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# AGENCIES UNDER THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT





**A.G. COMMISSIONER  
JOHN M.K. WUMBORTI**



## MISSION

**To apply state-of-the-art methodology in aircraft accidents and incidents investigation that provides reports and recommendations for the prevention of future occurrence of accidents and incidents to attain high level aviation safety.**



## VISION

**A world class institution providing leading services in aircraft accident and incident investigation and prevention.**



## MANDATE

**Investigate, prevent, regulate and oversee the management of aircraft accidents and incidents that occur in Ghana; and to provide for related matters.**

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## **The Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation and Prevention Bureau (AIB Ghana)**



**AIB Ghana serves as the official State authority responsible for investigating civil aviation accidents and incidents within Ghana. AIB Ghana plays a critical role in strengthening national aviation safety by examining aircraft occurrences to uncover their causes and, most importantly, issuing recommendations aimed at preventing future accidents. These investigations are carried out in a strictly independent manner, focusing on safety lessons rather than the assignment of blame or liability.**

**AIB Ghana draws its authority from international and national frameworks. At the global level, its mandate is anchored in ICAO Annex 13 on Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation, which requires every member State to maintain an independent body to conduct impartial investigations and promote safety through findings and recommendations. At the national level, the Bureau was formally established by the Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation and Prevention Bureau Act, 2020 (Act 1028), which gives it full autonomy to carry out its work without external influence. To ensure proper alignment with both Annex 13 and Ghanaian law, the Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation and Prevention Regulations, 2024 (L.I. 2483) set out the detailed procedures, processes, and protections that govern how investigations are conducted.**

**Together, these legal and regulatory instruments provide the foundation for AIB Ghana to function as an independent and transparent safety investigation authority. By conducting thorough investigations, publishing reports, and issuing safety recommendations, the Bureau contributes directly to safer skies in Ghana and across the wider region.**

## AIB Ghana Collaborates with Ghana Air Force and Navy



AIB Ghana Delegation and Air Force Staff



Ag. Commissioner, AIB, Mr. John M.k. Wumborti with Chief of the Air Staff, Air Vice Marshal Eric Agyen-Frimpong

The Ag. Commissioner of AIB Ghana, Mr. John M.K. Wumborti led a delegation to the Ghana Air Force and Ghana Navy aimed at strengthening cooperation. Discussions focused on the need for collaborative Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to enhance coordination as well as increase the awareness of their responsibility to notify AIB Ghana in the event of an aircraft occurrence. The primary objective of this visit was to build a strong partnership between them and AIB Ghana, which is crucial for improving the aviation landscape.

The discussions addressed several challenges, along with strategies to overcome them. Identified challenges included training and capacity building, public awareness, and a regulatory framework. To address these issues, the following strategies were adopted: joint training programs, regular meetings, resource sharing, and public awareness campaigns. The purpose of the visit was to build upon the foundation established by predecessors and to emphasize the importance of leveraging their expertise in ensuring aviation safety.



Ag. Commissioner, AIB, Mr. John M.k. Wumborti with Chief of Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Godwin Livinus Bessing



AIB Ghana Delegation and Naval Staff

## **Collaboration with Emergency Response Services.**



**A.g Commissioner, AIB, Mr. John M.k. Wumborti with Former CEO of GNAS, Prof. Ahmed Nuhu Zakariah**

The AIB Ghana's Visit to the Ghana National Ambulance Service (GNAS) was aimed at enhancing effectiveness in aviation accident prevention.

The Bureau shared its history and achievements, while GNAS highlighted its operational procedures, safety protocols, and contributions to road safety, along with discussions on infection control and inter-agency coordination.

The purpose of the Visit was to strengthen the collaboration between the AIB and GNAS and also to ensure preparedness and response during aircraft Accident.



**The Ag. Commissioner, AIB, Mr. John M.k. Wumborti with the Chief Fire Officer of GNFS, Mrs. Daniella Ntow-Sarpong**

During, AIB Ghana's visit to the Ghana National Fire Service (GNFS), emphasis was laid on its core mandate of preventing aircraft accidents and incidents through collaborative efforts and stakeholder engagement.

It was noted that fostering closer ties with relevant institutions, such as the GNFS, is crucial to building a proactive safety culture within the aviation sector.

