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Panel 1: Current challenges

- Overcome the deficiencies identified on ATOs through USOAP-CMA activities.
- Emphasis on inspector training especially in relation to regulations and procedures in ATOs.
- Inspectors need formal and OJT training on ATO certification activities.
- Effective use of compliance statements by applicants during ATO certification.



Panel 1: Current challenges

- States need to develop or adopt good permanent recording systems.
- The 'Chicken & Egg: which-comes-first' dilemma
 - Challenge: provide for provisional ATO Approvals.
- Adopt open-ended ATO approvals instead of time-specific ATO Approvals, as duly provided for in ICAO Doc 9841-AN/456.



Panel 2: Requirement and practice

- States to develop a regulatory framework incorporating SARPs and guidance material (Doc 9841, Doc 9941) as amended from time to time
- ATOs to implement regulatory requirements, including
 - Quality management
 - Safety management systems (as applicable), in accordance with Annex 19 provisions
- States to establish a framework for continuous communication and dialogue between Licensing authorities and ATOs
- States to avoid duplication of efforts in the TO approval process through harmonization of national regulations/requirements (RSOOs, RECs)



Panel 2: Requirement and practice

- ▶ States to involve service providers in consultations between Licensing Authorities and ATOs in developing regulations, including consultations conducted by RSOOs
- ▶ States to consider the period of validity of ATO approval certificate taking into account the surveillance programme implemented by the Licensing Authority



Panel 3: 3rd party providers and foreign ATOs

➤ CAA

- A sufficient number of staff within CAAs seems to be a problem
- There should be more support/assistance from CAA's during the approval process
- Involvement of industry in the rulemaking process
- Fees are too high

➤ ATO

- Make use of the AATO to assist the TOs in the implementation phase including interpretation questions, also as a representative organisation on high level (e.g., ICAO, CAAs, etc.)
 - Establish a pool of experts in the region to assist the CAAs as well as ATOs
- There should be more communication to avoid “turbulence” between ATO and CAA



Panel 3: 3rd party providers and foreign ATOs

- Avoid duplication
 - More cooperation between CAAs as well as between the ATOs
 - There is a need for more harmonisation in Africa
 - Bilateral agreements based on trust could be a solution to accept each other certificate/licenses etc.
- Oversight should be performance based (evaluation) -> punishment should not be the goal
- Trust and confidence is important

Safety first, then economic interest

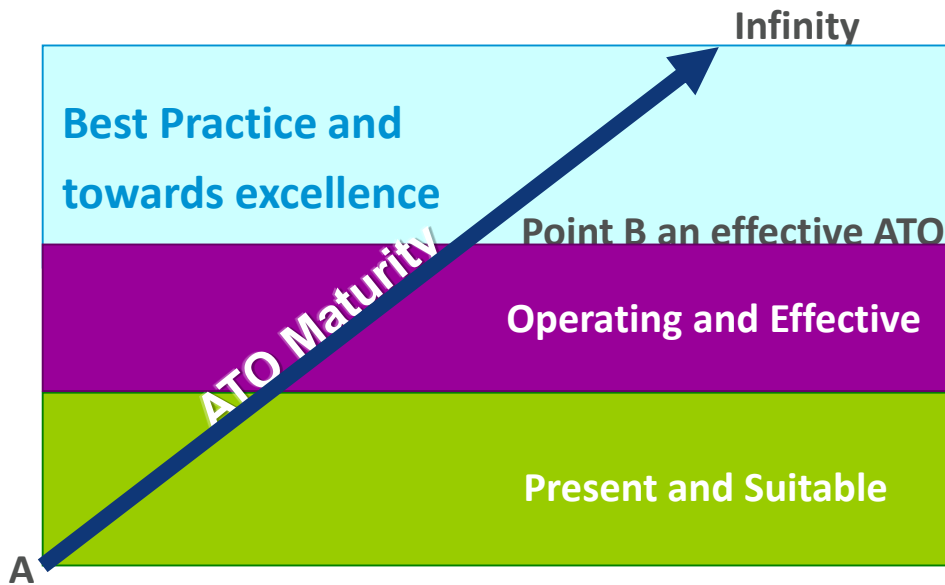


Panel 4: Best practices

- Mitigate ICAO findings regarding training on QMS, TPM, Personnel, facilities and record system
- From EU perspective, need to develop a collaborative relationship, just culture and bring regulators and ATOs to work in partnership
- Experience of EEA gave a clear perspective of development efforts that are expected from ATOs to raise the standard of the organisation
- From the overall presentations and discussion, some practices should be taken as best practices
- Conclusion: Need for further actions preferably by AATO to build on a good start of cooperation between CAAs and ATOs



Conclusion:



“Marathon, not a sprint”

- The ball is rolling, keep it rolling
- Work to be done on both sides, Authorities and ATOs
- Improve communication
- Keep training the involved parties



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