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**Subject: Twenty First Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/21)
(Nairobi, Kenya, 9 – 11 October 2017)**

Action Required: Reply to confirm participation not later than 31 August 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. I wish to inform you that the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG) will hold its twenty first meeting (APIRG/21) from **9 to 11 October 2017** in Nairobi, Kenya at the ICAO ESAF Regional Office.
2. The tentative Agenda and explanatory notes for the meeting will be forwarded to you as soon as possible. The meeting will be conducted in English and French and documentation issued in the same languages. Your Administration/Organization is kindly invited to participate at this meeting.
3. As you may recall, the APIRG/20 Meeting formulated a number of Conclusions and Decisions which are contained in its Report. The report of that meeting was forwarded to you by the ICAO Regional Offices, and the same can be downloaded from the ICAO public websites (<http://www.icao.int/esaf> and <http://www.icao.int/wacaf>). Subsequently, various actions were taken by the Air Navigation Commission (ANC). Therefore, as part of the Agenda, the APIRG/21 meeting will review and consider the status of implementation of APIRG/20 Conclusions and Decisions as well as outstanding Conclusions and Decisions of APIRG.
4. The APIRG/21 meeting is also expected to review the status of implementation of the Air Navigation Implementation Plan for the AFI Region, which was adopted by the APIRG/19 Meeting under Decision 19/06 (Adoption of AFI Regional Air Navigation System Implementation Plan aligned with the ICAO Aviation System Block Upgrades).
5. Documentation for the meeting is being prepared based on reports of APIRG subsidiary bodies, particularly that of the APCC, and will be posted on the ICAO public websites (<http://www.icao.int/esaf> and <http://www.icao.int/wacaf>).

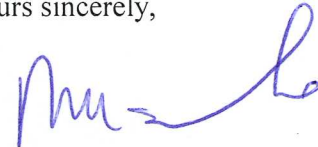
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6. Your State/Organization is encouraged to contribute to the deliberations of the APIRG/21 meeting with Working and Information Papers (WPs/IPs) on the issues that will be reflected in the tentative agenda of the meeting. In order to facilitate preparations for the meeting, the papers should be forwarded to the Secretariat by e-mail through the following address: icaoesaf@icao.int and copy to icaowacaf@icao.int not later than **31 August 2017** and, where possible, be in both English and French languages. In accordance with the APIRG Decision 11 /23, Working Papers received after the above date will be distributed only in the language in which they are received, without translation. As has been the case in the past, hardcopy (paper) documents will not be provided at the meeting. Accordingly, it is important for the delegates to bring along their laptop computers to enable them access documentation easily and participate more effectively in the meeting.

7. Please be informed that the APIRG/21 meeting will be held back to back with the *Fourth meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-AFI/4)*, scheduled for **12 to 13 October 2017**.

8. Kindly advise us of your Administration's/Organization's intention to participate at the APIRG/21 meeting as soon as possible but in any case not later than **31 August 2017**, giving the names and functions of your participant(s) by completing and returning the attached Registration Form provided in Attachment to this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Barry Kashambo
Regional Director
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and Secretary of the APIRG

Attachment: Registration Form