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Agenda Item 2: Update on Conclusions and Decisions from DGCA/5

REVIEW OF THE CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS FROM DGCA/5

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
This paper provides a status report on the implementation of the main Conclusions of the DGCA/5 Meeting held in Dakar, Senegal, 4 November 2013).
REFERENCE(S): DGCA/5 Report.
Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): This working paper is related to all ICAO Strategic Objectives.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Fifth Meeting of Directors General of Civil Aviation of the Eastern & Southern and Western & Central African States, was held in Dakar, Senegal on 4th November 2013. It was attended by eighty three (83) delegates from twenty eight (28) Contracting States and eleven (11) international and regional organizations.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1. The main outcomes of the DGCA/5 meeting covered the following:

- a) Follow up actions on the outstanding conclusions of previous DGCA meetings;
- b) Commitment of DGCAs to facilitate and support the implementation of the conclusions of APIRG/19 and RASG-AFI/2 meetings, which are aimed at enhancing the efficiency and safety of the aviation system in the AFI Region; and;
- c) States' responsibility to establish action plans to reduce CO₂ emissions; and
- d) Implementation of Aviation Security Assistance and Capacity Building Strategy centered on the development of State Improvement Plans (SIPs); and States' accountability in the planning, delivery and reporting of the assistance provided under this programme.

2.2. The status of implementation of DGCA/5 meeting's conclusions is provided at **Appendix** to this working paper.

2.3. The meeting may wish to note that, in the absence of a follow mechanism, it has always been a challenge to establish an accurate status of implementation of the conclusions of DGCA meetings, against the performance targets and deadlines set by the DGCAs for the implementation of their conclusions by States, the ICAO Secretariat and other aviation stakeholders.

2.4. However, it is to be pointed out that a considerable number of such conclusions are related to the

work being carried out by existing regional mechanisms, including the APIRG and RASG-AFI. The status of implementation of APIRG and RASG-AFI conclusions will be provided under Agenda Items 2 and 3 of this meeting.

2.5. It is to be noted that most of the safety related conclusions are addressed under the regional safety targets adopted by the Ministerial Conference held in Abuja in July 2012. These targets are aligned with the ICAO Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP). Concerning air navigation related conclusions, the regional ASBU Plan which is aligned with Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP), provides an appropriate framework for DGCA's to monitor the performance targets set up by the APIRG. In this regard, the DGCA's are requested to develop their national ASBU Plans, including PBN plans as applicable, and ensure implementation of the regional air navigation requirements.

2.6. With respect to the GASP and GANP requirement for regional annual reporting, the RASG-AFI has released two Annual Safety Reports since the last DGCA meeting, in May 2015 and June 2016 respectively. The DGCA's are requested to support the development of the First APIRG Annual Report in 2017.

2.7. As far as Aviation Security and Facilitation (AVSEC/FAL) related conclusions are concerned, implementation activities have mainly continued to be addressed through State Improvement Plans (SIPs) – now ASIPs - and incorporated in the work programme of the AFI SECFAL Plan, which was launched as an ICAO programme in May 2015.

2.8. Concerning Environmental Protection, ICAO is offering partnership agreements under its Buddy Programme, to assist States in establishing and implementation action plans for CO₂ emission reduction. A number of States have developed action plans for CO₂ emissions reduction from international civil aviation, with the assistance of the on-going ICAO/EU Assistance Project on capacity building for CO₂ mitigation.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the status of implementation of DGCA/5 conclusions as summarized in **Appendix** to this working paper, and provide updates as required;
- b) Agree to establish a follow up mechanism to ensure that DGCA meetings conclusions are implemented by States and stakeholders in a timely manner;
- c) Request DGCA's to provide feedback on the status of implementation of to facilitate the monitoring and reporting process.

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Appendix

Status of implementations of DGCA/5 Conclusions and Decisions

Resolutions & Proposed Actions (Title & text)	Performance	Responsibility	Status of Implementation/Remarks
A. Conclusions of the Fourth Meeting of the Directors General of Civil Aviation (DGCA/4)			
1. Implement Conclusions or meet the safety and security related performance targets set at the DGCA/4 and previous meetings;	As per global and regional targets (Abuja Declaration 2012)	States	Implementation of DGCA/4 and previous DGCA meeting conclusions is in progress. A proper follow up mechanism should be established based on agreed action plans.
2. Integrate the Declaration and safety targets adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport held in Abuja, Nigeria in 2012, in the DGCA work programme;	As per global and regional targets (Abuja Declaration 2012)	States	The Abuja Safety Targets have been integrated in CAAs' work programmes and ICAO specific Plans of Action for AFI States established under the AFI Plan.
3. DGCAs to honour their commitment to improve the overall effective implementation of the critical elements of safety/security oversight systems in States.	As per AFI Plan and AFI SECFAL Plan	States	AFI States' EIs safety performance and security performance in terms of EIs are monitored by Regional Offices, regional programmes (AFI Plan, AFI SECFAL plan) and regional groups (RASG-AFI, RASFG-AFI).
4. States to provide ICAO, on a quarterly basis, with reports on the implementation status of DGCA Conclusions;	Quarterly	States	Reports on the status of implementation of DGCA meeting conclusions are not yet provided to ICAO on a quarterly basis.
5. DGCAs to share challenges they may be facing in meeting the performance targets and implementation deadlines agreed with ICAO, with a view to jointly finding appropriate strategies for effective implementation.	As per global and regional targets (Abuja Declaration 2012, Windhoek Declaration 2016)	States	AFAC and ICAO are monitoring the implementation of Abuja safety targets by AFI States. States are still facing challenges in meeting the set performance targets and implementation deadlines.
B. Conclusions of APIRG/19 and RASG-AFI/2 Meetings			
APIRG/19			
1. States to develop their national plans based on their operational needs and		States	Slow progress is noted in the development of States' National ASBU

