Cape Verde holds 82.43% Effective Implementation rating

The most recent audit action made by ICAO to Cape Verde was in 2018, through an ICVM, and the country obtained an average rating of 82.43% effective implementation (EI), considerably above the world average which is 65.2%

For the audit of operational safety oversight ICAO takes into account the eight critical elements such as Basic Aeronautical Legislation CE-1, Specific Regulations CE-2, State civil aviation system and operational safety oversight functions CE-3, Technical qualification of personnel CE-4, Technical procedures, means and tools of safety critical information CE-5, Obligations relating to issuance of licenses, certifications, authorizations and approvals CE-6, Obligation to maintain oversight CE-7 and finally, Resolution of issues affecting operational safety CE-8. The eight critical elements will be scrutinized in the eight areas subject to ICAO audits, which comprise Legislation- basic aeronautical legislation and civil aviation regulations (LEG), Organization- civil aviation organization (ORG), Personnel licensing and training (PEL), Aircraft operations (OPS), Airworthiness (AIR), Aircraft accident and incident investigation (AIG), Air navigation services (ANS) and Aerodromes and ground support (AGA).

Regarding legislation and organization of the civil aviation sector, Cape Verde had a performance of 95.24% and 100%, respectively, with the adaptations made to the legal framework to conform to ICAO standards. Airworthiness and Aerodromes were the other areas that, along with legislation, and organization were the best evaluated in 2018 by ICAO.

Compared to the rest of the world, the country was above the global average for effective implementation, with air accident investigation getting the lowest rating among the others, due to the fact that this critical element was not assessed in the last mission of 2018.

The graph below shows Cape Verde's performance between 2009, when a full audit was done in all areas, and 2018, when only the legislation, organization, airworthiness, air navigation services, and aerodromes components were checked.

In the same graph one can see that Cape Verde has a much higher position when compared to the average of the other countries of the ICAO West and Central Africa Region (WACAF). In this aspect, Cape Verde's ranking is higher than the regional average, which in turn is below the world average

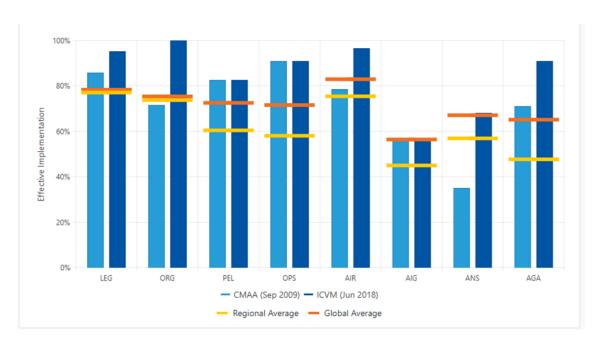


Figure 1 Comparison of Cape Verde with WACAF world and regional averages - Source: USOAP

The following graph shows Cape Verde's score in percentage terms by area, compared to the world average. Here we highlight the organization area where Cape Verde scored the maximum 100%.

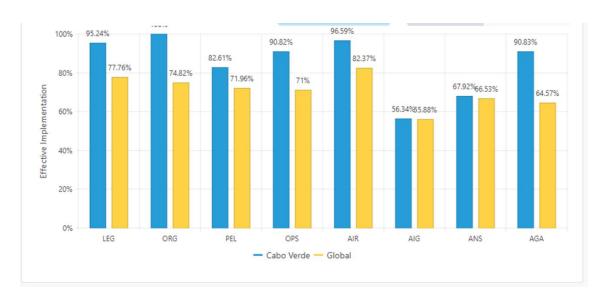


Figure 2 Cape Verde Scores and World Average - Source: USOAP

If we take the comparison with Portugal, a country that has a more consistent track record regarding operational safety oversight, and if we take into account the same areas audited by ICAO, we notice that Cape Verde is making safe steps towards improving the level of effective implementation.

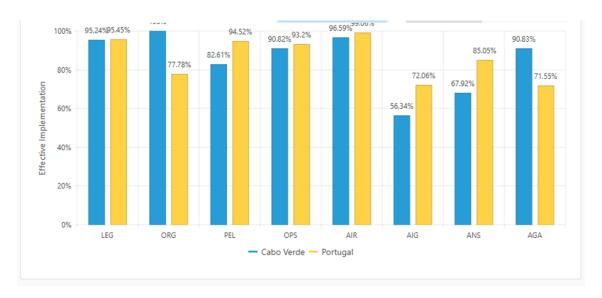


Figure 3 Comparison of Cape Verde and Portugal: USOAP

In the African context, Cape Verde is also one of the two countries that are at the forefront with respect to effective implementation in operational safety, being among the six highest scoring countries, occupying position nr. 6. The ranking in Africa is led by Ethiopia, and in the WACAF region only Ghana and Togo are above Cape Verde. For example, Ethiopia, which ranks the highest in Africa, has a score of 89.89% against Cape Verde's 82.89%.



Figure 4 African Ranking of Effective Implementation - Source USOAP-CMA

More than numbers, the establishment and effective implementation of the eight critical elements, assessed in the areas audited by ICAO, translates into the confidence of all stakeholders in the civil aviation sector in Cape Verde, a goal that the State of Cape Verde must continue to pursue for the sake of the sector that wants to be independent, safe and efficient.