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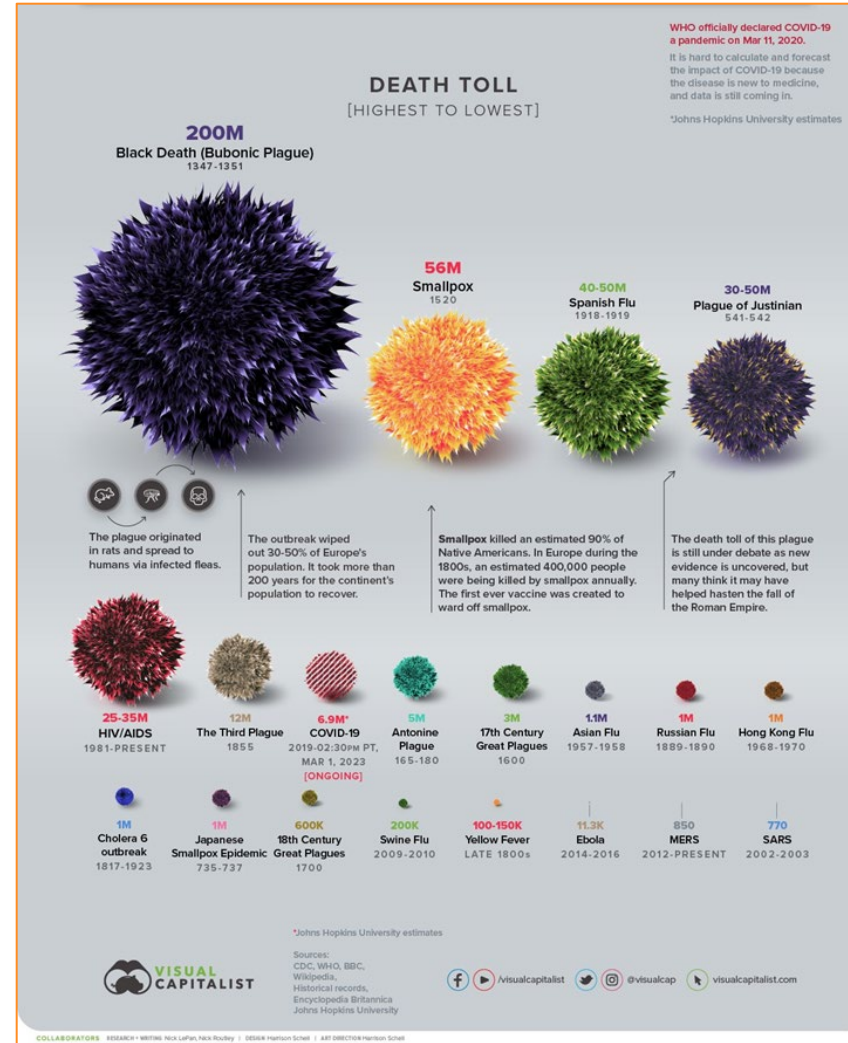
