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Twenty Third Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/23)

(Virtual, 24 - 26 November 2020)

Agenda Item 6: Future Work Programme of the APIRG and its Auxiliary Bodies

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY
<p>This paper presents the proposed future work programmes of APIRG and its subsidiary bodies for discussion.</p> <p>The action by the Meeting is in paragraph 3</p>
<p>REFERENCE(S):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ APIRG and RASG-AFI Procedural Handbooks ▪ ICAO Council Décision C-DEC 210/4 ▪ APCC/5, RASC/5 and ARC-TF/3 Meetings Reports ▪ AAOSG/3 and IIMSG/3 Meetings reports
<p>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): <i>A – Safety, B – Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency, D – Economic Development of Air Transport, and E – Environmental Protection.</i></p>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The meeting should recall that APIRG is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of the Regional AFI Air Navigation Plan (eANP, ICAO Doc 7474), as well as the identification and resolution of air navigation deficiencies. It is a planning and coordination mechanism and, while implementation is the responsibility of States, APIRG can play a significant role in supporting the implementation of Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) as well as Regional requirements.

1.2. It is worth noting that the terms of reference (TORs) and working methods of the APIRG are as approved by the Council of ICAO in accordance with Decisions C-DEC 183/9 of 2008 and C-DEC 190/4 of 2010. Amongst others, the Council in establishing the Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASGs) identified the need for coordination between the APIRG and the RASG-AFI.

1.3. This paper proposes future work programmes and meeting plans of APIRG Group and its subsidiary bodies, for discussion.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The APIRG TOR state that at each of its meetings, the Group should endeavor to agree on the date, venue and duration of its next meeting. The council approved generic TOR also stipulates that APIRG meetings will be convened in the Regional Offices (ROs), to the extent possible, and ICAO ROs should facilitate proper access by States. Approval to host PIRG meetings outside of the Regional Office must be obtained from the President of the Council. Consequently, States that offer to host APIRG meetings including its Sub-Groups will be requested to confirm through a formal offer within three months succeeding the last meeting.

2.2 In line with the Council approved generic TOR, and to achieve APIRG objectives the frequency of the meetings will be on an annual basis. However, in order to safeguard coherent and orderly air navigation planning in the interest of States and airspace users in the AFI Region, the Group may determine the need for any additional meeting that may arise.

2.3 To comply with requirements of the TOR and provide advance notification to States and organizations, a letter convening the meeting, including the agenda together with explanatory notes prepared by the Secretary, shall be addressed by the Secretary of the Group 90 days prior to the meeting.

2.4 Comments from States/Organizations shall be forwarded to the applicable Regional Office not later than 10 working days prior to the meeting and the Secretariat shall prepare a working paper submitting such comments for consideration to the Group.

2.5 All Working and Information Papers should be made available to all interested parties as early as practicable, preferably 30 days before the meeting at which they are intended to be considered.

2.6 Considering the COVID-19 effects and related restrictions, the Secretariat has developed an APIRG schedule of activities for the period December 2020-December 2021 attached to this working paper.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the information provided in this working paper; and
- b) Endorse the future work programmes/schedule of activities of APIRG and its subsidiary bodies.

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ATTACHMENT

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

A. AAO/SG WORK PROGRAMME

1. Activities - 2020

- a) AANDD Training: December 2020
- b) Review of Project Teams activities: December 2020

2. Activities - 2021

- a) Review of Project Teams activities: March 2021
- b) Fourth Meeting of the AAO/SG: July 2021

B. IIM/SG WORK PROGRAMME

1. Activities - 2020

- a) Project Coordination (Teleconferences, workshops, ...): at least quarterly

2. Activities - 2021

- a) Description of the Projects: April 2021
- b) Fourth Meeting of the IIM/SG: July 2021
- c) Development of the IIM Project Master Plan: July 2021
- d) Linkage between of IIM Projects and linkages between IIM and AAO Projects: December 2021
- e) Projects Planning: December 2021

C. APCC AND APIRG WORK PROGRAMME

1. Activities - 2020

- a) APCC/5 Meeting: 3rd November 2020
- b) ARC-TF/3 Meeting: 5 November 2020
- c) APIRG/23 Meeting: 23 November to 2 December 2020

2. Activities - 2021

- a) APCC/6 - Review of Projects: April 2021
- b) APCC/7 – Preparation of the APIRG Meeting: September 2021
- c) ARC-TF/4 Meeting: October 2021
- d) APIRG/24 Meeting: November 2021

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