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Subject: Eighteenth Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/18) (Kampala, Uganda, 27-30 March 2012)

Action Required: Reply to confirm participation not later than 15 February 2012.

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG) will hold its eighteenth meeting from 27-30 March 2012 in Kampala, Uganda, at the kind invitation of the Government of Uganda. The tentative agenda and explanatory notes for the meeting are at **Attachment A1 and A2** to this letter. The meeting will be conducted in English and French and documentation will be issued in these two languages. Your Administration/Organization is kindly invited to participate in this meeting.

2. As you may recall, at its seventeenth meeting, APIRG made a number of decisions and adopted some conclusions. The report of that meeting was forwarded to you by the ICAO Regional Directors accredited to your respective States. Subsequently, various actions were taken by the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) and ICAO Council. Therefore, as an important part of the Agenda, the APIRG/18 meeting will review and consider the status of implementation of APIRG/17 Conclusions and Decisions as well as outstanding Conclusions and Decisions of APIRG.

3. The Council and ANC have in the past emphasized the need and importance of members of ICAO bodies to endeavour to meet their obligations by attending meetings of the respective bodies. They commended APIRG members and States of the Region for the efforts made in attending APIRG meetings. In recognition of the need for all States to make a contribution to the work of the Planning and Implementation Regional Groups (PIRGs), the ICAO Council agreed that all ICAO Contracting States, that are service providers in an air navigation region and part of that region's air navigation plan (ANP), should be included in the membership of that region's PIRG. Furthermore, user States are entitled to participate in any of the PIRG meetings as non-members, and International Organizations recognized by the Council may be invited as necessary to attend such meetings as observers. It is, therefore, expected that all AFI States will attend this particular meeting. The information bulletin and a list of suggested hotels in Kampala City will be sent to you when finalized.

4. Documentation for the meeting is being prepared based on reports of APIRG subsidiary bodies (namely its AOP, ATM/AIM/SAR, CNS and MET Sub-groups), which are posted on the ICAO websites (<http://www.icao.int/esaf> and <http://www.icao.int/wacaf>). The relevant APIRG/18 meeting documentation will also be posted on the same websites as soon as they are available.

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5. Those intending to present papers should ensure that these papers reach the Secretariat not later than 30 January 2012 and, where possible, be in English and French languages. Participants are requested to forward their papers by e-mail to the following addresses: icao@icao.unon.org and icaowacaf@dakar.icao.int, in order to expedite and facilitate preparations for the meeting. Working Papers received **after the above date will be distributed only in the language in which they are received**, without translation, due to directives of the Council of ICAO in order to minimize related costs (APIRG Decision 11/23 refers). No working papers will be distributed during the meeting. Participants are therefore advised to download the working papers from the website and bring laptops with them.

6. Please be informed that APIRG/18 will be held immediately after the first meeting of the newly established Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-AFI), scheduled for **26-27 March 2012**.

7. Kindly advise me of your participation at these meetings as soon as possible but in any case not later than 15 February 2012, giving the names and functions of all participant(s) from your Administration/Organization, by completing and returning the **attached Registration Form**.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Meshesha Belayneh
ICAO Regional Director
Eastern and Southern African Office
and Secretary of APIRG

Attachments: A1: Tentative Agenda
A2: Explanatory Notes
B: Registration Form



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

**AFI PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP
EIGHTEENTH MEETING (APIRG/18) AND FIRST MEETING OF
THE AFI REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP (RASG/1),
(Kampala, Uganda, 27- 30 March 2012)**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE(s)	AGENDA ITEM #	SUBJECTS
A & C	1	<p>Follow-up on the outcome of APIRG/17 Meeting and of the Special Regional Air Navigation Meeting (SP AFI RAN/08)</p> <p>1.1 Review of the action taken by the ANC and the Council on the report of APIRG/17</p> <p>1.2 Review status of implementation of APIRG/17 Conclusions and Decisions</p> <p>1.3 Review status of implementation of APIRG outstanding Conclusions and Decisions from other previous meetings</p> <p>1.4 Review the status of implementation of the ICAO SP AFI RAN/08 Recommendations</p>
A & C	2	<p>Flight Safety and RASG-AFI activities - Global, regional and interregional activities</p> <p>2.1 Flight Safety and RASG-AFI activities</p> <p>2.2 Global, regional and interregional activities</p>
A & C	3	<p>Performance Framework for Regional air navigation planning and implementation</p> <p>3.0 Regional and National Performance Framework</p> <p>3.1 Aerodrome Operations Planning (AOP)</p> <p>3.2 Air Traffic Management and Search and Rescue (ATM//SAR)</p> <p>3.3 AFI Regional Monitoring Agency (ARMA)</p> <p>3.4 Communications, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS)</p> <p>3.5 Aeronautical Information Management (AIM)</p> <p>3.6 Aeronautical Meteorology (MET)</p> <p>3.7 Other Air Navigation matters</p>
A & C	4	<p>Regional air navigation deficiencies</p> <p>4.1. Review and update of the list of deficiencies in the Air Navigation fields - Implementation of the AFI Regional Database and transition to a Central Database</p> <p>4.2. Report on AFI Tactical Action Group (TAG) activities</p> <p>4.3. Strategies to remove identified deficiencies</p>

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE(s)	AGENDA ITEM #	SUBJECTS
A & C	5	Future work programme
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Attachment – A2

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 1: Follow-up on the outcome of APIRG/17 Meeting and of the Special Regional Air Navigation Meeting (SP AFI RAN/08)

1.1 Review of the action taken by the ANC and the Council on the report of APIRG/17

The Group will review the actions taken by the ANC and Council on the APIRG/17 Conclusions and Decisions.