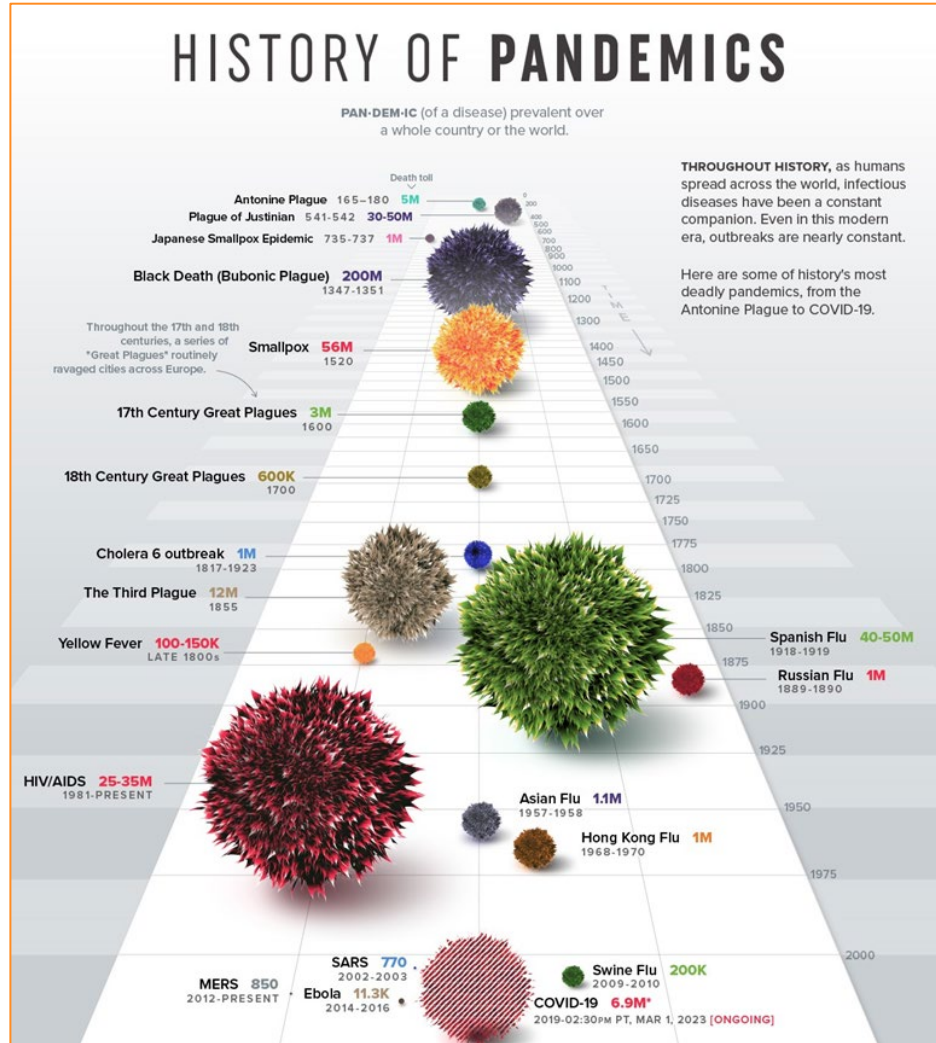
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