The AIB's visit highlights the value of inter-agency collaboration. GNFS is committed to supporting initiatives that enhance public safety and disaster preparedness



**Ag. Commissioner, AIB, Mr. John M.k. Wumborti with the Director General of NADMO, Dr. Joseph Bikanyi Kuyon**

In a significant step towards enhancing aviation safety and emergency response in Ghana, the AIB Ghana paid a courtesy visit to NADMO.

The primary objective of the visit is to build on the achievements of previous leadership while leveraging on the expertise of all stakeholders to enhance aviation safety. Both parties agreed that NADMO will create a memorandum of understanding to facilitate collaboration.

Leaders from various institutions have committed to this initiative to achieve meaningful results.

## Visit to Prempeh I International Airport, Kumasi, and Yakubu Tali International Airport, Tamale.



In a concerted effort to bolster aviation safety standards and ensure strict compliance with preventive protocols, the A.g. Commissioner of the Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation and Prevention Bureau (AIB Ghana), Mr. John M.K. Wumborti, embarked on a familiarization visit to the Prempeh I International Airport in Kumasi and Yakubu Tali International Airport, Tamale.

The visit forms part of the Bureau’s strategic agenda to deepen collaboration with key aviation stakeholders and to reinforce safety oversight at the nation’s airports.

Mr. Wumborti was warmly received by the airports management team, led by the Head of Regional Airports Addressing officers from Ghana Airport Company Limited (GACL) and Ghana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA), Mr. Wumborti emphasized the importance of a proactive safety culture within Ghana’s aviation ecosystem.



“Our mandate as a Bureau is not just to investigate accidents and incidents after they occur, but more importantly, to prevent them. This visit is to ensure that protocols are not only in place but are actively being implemented to safeguard lives and assets,” he stated.

He commended the airport authorities for their efforts in maintaining high safety standards and urged continuous vigilance and regular training to keep pace with global best practices.

Mr. Wumborti’s visit marks the beginning of a nationwide airport assessment tour by the Bureau, aimed at enhancing safety awareness and fostering a resilient aviation safety culture across the country.

## A Familiarization Visit To the Ghana Civil Aviation Authority



The AIB Ghana deepened its collaboration with the Ghana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) during a familiarization visit at Kotoka International Airport in Accra.

The meeting provided an opportunity for both institutions to reflect on their long-standing cooperation and the significance of a renewed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which continues to serve as a framework for effective collaboration.



Both sides expressed their commitment to building stronger channels of communication, sharing expertise, and working together on key initiatives that will enhance aviation safety across Ghana.

A.g Commissioner, AIB with A.g. Director General, GCAA,  
Rev. Stephen Arthur

The familiarization visit concluded on a note of mutual respect and commitment, with both organizations pledging to continue working hand in hand to promote a safer and more resilient aviation sector.



AIB Ghana Delegation with the Management Team of GCAA

## AIB Ghana Engages Ghana Health Service to Strengthen Collaboration

The Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation and Prevention Bureau (AIB Ghana) took another step in strengthening cross-sector collaboration by paying a courtesy visit to the Ghana Health Service (GHS). The meeting, held at the GHS headquarters, underscored the vital role the health sector plays in aviation safety and accident response.

The Acting Commissioner of AIB Ghana opened the engagement by congratulating the newly appointed Director-General of GHS on his assumption of office.

He explained that the purpose of the visit was to deepen mutual understanding between the two institutions, stressing that the Ghana Health Service is a key stakeholder whenever aviation accidents or incidents occur. He noted that fostering stronger ties would enhance collaboration in responding to such emergencies.



A.g. Commissioner, AIB, Mr. John Wumborti in a handshake with A.g. Director-General Prof. Samuel Akoriyea

Adding to this, an Investigator with AIB Ghana, Captain Paul Forjoe, highlighted that international conventions require Ghana to demonstrate effective collaboration with critical stakeholders in aviation safety. He explained that this collaboration is best formalized through Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), which clearly define the terms of partnership and help prevent misunderstandings or conflicts of interest.



On his part, the Acting Director-General of GHS, Prof. Samuel Akoriyea warmly welcomed the AIB team and expressed appreciation for their visit.

He emphasized his longstanding interest in partnering with the aviation sector, pointing out that the quality of aviation safety contributes significantly to the effectiveness of the health sector.

