



WORKING PAPER

**SPECIAL AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN (AFI)
REGIONAL AIR NAVIGATION (RAN) MEETING**

Durban, South Africa, 24 to 29 November 2008

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE AGENDA ITEMS

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is to explain the agenda items of the meeting in broad terms. The information given hereunder should not be construed as being part of the agenda of the meeting.

Action by the meeting is in paragraph 9.

1. AGENDA ITEM 1 – AGENDA

1.1 The meeting is expected to review and adopt the agenda for the meeting.

2. AGENDA ITEM 2 – OUTLINE OF THE WORKING METHODS OF THE MEETING

2.1 The opening ceremony, including speeches by high level officials will take place on the morning of 24 November 2008, the first day of the meeting. Agenda Items 1, 2 and 3 will also be addressed by the Plenary Committee on the morning of the first day of the meeting. On the afternoon of the first day, the meeting will break into two committees: Safety and Efficiency, to address items 4, 5 and 6. These two committees will meet until Friday afternoon 28 November. A Plenary Session will be convened to address Agenda items 7 and 8 on Saturday, 29 November, the last day of the meeting.

2.2 The approach to the work of this RAN Meeting will be different from past RAN meetings. Most noticeably, this meeting will deal extensively with safety and, in the field of efficiency, a review and amendment of the Regional Air Navigation Plan will not be undertaken. For each agenda item and sub-items, basic working papers developed by the ICAO Secretariat will provide strategic guidance and background necessary to establish the framework and help to progress the work of that item.

2.3 Secretariat papers will also propose work programmes with timelines, based on achieving performance objectives, in accordance with the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP), the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) and the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa.

2.4 There will be no progressive review of report material and neither will the reports of the safety and efficiency committees be reviewed by those committees prior to review in the final Plenary Session. On the last day of the meeting, the Plenary Session will review the report material

under Agenda item 7. Any changes made to the final report will be captured in a Corrigendum to the report and will be distributed by the ICAO Secretariat within three weeks of the end of the meeting.

3. AGENDA ITEM 3 – OVERVIEW OF THE COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AVIATION SAFETY IN AFRICA, THE GLOBAL AIR NAVIGATION PLAN (GANP) AND THE GLOBAL AVIATION SAFETY PLAN (GASP)

3.1 The 36th Session of the ICAO Assembly urged Contracting states of the AFI Region to commit to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the AFI Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa and to ongoing transparency with regard to the progress accomplished (A36-1: *Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa* refers); and that the Global Aviation Safety Plan and Global Air Navigation Plan be used as the framework for development of regional and sub-regional implementation plans, thus ensuring harmonization and coordination of efforts aimed at improving international civil aviation safety and efficiency (A36-7: *ICAO Global Planning for Safety and Efficiency* refers). In this respect, the meeting, under Agenda item 3, will be presented with an overview of the AFI Comprehensive Plan, the GANP and the GASP as these will form the basis for the work of the meeting.

4. AGENDA ITEM 4 – CURRENT STATUS OF AVIATION SAFETY AND RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THE AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN (AFI) REGION

4.1 Under this agenda item, the meeting will review the status of safety in the AFI Region. This will include a review of accident statistics, air navigation deficiencies as identified by the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG) and a compilation of safety oversight audit reports. During this agenda item the meeting will review any trends identified in the accident data and deficiencies, as well as occurrence reporting levels of the States within the regions. In addition, the meeting will also explore the feasibility of pooling resources within the regions for the conduct of accident and incident investigations.

4.2 The meeting will also review current regional/subregional aviation safety activities, including assistance efforts by States, donor agencies, international organizations, regional organizations and ICAO. The discussion will help to set the framework for the discussion under Agenda item 5.

5. AGENDA ITEM 5 – DEVELOPMENT OF A SET OF COMPREHENSIVE WORK PROGRAMMES IN THE SAFETY FIELD

5.1 In the field of safety, in addition to the basic working papers, others that deal with technical implementation issues will be presented. Secretariat papers will propose overarching work programmes with timelines, based on achieving performance objectives, in accordance with the GASP Global Safety Initiatives. The plan developed through this process will be considered to be complementary to the more detailed work programme established by the AFI Comprehensive Implementation Programme (ACIP) Steering Committee. Working papers prepared by States and participants will then be addressed.

5.2 Subjects to be discussed will include analysis of the challenges faced by the majority of African States to establish and maintain an effective and sustainable safety oversight system and to effectively address and resolve deficiencies identified by the ICAO comprehensive safety oversight audit programme. Further, the papers will also address a programme of activities designed to assist the African aviation safety providers to enhance their safety culture. The discussions will highlight the various actions in place or in the pipeline aimed at ameliorating the situation and propose an action plan that would be directed both at the States and the stakeholders including international and regional

organizations and the aviation industry. In this respect the three focus areas of ACIP will be presented for the consideration of the meeting, leading to their effective implementation.

6. AGENDA ITEM 6 – DEVELOPMENT OF A SET OF COMPREHENSIVE WORK PROGRAMMES IN THE AIR NAVIGATION FIELD, AIMED AT IMPROVING EFFICIENCY OF THE AIR NAVIGATION SYSTEM

6.1 In the field of efficiency, in addition to the basic working papers, others that deal with technical implementation issues will be presented. Secretariat papers will propose work programmes with timelines, based on achieving performance objectives, in accordance with the GANP. Working papers prepared by States and participants will then be addressed.

6.2 Subjects to be discussed include performance based navigation (PBN) in enroute airspace, implementation of required navigation performance (RNP) approaches and a follow-up work programme that ensures effective and adequate monitoring of reduced vertical separation minimum (RVSM) implementation; Aerodromes and Ground Aids (AGA) and aerodrome certification; Meteorology (MET) and quality management issues; Aeronautical Information Management (AIM); WGS-84; effectiveness of planning and implementation regional groups (PIRGs); pandemic planning. harmonization and integration of sub-regional very small aperture terminal (VSAT) networks supporting aeronautical communications, and several other technical issues related to an improved and more efficient air navigation system. Major air navigation deficiencies identified through the regional planning processes will also be dealt with. Agreements on how to improve air navigation services in the region and on how to align the work of the AFI Region with global work and improve planning processes will also be reached.

7. AGENDA ITEM 7 – APPROVAL OF REPORT MATERIAL

7.1 Under this agenda item, the meeting will review the draft report material stemming from the Plenary meeting on the first day as well as from the meetings of the Safety and Efficiency Committees. Because there will be no prior review of report material, the meeting will likely make changes to the report. The Secretariat will then record the changes as agreed by the meeting and issue a corrigendum within three weeks of the end of the meeting.

8. AGENDA ITEM 8 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Under this agenda item the meeting will discuss any items raised by delegates that require further action and that were not addressed during the meeting.

9. ACTION BY THE MEETING

9.1 The General Committee is invited to note this paper and refer it to other component bodies of the meeting for use as appropriate.