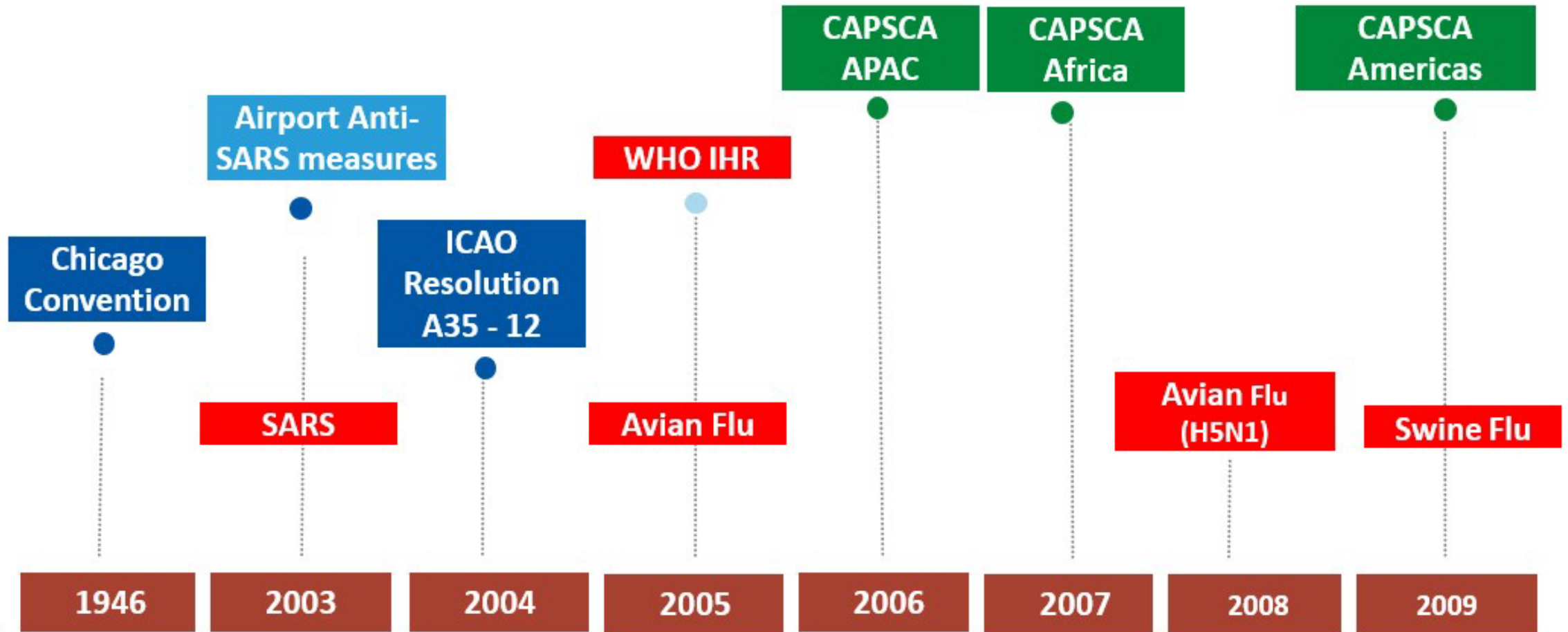
## The Past



