



MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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PRESS STATEMENT

MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION ENDORSES FIRST AVIATION SAFETY REPORT OF PNG

The Minister for Civil Aviation, Hon. Sekie Agisa, MP, commended the Accident Investigation Commission (AIC) for its leadership in the Region by developing the first Aviation Safety Report of Papua New Guinea to identify and monitor key areas of interest for aviation safety, a matter of national importance for PNG.

In his visit today to the AIC, Minister Agisa stated that *"one of the main characteristics of the aviation industry is that operates in a highly dynamic environment. To ensure aviation remains as a reliable, consistent, and affordable means to connect people across PNG, State authorities, aviation service providers and stakeholders must continue to work together to jointly develop strategies to continuously improve on Safety."*

"Since early 2000's the approach adopted by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to understand how the aviation system performs with regard to safety is based on data retrieved from critical areas. This way, global, regional, and national priorities can be determined in a manner that ensures focus is oriented to relevant areas of interest, so the efforts of the parties involved in aviation safety will be meaningful. This approach would later give origin to the principles of Safety Management captured in Annex 19 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation and set the foundation for States to develop their State Safety Programs and aviation service providers to effectively identify hazards and mitigate risks through Safety Management Systems."

"In 2018, the First Asia and Pacific Ministerial Conference was held, in Beijing. During the Conference, Ministers and representatives from the aviation system of the Asia and Pacific Region States including PNG's Minister for Civil Aviation, Director of Civil Aviation, Chief Commissioner of the AIC and Ambassador in Beijing, declared their agreement to a series of commitments with regard to aviation safety, air navigation services, accident investigation, and human resource development, in view of the obligations as contracting States to the Convention on International Civil Aviation."

"In my visit today to the AIC, I could witness the professionalism of the team to ensure investigations are conducted in an objective, transparent and effective manner, fully aligned with the International Standards of ICAO. Besides the hard work to make aviation safer through investigation, I proudly saw how the AIC has produced the first Aviation Safety Report of Papua New Guinea and that, through an innovative approach, the AIC analysed information from multiple sources including ICAO and their own accident and serious incident investigation data of the last 10 years, to identify areas of interest for safety that are exclusively for PNG so the efforts of the aviation industry can be oriented towards the same key areas, and also to provide an overview of the status of aviation safety of PNG compared to the rest of the World and, in particular, to monitor the status of the commitments with regard to safety and accident investigation from the Asia and Pacific Ministerial Conference of 2018."

"I commend the AIC as due to this significant achievement PNG is taking the lead in the Region with regard to aviation safety data analysis and has become one of the few States in the World to present their own priorities in an Aviation Safety Report. I can certainly see how PNG is setting a benchmark in this matter."

Hon. Sekie Agisa, MP
Minister for Civil Aviation
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