The meeting ended on a note of optimism, with both institutions reaffirming their commitment to building a framework that will strengthen coordination, enhance safety, and improve emergency response in Ghana's aviation sector.

Working visit to the offices of Domestic Airlines to strengthen



## AIB Ghana's Regional and Global Collaborations



**BAGAIA holds Commission Meeting in Abuja and Inaugurates new Board of Directors to Strengthen Regional Aviation Safety**



**Aviation Safety Stakeholders from across Africa emphasized that Stronger Collaboration Remains essential for the growth and Sustainability of Regional Safety Oversight Organization (RSOOs) and Regional Accident and Incident Investigation Organizations (RAIOs)**



**The Banjul Accord Group (BAG) marked a significant milestone in regional aviation cooperation with a successful three-day Plenary Session and Council of Ministers meeting hosted by the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA). The event brought together delegates from all seven BAG member states, Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Guinea Conakry, The Gambia, Cape Verde, and Sierra Leone**

## **AIB Ghana Strengthens International Collaboration with Malta**

In its continuous effort to deepen international cooperation and strengthen investigator capacity, the Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation and Prevention Bureau (AIB Ghana) recently engaged the Malta Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (BAAI) through the Malta High Commission in Ghana.



The engagement took place virtually via a Zoom call, serving as a platform to explore avenues of mutual collaboration in advancing aviation safety. During the discussions, both institutions exchanged ideas on critical areas of cooperation. Key among them was the provision of support during aircraft accident investigations, where Malta's BAAI pledged readiness to share expertise and resources whenever Ghana requires additional technical assistance. The two agencies also underscored the importance of training and educational support to enhance the skills of investigators, as well as the regular exchange of safety-related information to foster a culture of learning and prevention.

These fruitful discussions set the stage for the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which is currently at the negotiation stage. Once finalized, the MoU will formalize the partnership and open new opportunities for knowledge transfer, technical collaboration, and stronger alignment with international best practices in aircraft accident investigation.

This initiative reflects AIB Ghana's commitment to building strategic partnerships that reinforce its mandate of promoting aviation safety in Ghana and the subregion. By engaging with globally recognized investigation authorities such as Malta's BAAI, AIB Ghana continues to demonstrate its dedication to capacity building, transparency, and the adoption of global standards in accident investigation and prevention.



## Upcoming ICAO USOAP–CMA: AIB Ghana’s Role in Advancing Safety Oversight

From 3rd to 12th April 2019, Ghana hosted a nine-day ICAO Coordinated Validation Mission (ICVM) under the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA). The mission assessed the State’s aviation safety oversight capabilities and provided an objective measure of compliance with ICAO’s Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs).

At the conclusion of the exercise, Ghana achieved an Effective Implementation (EI) rate of 89.89%, the highest in Africa at the time. This outstanding performance was a direct reflection of Ghana’s commitment to aviation safety, demonstrated through robust corrective action plans and regulatory enhancements.

Nonetheless, the audit also identified a critical gap, the absence of a dedicated Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation body. ICAO emphasized the importance of establishing an independent entity in line with Annex 13 provisions to enhance transparency, ensure impartial investigations, and strengthen Ghana’s overall safety oversight framework.

This recommendation ultimately paved the way for the establishment of the Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation and Prevention Bureau (AIB Ghana). The Bureau now plays a pivotal role in investigating occurrences and contributing to aviation safety improvements.

As Ghana prepares for its next engagement under the ICAO USOAP-CMA, AIB Ghana reaffirms its commitment to advancing the nation’s safety oversight system.

Through proactive engagement, monitoring of Corrective Action Plans (CAPs), stakeholder collaboration, and the provision of actionable safety insights, the Bureau will continue to support Ghana’s journey toward sustained aviation safety excellence.

Together with the Ghana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA), Ghana Airports Company Limited (GACL), and the wider aviation community, AIB Ghana stands ready to uphold and enhance the measurable progress achieved.



## First Governing Board For AIB Ghana Inaugurated

In a historic move to reinforce aviation safety oversight, the Ministry of Transport has inaugurated the very first Governing Board of the Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation and Prevention Bureau (AIB Ghana) since its establishment in 2020.

The landmark ceremony, held at the Ministry of Transport Conference Room, symbolized a new era of leadership and accountability in Ghana's aviation sector. Delivering the keynote address, the Minister for Transport, Hon. Joseph Bukari Nikpe, congratulated the newly appointed Board Members and underscored the pivotal role they will play in boosting the Bureau's efficiency and effectiveness.



