



Security is everyone's responsibility



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The *ICAO Year of Security Culture (YOSC)* aims to raise security awareness and promote a positive security culture in aviation operations across the world. It seeks to encourage and facilitate the enhancement of security behaviours and practices, focusing on the principle that security is everyone's responsibility – from the ground up and top-down.



UNSCR2309 (2016) noted the promotion of an effective security culture within all organizations involved in civil aviation. 20 18

HLCAS/2 recommended the integration of a robust security culture for all personnel, in both security and non-security functions at all levels. And encouraged States and industry to take practical steps to develop and implement security culture and security awareness programmes, including high profile campaigns.



Given COVID-19, the ICAO Council approved the extension of the YOSC into 2021, launched during *AVSEC2020*.

20 17 Developing security culture and human capability was one of the 5 priority outcomes of the Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP). 20 19

The **40th ICAO Assembly** requested ICAO to develop further tools to enhance security awareness and security culture in aviation, making it a priority and designating 2020 as ICAO

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"The promotion of effective security culture is critical to achieve good security outcomes. A strong security culture must be developed from the top management across and within every organization" GASeP

* The ongoing support on security culture from the ICAO Aviation Security Panel of Experts (and its Working Groups) is acknowledged over the years e.g. Working Papers, guidance material and the sharing of best practices.

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Where can I get more information?

The *ICAO Security Culture website* contains further information on the YOSC and downloadable features e.g. email signature blocks, banners and presentations to help promote the YOSC in all 6 languages of ICAO. The website also contains a wealth of security culture resources and material from ICAO, States and industry. This includes guidance documents, videos, toolkits in multiple languages, training links and articles for your wider dissemination.

ICAO TV contains a link to the fourth annual ICAO Global Aviation Security Symposium 2020 (AVSEC2020), where the ICAO Secretary General launched the YOSC. The Symposium, which had the theme of "Improving Security Culture by Connecting the Dots", highlighted best practices to help build and implement a strong and effective security culture within aviation.



Members States can also find more information in the ICAO State Letter on the YOSC, dated 13th November 2020 (ref: AS8/23-20/125).

What will ICAO be doing?



ICAO will deliver a range of events and activities to support the YOSC. These will be delivered from HQ (Montreal) and through

the ICAO Regional Offices and ICAO Aviation Security Training Centres. Information will be available on the security culture website in due course and through local/regional channels.



What can You do?



The YOSC is a global effort. All in aviation are part of it; so we urge everyone to be security culture ambassadors, with security culture philosophy integrated in to everything you do.

States, **regional organizations** and **industry** are encouraged to take practical security culture actions.

Take concrete actions and set ambitious objectives to support the implementation of an effective security culture in aviation -Dr. Liu ICAO Secretary General

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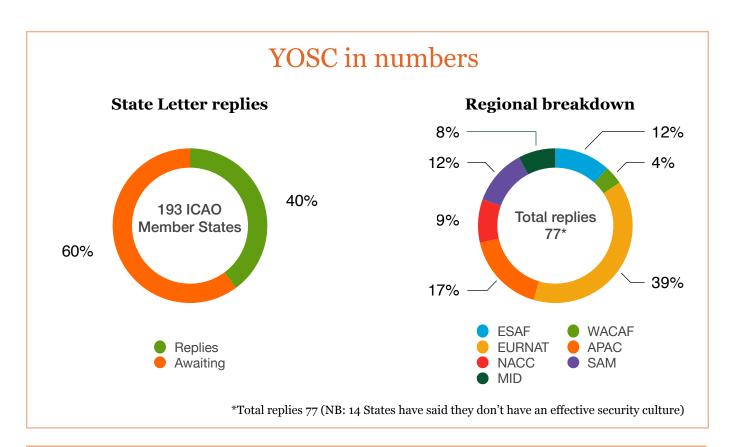




Actions may include:

- Creating display materials amongst your employees, around your offices and through your digital distribution channels, that highlight the importance of security;
- Developing an airport mission statement that promotes an effective security culture;
- Assisting airports and States in the high-level endorsement of policies and procedures that define security culture;
- Providing security culture training (incl. threat awareness training) and continuous learning activities for all staff; and
- Establishing a framework that affords protection to reports and their sources when reporting suspicious behaviour or lapses in airport security.

You are also encouraged to use with your stakeholders *YOSC promotional information*. This could include use of the YOSC email signature block, supported by a link to *the ICAO Security Culture Website*. This will help to raise awareness and build security culture momentum.



To share security culture information and best practices please contact: vosc@icao.int

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