Frequency  
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Outcome

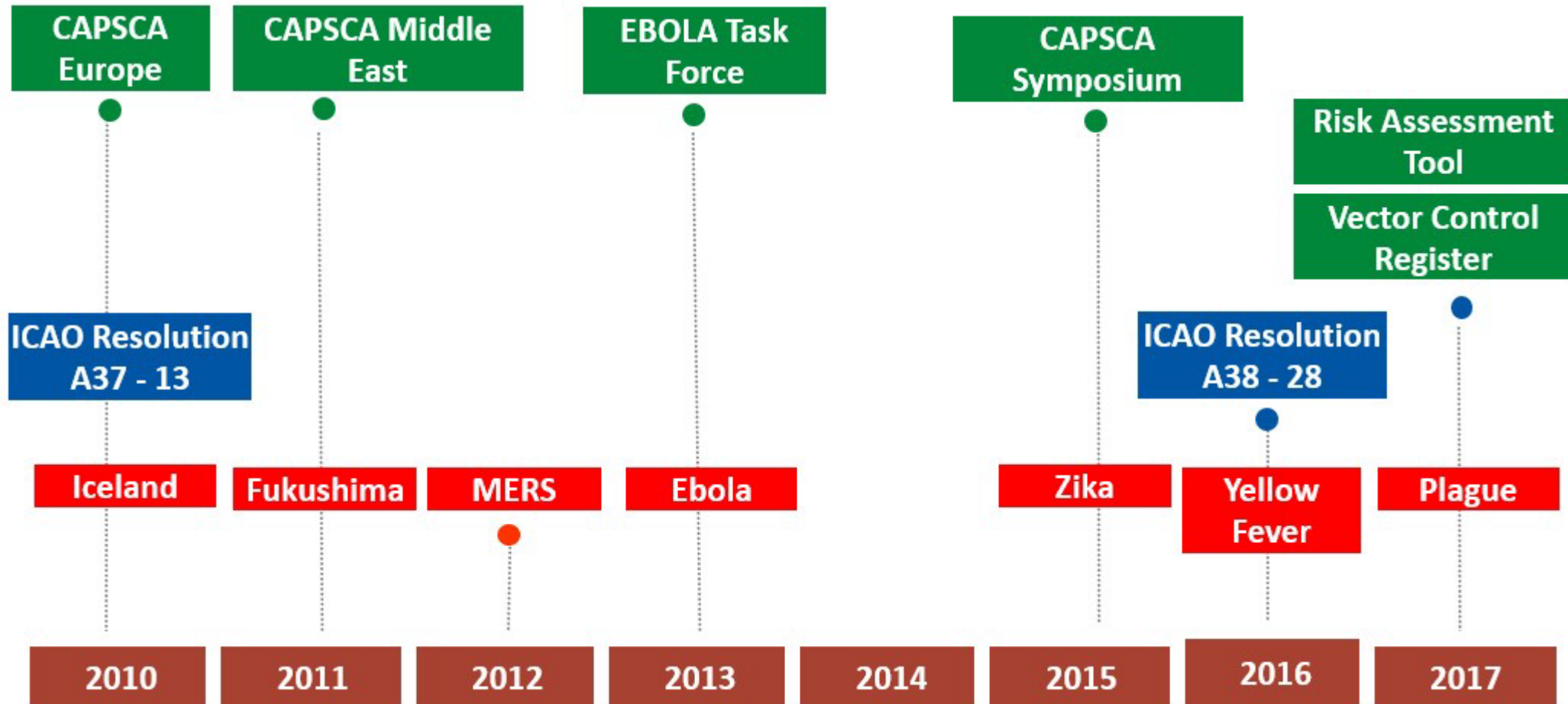
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