



**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE
ICAO/IMO JOINT WORKING GROUP ON HARMONIZATION OF
AERONAUTICAL AND MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE
(Malmö, Sweden, 9 to 13 November 2026)**

- 1 Adoption of the agenda**
- 2 Decisions of ICAO and IMO bodies related to the Joint Working Group work, for instance:**
 - *Briefing on the outcome of ICAO activities; and*
 - *Briefing on the outcome of IMO activities.*
- 3 Conventions, plans, manuals and other documents affecting SAR, for instance:**
 - *Amendments to the IAMSAR Manual, including changes to facilitate use by training institutions;*
 - *Status of the Maritime SAR Convention and Annex 12 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation;*
 - *Alignment of the IMO Area SAR Plans, GMDSS Master Plan and ICAO Regional Air Navigation Plans; and*
 - *Progress report on work by the ANC and provisions pertaining to airborne carriage of crash alert and signalling equipment.*
- 4 SAR operational principles, procedures and techniques, for instance:**
 - *Development of operational guidelines for safe and effective search and rescue operations, taking account of experience gained from past SAR events;*
 - *Mass rescue operations, taking account of experiences gained;*
 - *Medical assistance in the context of SAR services;*
 - *Effects of measures to enhance maritime and aeronautical security on SAR services, including the implementation of the long-range identification and tracking (LRIT) system;*

- *Development of new and revised procedural strategies for the practical provision of SAR services; and*
- *Development of a structured process to review SAR alerting procedures between ATC services and SAR authorities.*

5 SAR system administration, organization and implementation methods, for instance:

- *Regional SAR development, including SAR committees and task forces;*
- *Development of guidance on regulatory provisions and other guidelines for State and subregional SAR organizations;*
- *Quality assurance, systems improvement, needs assessment, risk management, safety management and resource allocation;*
- *Evaluating the effect of various technical cooperation projects in conjunction with relevant governments, organizations and agencies with a view to assessing their impact on implementing and maintenance of effective SAR services; and*
- *General overview of the global SAR operating environment, including State and industry SAR system initiatives, identification of new and emerging issues, global SAR system implementation status and SAR system data and trends.*

6 RCC/RSC and SAR equipment and facility designations and standards, for instance:

- *Establishment of RCCs and in particular JRCCs;*
- *Status of AIS, ADS-B and shore/land-based facilities and systems in aeronautical and maritime SAR; and*
- *SAR equipment, including information technology.*

7 SAR communications, for instance:

- *Status, elements and procedures of maritime communication systems for distress and SAR, including the GMDSS;*
- *Status, elements and procedures of aeronautical communications systems for distress and SAR, including GADSS;*
- *Status of the Cospas-Sarsat system, including MEOSAR and development of second generation beacons; and*
- *Monitor trends in SAR communications and provide advice on emerging technologies.*

8 SAR personnel staffing and training, for instance:

- *Development of RCC Staff qualifications and standards; and*
- *Development of joint SAR training courses based on the IAMSAR Manual.*

9 Any other business

10 Provisional agenda for JWG 34

11 Reports to ICAO and the NCSR Sub-Committee

Notes:

- 1 Documents should be received by the Secretariat by **Friday, 25 September 2026** (six-week deadline);
- 2 Documents commenting on those referred to in sub-paragraph .1 above, should be received by **Friday, 23 October 2026** (two-week deadline);
- 3 For reasons of economy, documents should be submitted in single spacing, and be as concise as possible, and:
 - .1 all documents should include a brief summary;
 - .2 working papers should conclude with a summary of the action which the Joint Working Group is invited to take;
 - .3 information papers should conclude with a summary of the information contained therein; and
 - .4 the following word-processing format should be observed in order to standardize the presentation of documents:
 - font: Arial;
 - font size: 11 pt;
 - justification: full;
 - margins: 2 cm top, 2.5 cm bottom, left and right.

A template can be requested from the Secretariat (NCSR@imo.org or jwelton@icao.int) for use in the preparation of documents.

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