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**Second JARUS Plenary Meeting in 2017
2nd to 6th October 2017 (Cape Town, South Africa)**



The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) proudly hosted the second JARUS Plenary Meeting in 2017 from 2nd to 6th October in Cape Town.

Mrs. Poppy Khoza, SACAA Director of Civil Aviation, opened the Plenary Meeting highlighting the importance of full UAS integration, for both the aviation community and the public, and the significance of cooperation at the international level.

Over 90 experts from 25 JARUS Member Countries, along with EASA and EUROCONTROL, gathered in Cape Town representing Australia, Austria, Brazil, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, USA and the Host Country South Africa. The Stakeholder Consultation Body (SCB) was also represented: cooperation among all UAS Players is key to the success of JARUS.

Over the past year, the interest in supporting JARUS efforts has increased as more countries continue to join-in. The Plenary Meeting in Cape Town represents a significant milestone for JARUS, solidifying our global presence with the election of Dr. Hao Liu of China as another JARUS Vice-Chair. Dr. Liu is keen to ensure that Australasia contributions to JARUS increase in the future. An additional change to the JARUS governance is that Chair and Vice-Chair positions will now have a 2-year term with the possibility of one re-election.



The Plenary Team also discussed future JARUS activities, the coordination among the seven JARUS Working Groups (WGs), and the possible efforts dedicated to UTM. Three days were dedicated to WG meetings and we can already announce that in the coming weeks two more JARUS deliverables will be launched for external consultation at <http://jarus-rpas.org/external-consultations>

Two operators from South Africa, United Drone Holdings and UAV & Drone Solutions, presented to JARUS and SCB Members the practical aspects of UAS integration, and Matternet (USA) demonstrated how the JARUS SORA could be successfully implemented.

Mr Simon Segwabe, SACAA Executive Aviation Safety Operations closed a successful Plenary Meeting and confirmed the SACAA commitment toward JARUS.

The next JARUS Plenary Meeting will be hosted from 23rd to 27th April 2018 by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) in Cologne.

Note to editors

JARUS is a group of experts from 52 National Aviation Authorities (NAAs) and regional aviation safety organizations, as well as EASA and EUROCONTROL.

JARUS aims to recommend a single set of technical, safety and operational requirements for the certification and the safe integration of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) in airspace and at aerodromes. Seven Working Groups provide guidance material and recommendations to facilitate national aviation authorities to develop their own requirements and avoid unnecessary duplication of effort.

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