



ICAO GLOBAL ATM CIVIL/MILITARY COOPERATION
FORUM
**UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER - A VEHICLE FOR
COOPERATION**

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SCOPE



- Introduction
- National Culture
- Airspace Use
- Interpersonal Relations at Management Levels
- Training (Local/External)
- Working Relationship between the civil and military
- Social integration/cooperation programmes
- National Policy on Search and Rescue



Description of Ghana Airspace

- The Accra FIR which is under the responsibility of Ghana, cover the territorial airspace of Ghana, Togo and Benin a large area of the Atlantic Ocean up to Latitude 9 degrees south
- The Centre of the World lies within the Accra FIR where the Prime Meridian Long 000 meets the Equator Latitude 00 degrees).
- national sovereignty and military considerations naturally necessitate controlled access to the airspace
- Special Use Airspace for the exclusive use by the military does not apply
- Designated airspaces for military training are activated for military use either by the issuance of NOTAM or filing of flight plans covering specific periods



Understanding through Personnel Relationship

- retired military officers serving on GCAA management/executive positions
- commonality of professional qualifications/training
- military has a history of recruiting young civilian air traffic controllers
- easier to discuss issues of common interest between the civil and military



Understanding through Training



- GCAA employees and personnel of the Ghana Air Force have trained together in many fields over the years
- The two organizations have different training facilities from which they train each other
- essential for the standardization of their practices and operational readiness
- Civil and Military pool resources i.e. optimum utilisation of existing capacity
- Two organisations present papers at annually Aviation Safety Seminars
- To promote standardization, GCAA sponsors ATC officers from the Air Force to train in the same schools that their personnel train in outside Ghana



Understanding through Working Relations

- Civil/Military cooperation among airspace users in Ghana is greatly enhanced by operating together at aerodromes
- Promotes formal relationships /cultivates interpersonal friendships
- Both military and civil authorities maintain direct mobile phone coordination with one another whilst hotline communication exists between Control Tower and Ghana Air Force Operations
- Ghana Civil Aviation Authority is invited to all GAF official and social functions



Understanding through Working Relations



- Civil and military personnel address one another by the first name; underscoring the closeness of our interpersonal working relationships
- There are annual fun games between the GAF and GCAA which the two alternate to host
- There is not a dedicated Civil/Military manual but there are regular meetings between GAF and GCAA to discuss all issues of concern to both parties.
- Agreements which are agreed at such meetings are incorporated in the Operational Manuals and Letters of Procedures.



Understanding through National Policy



- The Ghana Armed Forces led by the Air Force has been tasked to put their equipment and personnel at the disposal of GCAA in time of Search and Rescue
- While GCAA retains the RCC, the Military are put in the field when there is the need for SAR
- Coordination is done from the RCC which is manned by both civilian and military officers



Conclusion

- Civil/Military coordination in Ghana has been taken a step further than that recommended by ICAO Annex 11
- National Culture has fostered by nurturing understanding and good working relationship between civil and military personnel
- Training in the same institution and working together at various stations have generated special working relationship among the civil and military personnel
- The GAF and GCAA believe that Civil/Military cooperation is neither an act nor event but a consistent and conscious determination to continuously build understanding and relationship as a vehicle to achieving mutual objectives



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