



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

AVIATION SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT



Sierra Leone is committed to achieving and maintaining the highest standards of aviation safety. The State shall proactively manage safety risks and continuously improve safety performance within its civil aviation system. We are committed to fostering a positive safety culture in which every individual and organization within the aviation ecosystem takes responsibility for upholding the highest standards of safety.

The State Safety Programme (SSP) has been established to ensure the effective management of safety risks, maintain high standards of safety oversight, and sustain public confidence in the safety of air transport.

Sierra Leone commits, as its Aviation Safety Policy, to:

1. assure the safety of civil aviation through robust regulatory compliance and effective safety oversight;
2. implement effective risk-based and performance-based safety oversight processes;
3. develop and implement strategies, regulations, systems, and processes to enable the safe and sustainable growth of civil aviation;
4. establish and maintain national policies and regulations consistent with the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO);
5. ensure adequate financial, human, and organizational resources to support civil aviation safety, including safety management and independent accident and incident investigation functions;
6. ensure that personnel are equipped and maintained with the necessary skills and competencies to effectively discharge their responsibilities;
7. adopt a risk-based and data-driven approach to the regulation and management of aviation safety, leveraging safety data and information from multiple sources to identify hazards, assess safety risks, and address emerging safety concerns;
8. protect safety data and information by implementing safety information protection policies in accordance with ICAO SARPs and international best practices;
9. promote a positive safety culture supported by effective reporting, continuous learning, and a fair, transparent, and risk-based surveillance policy that fosters trust within the aviation community;
10. pursue continuous improvement in aviation safety performance through systematic hazard identification, safety risk management, and safety performance monitoring, in collaboration with industry stakeholders;
11. actively engage and collaborate with industry and international partners to address safety matters; and
12. support innovation and emerging technologies in civil aviation.

The Aviation Safety Policy was approved by:

Hon. Alhaji Fanday Turay
Minister of Transport and Aviation

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