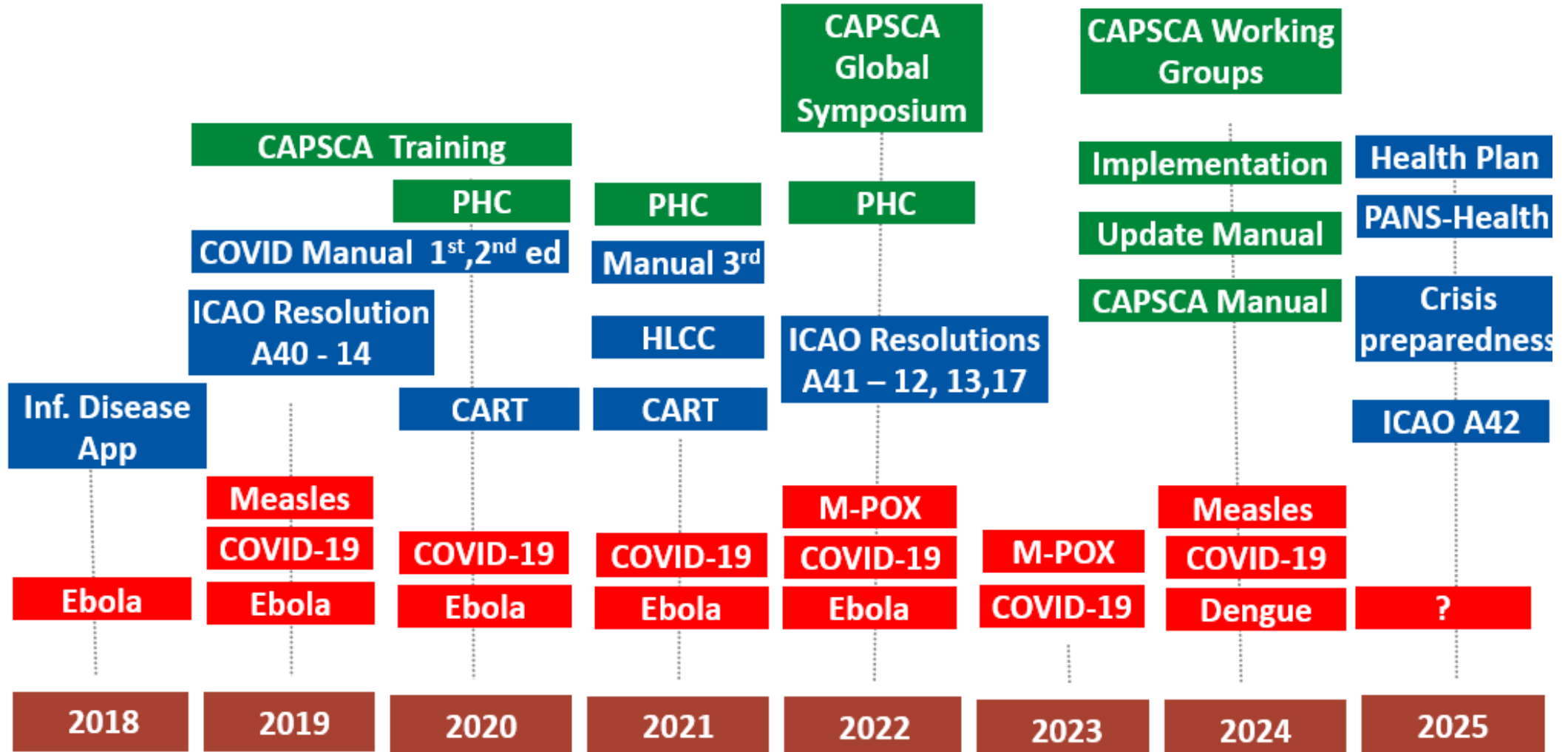
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## COVID challenges