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taking into account the prioritization and categorization of the ASBU modules as defined in the Regional Air Navigation System Implementation Action Plan.			Plans. A Special Implementation Project (SIP) approved by ICAO has been scheduled for 5-9 December 2016 to assist AFI States in developing their National ASBU Plans.
2. Coordinate and address the implementation of ASBU Block 0 safety related modules needs through regional aviation safety mechanisms (RASG-AFI, AFI Plan) and other relevant safety initiatives for the AFI Region.		States	The AFI Plan is implementing a regional project to assist beneficiary States in the certification of international aerodromes as part of an ASBU Block 0 module element in the AGA area. Implementation of all ASBU Block 0 modules related to safety still needs to be coordinated with the RASG-AFI and the AFI Plan.
3. States to indicate their needs for performance-based navigation (PBN) procedure design, and participate in the FPP activities by providing financial and/or in-kind support.		States	Active Participating States and User States support and / or are being assisted by the AFPP. Detailed information to be provided under DGCA/6 Agenda Item 4.
4. Regional Economic Communities to support the implementation of ASBU Block 0 modules.	As per ASBU Block 0 timelines	States RECs	Not yet implemented.
RASG-AFI/2			
1. DGCAs to take ownership of the Abuja Safety Targets, and to provide AFCAC with information and data on their implementation status not later than 31 st December 2013.	As per Abuja safety targets	States Industry	AFCAC to report on information received from States, through the monitoring of Abuja Safety Targets.
2. DGCAs and member Organizations to continue their support to RASG-AFI activities by assigning appropriate level representatives to attend meetings, participating in projects, providing contributions including experts, training, hosting events and sharing		States	States' and Industry support is being provided to the RASG-AFI through the Group's Chairpersonship, Steering Committee and Safety Support Teams.

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information, experience and tools.			
3. States Champions of the RASG-AFI Safety Support Teams (SSTs) including the Significant Safety Concern (SSC), Fundamentals of Safety Oversight (FSO), Accident Investigation (AI) and Emerging Safety Issues (ESI) Teams, to play a leading role in the SST activities and the development of the Regional Annual Safety Report Team, in partnership with Industry.		RASG-AFI SST Champion States	States' and Industry support is being provided to the RASG-AFI Steering Committee and Safety Support Teams, and in the development of the RASG-AFI Annual Safety Reports.
4. States to coordinate with AFI-CIS, RSOOs and COSCAPs, and comply with the provision of the Abuja Declaration discouraging membership of more than one such organization with similar functions.		States ICAO AFCAC RSOOs	Under the AFI Plan, States, AFCAC, ICAO and RSOO have initiated discussions on the way forward in order to optimize RSOO memberships and functionalities. The DGCA/6 meeting will discuss this issue under Agenda Item 9.
C. Environmental Protection:			
1. States to fulfill their responsibility to establish and implement action plans to reduce CO ₂ emissions.		States	Under the ICAO Partnership Buddy Programme, partnership agreements are proposed to assist States in establishing and implementation action plans for CO ₂ emission reduction. Additionally, some States have developed and submitted to ICAO State Action plans for CO ₂ emissions reduction from International Civil Aviation, with the assistance of the ICAO/EU Assistance Project on capacity building for CO ₂ mitigation. Those States are encouraged to proceed with the implementation of the action plans.

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2. DGCAs to engage in improving national expertise in environmental matters for the purpose of enhancing participation in ICAO Environmental activities including those of the Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP).		States	
D. Aviation Security and Facilitation			
1. States to increase their responsiveness and commitment to the development and implementation of AVSEC State Improvement Plans as required.		States	Aviation Security Improvement Plans are being implemented in the AFI Region.
2. States to ratify the Convention on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Relating to International Civil Aviation (commonly referred to as the Beijing Convention) and the Supplementary Protocol to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft (the Beijing Protocol).		States	Only five (5) AFI States have ratified the Beijing Convention. Only four (4) AFI States have ratified the Beijing Protocol.
E. Air Navigation Services			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> States in which ICAO audits have identified deficiencies in the field of aeronautical meteorology to join the Cooperative Development of Meteorological Services (CODEVMET) Project for the purpose of correcting these deficiencies. 		Audited States with deficiencies	ICAO continues to encourage States with MET deficiencies to join the Cooperative Development of Meteorological Services (CODEVMET) Project to address these deficiencies.
F. Training of Aviation Personnel			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> States to pay particular attention to the training of aviation personnel as an important pillar in the process of improving the safety and security of air transport in the region. 		States ICAO AFCAC	AFI States are in the process of implementing training policies, programmes and plans. ICAO through its Global Aviation Training Office has developed tools to assist States in training needs analyses to support development of training programmes.