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Subject: Invitation to attend the Extraordinary AFI Week events:

- a) The Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan);
- b) The Tenth Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan); and
- c) The Eighth Meeting of the AFI Directors-General of Civil Aviation.

Action required: To confirm participation and register online by 5 July 2021

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite you to the Extraordinary AFI week events which will include the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan); the Tenth Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan); and the Eighth Meeting of the AFI Directors-General of Civil Aviation to be held virtually, from 15 to 16 July 2021.

During the two-day event, important issues to be discussed will include the progress made so far in implementing the ICAO Plans for the AFI Region, the continuation of the programmes and key priorities for next five years, enhancement of aviation professionals in the AFI region, the evolution of the aviation performance in all ICAO Strategic Objectives, as well as preparation for the upcoming ICAO High-Level Conference on COVID-19 (HLCC) in October 2021.



The details of the objectives of the meetings and criteria for participant eligibility are outlined in the **Attachment** to this letter. You are kindly requested to circulate this invitation to the appropriate entities within your State/Organization and to advise whether your State/Organization plans to participate in the above events by registering online on the events' website at <https://www.icao.int/ESAF/Pages/extraordinary-afi-week-2021.aspx> not later than **5 July 2021**. Further information on preliminary agendas/programmes, documentation and presentations, will be provided in due course on the events' website. The events will be conducted in both the English and French languages.

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I strongly encourage the participation of Directors General of Civil Aviation in these important meetings, which aim to further develop the appropriate strategies and provide the necessary actions to support the enhancement of the aviation system in Africa.

For more information on the events, please contact the ICAO Western and Central African Regional Office (AFI Plan Secretariat) at icaowacaf@icao.int or the ICAO Eastern and Southern African Regional Office (AFI SECFAL Plan Secretariat) at icaoesaf@icao.int.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Enclosure: Programme and eligibility criteria of the meetings.

PROGRAMME OF AFI AVIATION WEEK

Virtual Meetings, 15 – 16 July 2021

Thursday, 15 July 2021: Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan)

Objectives:

To review activities of the AFI Plan and in particular, the status of implementation of 2020/2021 work programme and of projects; and approve the AFI Plan programme document for the extension period 2021-2024, and the 2021 work programme and budget. Partners are expected to provide updates on their initiatives.

Participants:

- AFI Plan Steering Committee Members;
 - Directors General of Civil Aviation from AFI Region Member States; and
 - Invited representatives of other Member States and international/regional organizations/partners.
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Thursday, 15 July 2021: Tenth Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan)

Objectives:

To review activities of the AFI SECFAL Plan and in particular, consider the report on the implementation of the Plan 2020 Work Programme and projects, review status of the 2021 Work Programme and approve budget, review the status of implementation of the recommendations of the 8th meeting of the RASGFALG-AFI. Partners are expected to provide updates on their initiatives.

Participants:

- AFI SECFAL Plan Steering Committee members
 - Directors General/Senior Government officials of the appropriate authorities for Aviation Security and Facilitation from AFI Region Member States; and
 - Invited representatives of other Member States and international/regional organizations/partners.
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Friday, 16 July 2021: Eighth Meeting of the Directors General of Civil Aviation of the Africa-Indian Ocean Region (AFI-DGCA/8)

Objectives:

To review evolution of the aviation performance in the AFI Region in last 6 years and key priorities for next 5 years, post-COVID-19 air traffic recovery/forecast, human resource development and aviation professional issues in the region. This meeting will also discuss the preparations for the upcoming ICAO High level conference on COVID-19 2021. Aviation partners are expected to provide updates on their initiatives.

Participants:

- Directors General of Civil Aviation of AFI States, to be accompanied by technical experts as necessary, to take full advantage of the meeting's deliberations; and
- Invited representatives of international/regional organizations/Industry.

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