### The pandemic

Global scale and previous complacency and ignorance

Limited scientific information and dynamic evolution of the pandemic

Different variants and waves in different geographical areas at the same time, prolonged duration

## COVID challenges

### The practicality

**We were not ready**

**Investment and preparedness:** Inadequate surveillance, poor planning and investment, low implementation of IHR and ICAO SARPs.

**Sovereignty and Collaboration:** Competing state priorities, risk tolerance, domestic and international frameworks, capacities, resources equipment and supply chains

**Communication:** Inadequate data sharing, data analysis, inconsistent application of mitigation measures, not keeping stakeholders (organizations, states, aviation personnel and public) informed, infodemic, misinformation, pandemic fatigue



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## Applying lessons learned

### Investment and preparedness

- **Invest** in crisis prevention, preparedness & response
- Develop broad-based **generic plans** (all hazards) with flexibility to be adapted to specific emergencies
- Implement **IHR and SARPs**
- Leverage and enhance existing **emergency frameworks**
- Establish, maintain & improve **stakeholder relationships** to be functional at all times (routine and emergencies)
- Improve existing **capacities and resources**
- Apply **technology and innovate**

## Applying lessons learned

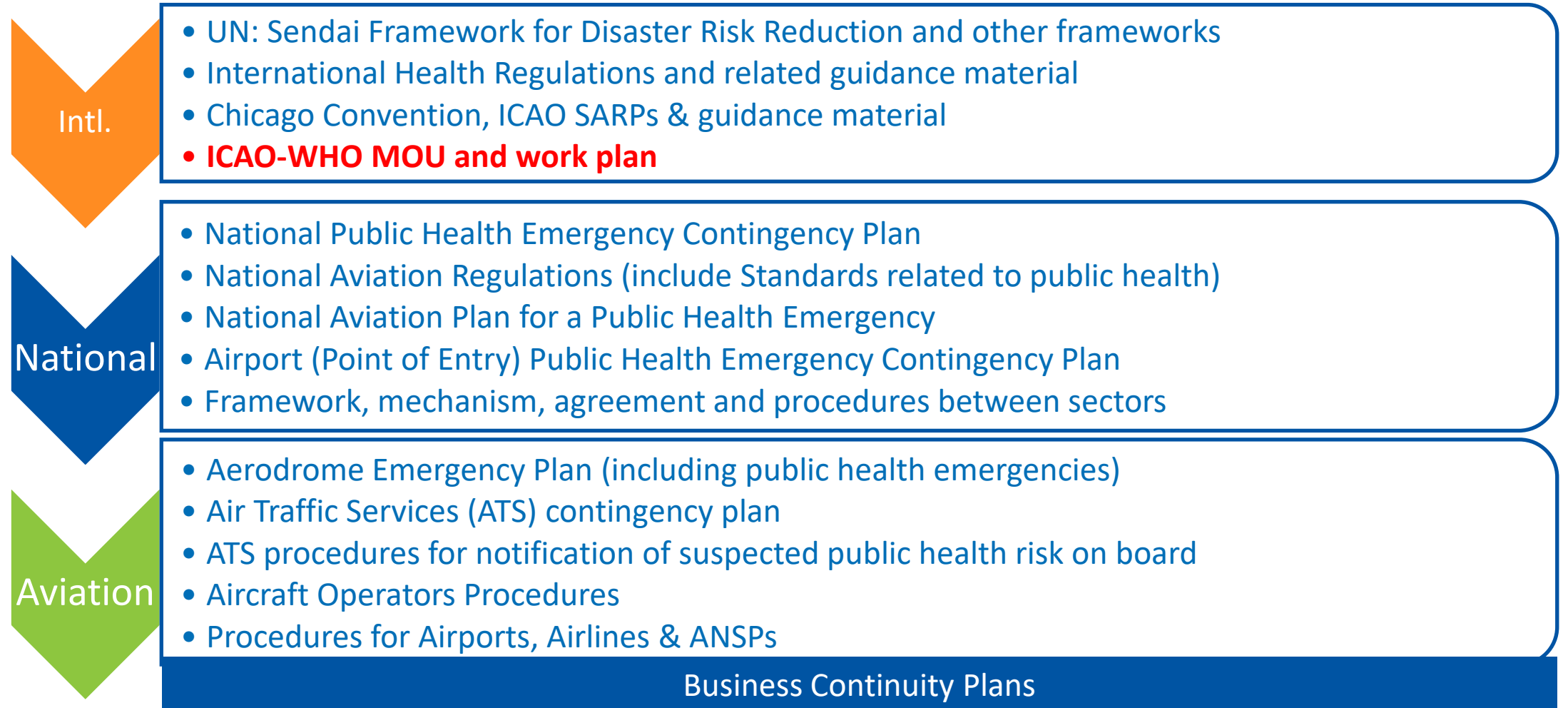
**We can do better**

### Sovereignty, collaboration, communication

- **Engage** political and technical **leadership** early during a crisis
- Consider **mandates** and perspectives of the different sectors and stakeholders
- **Harmonize policies** to the extent possible, but allow flexibility to meet individual needs
- **Collaborate**: cross-sectoral and intra-sectoral on international, regional, national and local level
- **Share data** on global, regional and national data sharing platforms
- Engage in regional, multilateral and bilateral **agreements**
- Implement a robust **communication strategy** and frameworks

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## The present (Preparedness)



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## The present (SARPs)

