

**International Fire Aviation Working Group (IFAWG) Side Event:
Open meeting and workshop: The Fire Aviation Guidelines**

Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, 12 October 2015, 11:00 – 12:00

AGENDA

Co-Chair: Richard Alder (Chair, IFAWG / National Aerial Firefighting Centre, East Melbourne, Victoria, Australia)

Co-Chair: Johann Georg Goldammer (Secretariat, IFAWG / Global Fire Monitoring Center – GFMC)

1. Introduction to the Fire Aviation Guidelines Part I and Part II

2. Workshop

- Content of the Guidelines
- Future of the Fire Aviation Guidelines

3. Discussion: Suggestions for inputs to the Conference Statement

BACKGROUND

The International Fire Aviation Working Group (IFAWG) comprises an international group of aerial fire management specialists who lead and manage the use of aircraft for wildland fire management around the world. This group is made up of representatives from countries and jurisdictions who regularly utilize aerial means in managing fire, including for firefighting. The IFAWG operates as a Working Group of the Wildland Fire Advisory Group (WFAG) of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR). The group aims to improve the safety and effectiveness of aerial means by sharing information, experience and resources.

IFAWG joined the preparation, organization and follow-up of the UNECE/FAO Regional Forum on Cross-boundary Fire Management and contributed with the international consent-based, voluntary Fire Aviation Guidelines. Part I of the Guidelines constitute the Framework Document, which has been subject to international discussion and inputs since 2014. Part II of the Guidelines provides the International Manual of Common Rules for Fire Aviation, which is now available for screening and comments. The Side Event provides an opportunity for all conference attendees to become familiar with the Guidelines and to contribute with further inputs and suggestions.

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