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**Subject: Meeting for the Establishment of the APIRG Information and Infrastructure Management Sub-Group (IIM/SG) Dakar, Senegal, 28 – 30 November 2016**

*Action required: Kindly reply to paragraph 6 by 28 October 2016*

Sir/Madam,

I have the honor to inform you that a meeting for the Establishment of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG) Information and Infrastructure Management Sub-Group (IIM/SG) will be held in the conference room of the ICAO Regional Office for Western and Central Africa, Dakar, Senegal, from **28 to 30 November 2016**. I therefore extend an invitation to your Administration/Organization to attend.

The tentative Agenda, Explanatory Notes, Information Bulletin and Registration Form, the Terms of Reference of the IIM Sub-Group for the meeting are attached hereto as Appendices **A, B, C, D** and **E** respectively. The meeting will be conducted in the English and French languages and documentation will be issued in these languages.

Administrations/Organizations intending to present working papers should ensure that the papers reach the Secretariat not later than **28 October 2016** and should be, where possible, in both English and French languages. Papers received after that date will be distributed in the language in which they are received.

The meeting for the Establishment of IIM/SG meeting will, *inter alia*:

- a) Review the recent developments in the ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan (**GANP Doc 9750**) and Aviation Systems Block Upgrades (**ASBU**) Methodology as well as in the AFI Air Navigation Plan (**AFI ANP Doc 7474, AFI e-ANP**) and the AFI Plan of Action for the implementation of the ICAO ASBU Block 0 Modules.
- b) Review the outcome of the APIRG/20 meeting (held in Yamoussoukro , Côte d'Ivoire from 30 November to 2 December 2015) pertaining to the areas of Aeronautical Meteorology (**MET**) Aeronautical Information Management (**AIM**), Aeronautical Communication Navigation Surveillance and Spectrum (**CNS**);

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- c) Consider the AFI Air Navigation Priorities/Targets and the Projects Approach adopted by APIRG to identify and plan, Regional Projects in the above mentioned fields (**MET AIM, CNS**), to be implemented based on the ICAO ASBU prioritized related modules selected by the AFI Region.
- d) Establish balanced Projects Teams in the spirit of “*No country Left Behind*” and develop general guidelines (Roadmaps) for the conduct of the projects in order to ensure an effective coordinated planning, implementation, operation and monitoring.


You will recall that the APIRG, the Air Navigation Commission and the Council of ICAO have emphasized the importance of members playing an active role by attending all meetings as well as contributing by way of working papers.

Please note that, in order to comply with the MET, AIM and CNS requirements for Airspace and Aerodromes operations, the IIM meeting is being convened after the Aerodromes and Airspace Operations Sub Group (**AAOG/SG**) meeting. This is intended to capture the outcome of this meeting in order to identify the desirable enablers (infrastructure and systems) aiming to ensuring a safe and efficient Air navigation Service provision and Aerodromes operations.

Kindly be reminded that, in accordance with ICAO current policy to reduce costs and preserve the environment, hard copy documentation will be kept to the minimum during the meeting. In this regard, participants are advised to bring along suitable computer equipment (such as laptops) and memory sticks. Participants may also print documents in advance from the relevant website of the ICAO Regional Offices ESAF and WACAF.

Kindly advise at your earliest convenience but not later than **28 October 2016**, through e-mail to [icaowacaf@icao.int](mailto:icaowacaf@icao.int) & [amane@icao.int](mailto:amane@icao.int) whether your Administration/Organization intends to participate in the IIM/SG meeting, and accordingly indicate the name and designation of the delegate(s) of your Administration/Organization.

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

  
fw Mam Sait Jallow  
Regional Director

**Attachments:** Appendix A: Draft Agenda  
Appendix B: Draft Agenda Explanatory Notes  
Appendix C: IIM/SG - Terms of Reference  
Appendix D: Information Bulletin  
Appendix E: Registration Form