### Chicago Convention

Article 13  
Entry and clearance

Article 14  
Prevention spread of  
disease

Article 22  
Facilitation of  
formalities

### SARPs & PANS

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Aircraft  
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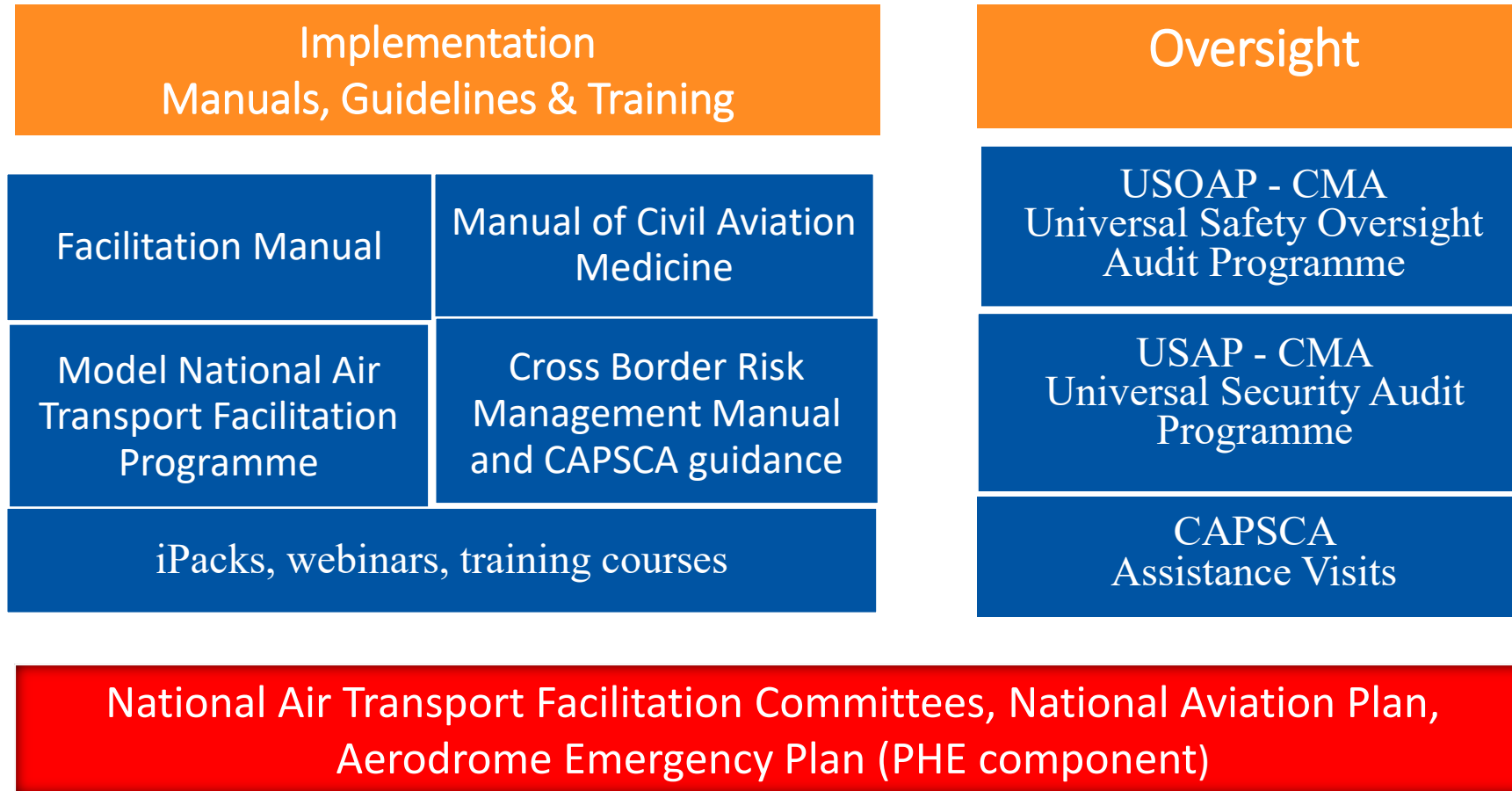
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## The present (Implementation and oversight)



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## The future

Crisis Response policy and Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy (all hazards)

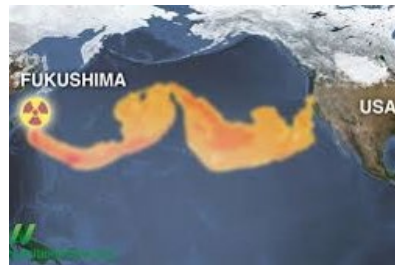
UN and WHO IHR, pandemic tool and frameworks (all risks)

