be managed at several different levels: operational, national, regional and global, and CAPSCA provides a platform that facilitates such management. CAPSCA's aim is to address all types of public health events, not only communicable disease.

## Activities

In addition to providing multi-sector seminars and workshops on preparedness planning, CAPSCA arranges assistance visits to States and international airports. These joint ICAO/WHO visits by aviation and public health experts facilitate training for aviation and health professionals who are involved in public health event planning in the aviation sector. During these visits, preparedness plans that have been developed locally and/or nationally are reviewed, and improvements suggested. The visit normally takes two days and a report is provided that may be used by the State for future preparedness plan development/improvement. Dates for CAPSCA events in 2013 are: 22-24 April - Manila, Philippines; 18-20 June - Bern, Switzerland (also the 2013 global meeting). Venues and dates for anticipated meetings in the regions of Africa, Americas and Middle East have yet to be confirmed.

## Partners



## Funding

Funding and in-kind contributions are provided by States and by international organizations including the initial grants from the UN Central Fund for Influenza Action, a fund administered by the UN Development Programme. Additional funding sources are invited.

## Future Action

States are encouraged to:

- Join the CAPSCA programme and to receive assistance visits
- Donate funds to support the CAPSCA programme

## Further information

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