

CABIN OPS TRAINING IN AFRICA - A CASE FOR HARMONIZATION

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HISTORY AND EVOLUTION OF CABIN SAFETY

20th century - Some assistants accompanied the pilot purely to assist with navigation and mechanical tasks.

commercial air travel expansion - ex-nurses were preferred for hospitality and entertainment

The 60's the Jets revolutionized air travel; with bigger planes carrying more passengers necessitated the need for cabin crew safety procedures training.

The 80's - air travel incidents had increased in number and complexity including hijackings – birth of cabin safety in aviation regulation.



HISTORY AND EVOLUTION OF CABIN SAFETY CONT'D

The 90's -, flying became more accessible, technology was advancing, the skies were getting crowded, diverse demographics of passengers

9/11 – Aviation changed forever

Inflight attendants role has always had care at the core, be it through service or safety.



FACILITATION OF CABIN SAFETY TRAINING IN AFRICA

- ICAO Doc 10002 – Main doc used for guiding States on cabin safety training alongside other docs. Cascaded down to operators by CAAs.
- **Challenges** – Cost, availability, capacity, accessibility.
- Alignment to **SAATM** and the **RSOO objective** emphasizing the need to enhance regional and global partnerships
- **Regional USOAP PQ dashboard** - 6 CS specific PQ's among others

COLLECTIVE GAINS FOR THE REGION

- Uniformity – standardization in training levels.
- Bridging the EI gaps in CS
- Homegrown capacity – Development of local instructors and ATOs
- Strengthen regional integration
- Take advantage of the unity to implement initiatives like sustainability in the cabin
- Efficiency – Cost-effective, save time and money for operators

CONCLUSION

- A common Cabin Crew Attestation (or other) for Africa is a vision not just a standard.
- Now is the best time to start the conversation for stakeholders e.g. AFCAC and the two main RSOOs to integrate this vision of a unified Cabin Safety training environment in the bigger picture as the SAATM picks up momentum.
- An opportunity not to be missed!
- -THANK YOU-
- -Q & A