ICAO Priority Focus Area on Crisis Preparedness and Response

Amended SARPs and Guidance

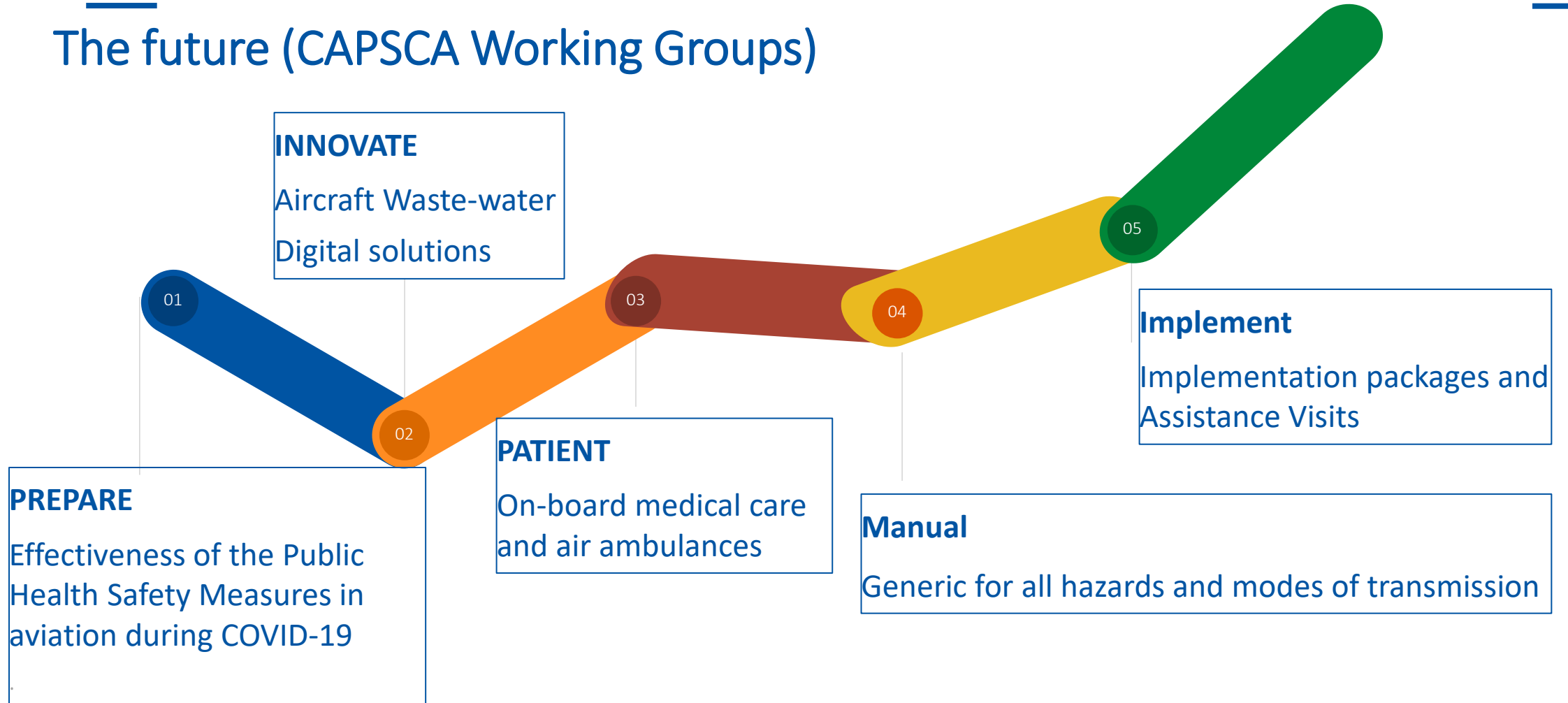
Implementation Support

Aviation Health Management Plan, PANS - Health and digitized platform



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## The future (CAPSCA Working Groups)





# Thank You