Operating under the supervision of the Ministry of Transport, the Board will provide high-level guidance while upholding the Bureau's independence and integrity. The Minister urged members to observe good governance practices and to consult the Ministry on key policy decisions.

The members of the newly inaugurated Governing Board are:

- Mr. Daniel Acquah – Chairman
- Mr. John Mmeh Kunyan Wumborti – Member
- Mrs. Justina Tete-Donkor – Member
- Mr. William Ato Kwamina Orhin – Member
- Prof. Daniel Atuah Obeng – Member
- Mr. Derrick Amaning Kwarteng – Member
- Dr. Juliana Abagsonema Abane – Member

On behalf of his colleagues, Board Chairman Mr. Daniel Acquah expressed gratitude for the trust placed in them and assured stakeholders of their commitment to duty.

“We are honoured by this appointment and fully aware of the enormous responsibility it carries. We pledge to work diligently and uphold the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and accountability to ensure aviation safety in Ghana and the region at large.”

The Ministry expressed confidence in the new Board, officially declaring it duly inaugurated. This milestone event sets a benchmark for aviation safety governance in Ghana and reaffirms the country's commitment to global aviation standards and its vision of becoming the preferred aviation hub in the sub-region.

## A.g Commissioner Lays Flowers in Memory of Helicopter Crash Victims

The Acting Commissioner of the Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation and Prevention Bureau (AIB Ghana), Mr. John M.K. Wumborti, on Thursday laid flowers in solemn remembrance of those who lost their lives in the recent helicopter crash in Ghana.

The brief but moving ceremony took place at the memorial site, where Mr. Wumborti, representing the AIB, paid tribute to the victims and joined the nation in mourning their passing. His gesture was a symbol of compassion and solidarity with the bereaved families, friends, and the country as a whole.



Speaking at the memorial, Mr. Wumborti said the hearts of the entire Bureau were with the families during this time of grief and that the AIB stood united with the nation in honoring the memory of the departed.

The tragedy has left a deep mark on Ghana, uniting citizens in shared sorrow and reflection on the sacrifices made by those who serve and operate in challenging conditions.

## AIB Ghana Joined GCAA to Celebrate 39 Years of Aviation



AIB Ghana joined the Ghana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) as it marked its 39th Anniversary under the theme: "39 Years of Ensuring Aviation Safety and Security in Ghana."

The celebration was graced by distinguished leaders in the aviation industry, including the Ag. Commissioner of AIB Ghana, Mr. John Wumborti, the Ag. Director-General of GCAA, Rev. Stephen Wilfred Arthur, and the Managing Director of Ghana Airports Company Limited (GACL).

A special highlight of the day was the recognition of long-serving staff members whose commitment has been vital to GCAA's achievements over the years.

## **AIB Ghana Investigators Capacity Building through ICAO-EASA Virtual Workshop**

**Investigators of AIB Ghana participated in a virtual workshop on Effective Aviation Safety Occurrence Reporting Systems – Implementation and Use in SSP/SMS. The sessions were attended from the AIB Ghana Conference Room, with full technical support to ensure seamless engagement.**

**The workshop, jointly organized by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), provided participants with practical knowledge, real-world examples, and tools for strengthening aviation safety reporting frameworks.**



