



COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AVIATION SAFETY IN AFRICA

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AFRICA





History

- USOAP audits, missions by Regional Officers and deficiencies identified by APIRG highlighted the need for action
- ANC informal visit to Africa prompted urgent action by ICAO
- Council decision to develop a Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Africa (AFI Plan)
- Convening of a high-level meeting prior to the Assembly to initiate the AFI Plan



Partners in the development of the AFI Plan

- African Union
- AFCAC
- Industry Safety Strategy Group (ISSG)
(ACI, AIRBUS, BOEING, CANSO, FSF, IATA, IFALPA)



Factors addressed in the development of the AFI Plan

- Aviation-related accidents and serious incidents in Africa
- Deficiencies identified by USOAP, APIRG, industry and other government agencies
- Operational constraints
- Lack of shared resources
- Regional traffic forecasts
- Lack of technical competencies in aviation (recruitment, training and retention of qualified personnel)



Leadership role for ICAO

- Shift from development of SARPs to implementation in the field
- Empowerment of the Regional Offices to:
 - support ICAO's Strategic Objectives
 - take a leadership role in the Region
- Systematic collection of safety data, analysis and risk management
- Coordination of assistance to Contracting States in the AFI Region



AFI Plan linked to ICAO Strategic Objectives

ICAO Strategic Objective:

A: Safety – Enhance global civil aviation safety

D: Efficiency – Enhance the efficiency of
aviation operations

The AFI Plan is also linked to:

- ICAO Business Plan
- Air Navigation Integrated Programme (ANIP)



Activities relevant to the AFI Plan ...

- Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP)
- The Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP), based on the Global Aviation Safety Roadmap
- Conference on a Global Strategy for Aviation Safety
- Safe Skies for Africa
- Libreville Plan of Action
- AFI Safety Enhancement Team (ASET)



Activities

- ICAO/World Bank – Programme for Sustainable Air Transport in Africa
- COSCAP and other Technical Cooperation projects
- Action Plan for Africa of the Directors General of Civil Aviation in Europe
- IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA)
- AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG), while not a project, is a major contributor
- African Union's Continental Integrated Master Plan for Transport Infrastructure in the Region



Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP)

- A new version of GASP has been accepted by the Council and will be presented to the ICAO Assembly
- GASP provides a global framework for the coordination of safety policies and initiatives such as the AFI Implementation Plan
- GASP defines 12 Global Safety Initiatives (GSIs) which are identical to the Focus Areas of the Roadmap



GASP and the AFI Plan

- The AFI Plan is the first plan developed under the "new" GASP (others are under consideration in Latin America, Middle East and Indonesia)
- The development of the AFI Plan provides the African States, ICAO and the donor community with the assurance that the Plan is consistent with an agreed set of objectives and metrics
- Feedback from the AFI Plan will serve to improve GASP



Expected results

- Improvement of aviation safety records, efficiency and compliance with SARPs in the AFI Region
- Coordination of implementation actions of all stakeholders providing assistance to States in the AFI Region
- Establishment of a system of information exchange related to aviation safety (e.g. accident/incident reporting)
- A new business-oriented approach toward implementation within ICAO



Key milestones

- This High-level Meeting
- Approval by the 36th Session of the ICAO Assembly
- Council will make recommendations on subsequent phases of the Plan during the 37th Session of the Assembly
 - The initial phase of the AFI Plan is 4 years
- The Special AFI Regional Air Navigation Meeting (RAN) in the next triennium will provide another checkpoint for progress



Resource allocation

- Gap analysis and risk assessment will provide valuable information as to:
 - how to best use scarce resources, and
 - what new resources are required
- Project prioritization provides a focus for donors and financial institutions



Total budget estimate

In addition to the current Regional Programme resources, the investment required to initiate the AFI Plan, for the initial 4 years, is estimated at US\$ 3.8 million



The next steps ...

- As per the AFI Plan, the development of:
 - terms of reference and appointment of the members of the Steering Committee
 - job description and appointment of the Programme Manager
- Finalization of a gap analysis of Contracting States in the AFI Region



The next steps

- Development of an action plan based on the results of the gap analysis
- Prioritization of projects
- Soliciting State and donor resources
- Alignment of projects and resources
- Monitoring and reporting on the implementation progress
- Allocation of responsibilities

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Your support for both human and financial resources is required to implement the AFI Implementation Plan