



THE AFI IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AVIATION SAFETY IN AFRICA

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AFCAC and the AFI Plan



AFCAC's perspective *(cont'd)*

- expresses commitment in assisting to resolve problems/deficiencies
 - ongoing work with ICAO and Member States
- fully supports and endorses the AFI Plan
 - AFI Plan embodies a coherent approach to unifying assistance to Africa
- considers the AFI Plan a step forward in resolving the problems/deficiencies in Africa
 - foresees that massive growth in the air transport sector in the near future will create a multitude of challenges

AFCAC's perspective

- played a major role in the initiatives that preceded the AFI Plan
 - proposed RAN meeting in 2008 at the APIRG/15 Meeting, which received Council approval
 - Libreville Plan of Action
 - Yamoussoukro Declaration



Why does AFCAC support the AFI Plan?



AFCAC recognizes ...

- ICAO's initiative and leadership
- the application of a unified strategy to resolve safety-related deficiencies
- the regional approach
- the harmonized approach of air transport in Africa
- the creation of economies of scale
- the next logical step → the AFI Plan



What is special about the AFI Plan?



The AFI Plan... *(cont'd)*

- follows the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) Global Aviation Safety Roadmap methodologies
- provides African States, ICAO and stakeholders with clearly defined and consistent objectives, outputs, milestones and metrics
- adopted the new business-oriented approach and supports the shift to implementation within ICAO
- endorses partnership approach with industry and other stakeholders



The AFI Plan...

- endorses a unified approach in training, funding and implementation of safety projects
- recommends increased staffing levels at Regional Offices, particularly flight safety experts



The next step



What is next for AFCAC?

- to work closely with ICAO and the African Union to implement the AFI Plan
- to appeal to its members to actively support and implement the AFI Plan
- to appeal to all other stakeholders to implement and support the AFI Plan as safety strengths and enablers
- to encourage States to work together in regional and subregional groups
- to encourage the establishment of autonomous authorities



What is next for African States?

- to show commitment and political will for the AFI Plan
- to ensure the implementation of the AFI Plan
 - Why?
 - States need to participate actively, with assistance, when required
 - States need to participate from the onset to ensure the sustainability of the AFI Plan
- to support the draft Declaration and draft Assembly Resolution

What is next for Stakeholders?

- to identify and prioritize relevant projects, through the gap analysis, which is to be carried out by ICAO
- to provide financial and technical resources in support of the AFI Plan
- to work with States in the AFI Region to achieve the objectives of the AFI Plan
- to support the draft Assembly Resolution



**AFCAC appeals for your
support of the AFI Plan to
ensure its successful
implementation
and
its sustainability**