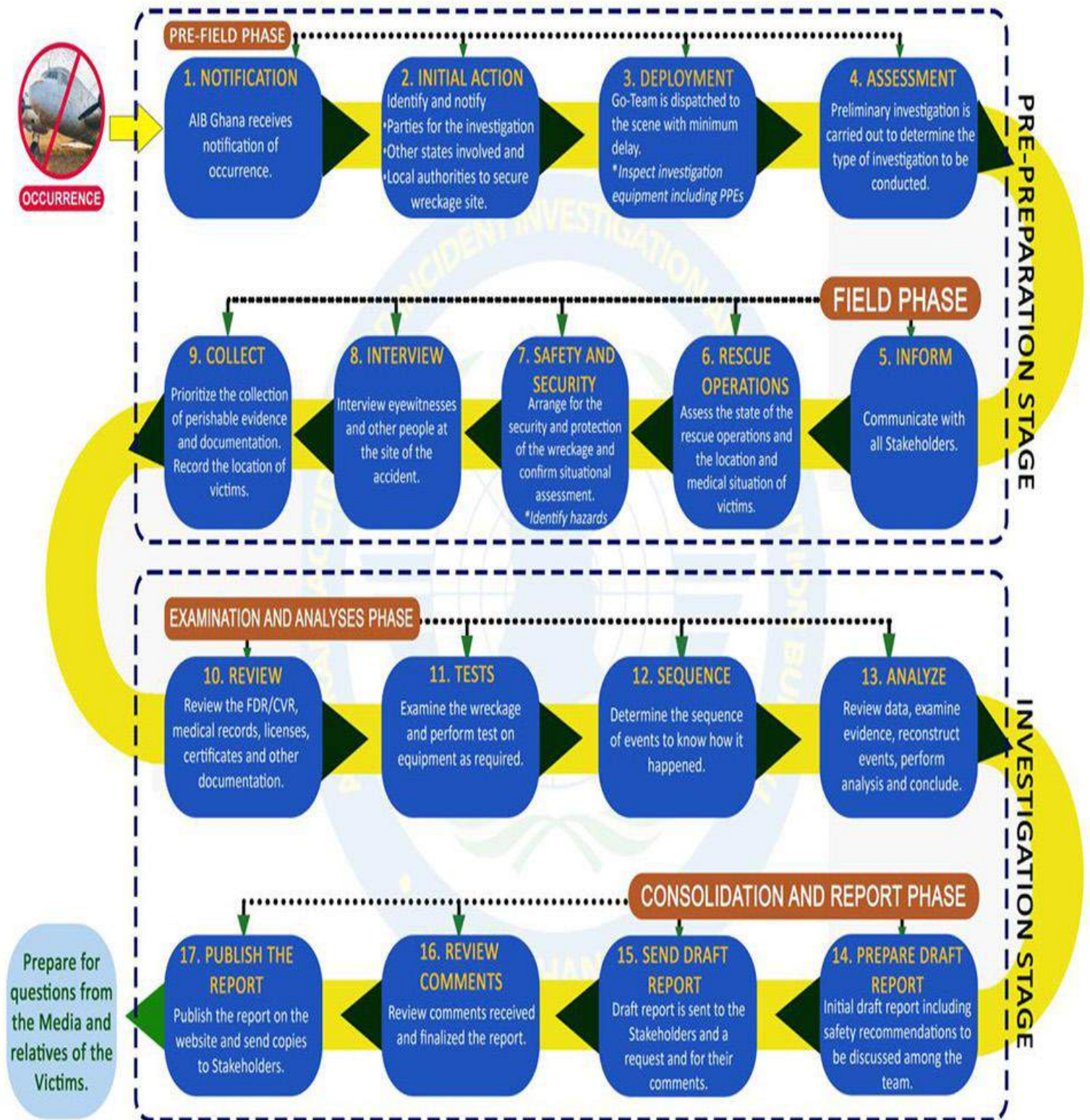
**Led by senior investigators, Capt. Paul Forjoe and Engineer Eric Ewusie, the AIB Ghana team engaged in in-depth discussions covering a wide range of themes critical to aviation safety. Participants explored the legal and institutional frameworks governing occurrence reporting, with particular emphasis on international obligations under Annex 19 to the Chicago Convention.**

**The sessions also examined strategies for implementing effective occurrence reporting systems, highlighting the importance of promoting a just culture, ensuring the protection of safety data and sources, and fostering strong coordination between authorities and service providers.**

**In addition, investigators strengthened their understanding of data collection, classification, and risk assessment models that underpin safety risk management within both the State Safety Programme (SSP) and Safety Management Systems (SMS).**

**The workshop further emphasized how occurrence data can be transformed into safety performance indicators, enabling analysis, visualization, and effective use of information to support risk-based oversight, targeted safety promotion, and meaningful information exchange at the national, regional, and international levels.**

# AIB GHANA INVESTIGATION PROCESS



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**Bureau (AIB GHANA)**

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**and**

**short code \*899\*14# (24 Hours)**

**TO REPORT AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT OR INCIDENT**

**EMAIL THE STATE SAFETY PROGRAMME TEAM**

**On: [safetyreporting@caa.com](mailto:safetyreporting@caa.com)**

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