1.2 Review status of implementation of APIRG/17 Conclusions and Decisions

The Group will review the progress made in the follow-up actions by the States, International Organizations and ICAO Secretariat on the APIRG/17 Conclusions and Decisions.

1.3 Review status of implementation of APIRG Outstanding Conclusions and Decisions from other previous meetings

The Group will review the progress made on the APIRG outstanding Conclusions/Decisions of its previous meetings and update the list of outstanding Conclusions/Decisions which are to be pursued further.

1.4 Review of the status of implementation of the ICAO SP AFI RAN/08 Recommendations

The Group will review the progress made on the ICAO SP AFI RAN/08 Recommendations of relevance to its mandate.

Agenda Item 2: Flight Safety and RASG-AFI activities

Global, regional and I interregional activities

2.1 The Group will review activities related to flight safety and the AFI Regional Aviation Safety Group.

2.2 The Group will review global, regional and interregional activities, including technical cooperation activities

Agenda Item 3: Performance Framework for Regional air navigation planning and implementation

3.0 Regional and National Performance Framework

The Group will review and discuss the adopted Regional and completed National Performance Framework Forms for achieving the performance objectives taking into consideration the user expectations.

3.1 AOP Matters

The Group will review the report of the AOP/SG/9 meeting and take action on the proposed draft Conclusions/Decisions or other regional initiatives, as required. The Group will also discuss other relevant aerodrome/AOP matters if any, raised by the Members, States and the Secretariat.

3.2 ATM/SAR Matters

The Group will review the report of the ATM/AIM/SAR SG/12 meeting in the areas of air traffic management and search and rescue, and take action on the proposed draft Conclusions/Decisions or other regional initiatives, as required. The Group will also discuss other relevant ATM/SAR matters, if any, raised by the Members, States and the Secretariat.

3.3 ARMA Matters

The Group will review the activities and result of the work of ARMA and take action on the proposed draft Conclusions/Decisions or other regional initiatives, as required. The Group will also discuss other relevant ARMA matters, if any, raised by the Members, States and the Secretariat.

3.4 CNS Matters

The Group will review the report of the CNS/SG/4 meeting and take action on the proposed draft Conclusions/Decisions or other regional initiatives, as required. The Group will also discuss other relevant CNS/MET matters, if any raised by the Members, States and the Secretariat.

3.5 AIM Matters

The Group will review the report of the ATM/AIM/SAR SG/12 meeting in the areas of aeronautical information management, and take action on the proposed draft Conclusions/Decisions or other regional initiatives, as required. The Group will also discuss other relevant AIM matters, if any, raised by the Members, States and the Secretariat.

3.6 MET Matters

The Group will review the report of the MET SG/10 meeting and take action on the proposed draft Conclusions/Decisions or other regional initiatives, as required. The Group will also discuss other relevant MET matters, if any raised by the Members, States and the Secretariat.

3.7 Other Air Navigation Matters

The Group will consider matters related to the air navigation services and facilities in the region not covered under agenda items 3.1 - 3.5. In accordance with its Terms of Reference, the Group is expected to review the Statement of Basic Operational Requirements and Planning Criteria and recommend to the ANC any changes required in the light of new developments in the air navigation field.

The Group will also discuss the preparation of the Twelfth Air Navigation Conference (ANConf/12)

Agenda Item 4: Regional air navigation deficiencies

The Group will review the status of the deficiencies included in the AFI List of Deficiencies in the Air Navigation Fields and propose appropriate actions with target dates for remedial measures. All provider and user States, IATA and IFALPA are requested to provide inputs to the Group.

The Group will also review the report of the AFI Tactical Action Group (TAG).

Agenda Item 5: Future Work Programme

The Group is expected to review its Terms of Reference and to update its future work programme taking into account the proposals from its contributory bodies. The Group will assign priorities to tasks and will endorse the future meeting programme.

Agenda Item 6: Any other business

The Group will consider any other matters raised by States, International Organizations and Secretariat that could not be addressed under the preceding agenda items.

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INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF THE AFI PLANNING AND REGIONAL
IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (APIRG/18)
(Kampala, Uganda, 27-30 March 2012)

REGISTRATION FORM

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Country/Organization you represent: _____

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E-Mail: (typed) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____