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**Third Meeting of APIRG Infrastructure and Information Management Subgroup (IIM/SG/3)
(Virtual Meeting, 12-14 October 2020)**

Agenda Item 4: Status of implementation of the regional projects adopted by APIRG

Title of the Working Paper

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SUMMARY
This paper presents the status of implementation of Project AIM/2: Implementation of Aeronautical Information Exchange Systems (AIXM) Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3
REFERENCE(S): <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Report of the Second Meeting of The Infrastructure and Information Management Subgroup (IIM SG/2)
Related ICAO Strategic Objective (s): A: Aviation Safety B: Capacity and efficiency
Related ASBU KPIs & B0 Modules: B0-DATM

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Second meeting of the APIRG Infrastructure and Information Management Subgroup (IIM/SG/2) was held from 9 to 11 July 2018 in the conference room of the ICAO Regional Office for Western and Central Africa, Dakar, Senegal.
- 1.2 The meeting noted a low pace of participation of Administrations/Organizations in the activities of the IIM Projects. It was reported that experts nominated by their Administration were not provided with the adequate resources for their full involvement in the activities of the IIM Subgroup (Projects coordination Teleconferences, Phones call, Meetings....). The meeting advised Administrations/Organizations members of the APIRG/IIM/SG, to assess prior to their commitment, their capability, capacity, and availability to ensure effective participation of their representatives to the IIM activities.
- 1.3 The meeting was informed of the challenges encountered by the Project Team Coordinators to effectively carry out the coordination tasks through e-tools. The need to update the list of project Teams was pointed out in order to ensure that the correct details of team members appointed by States are available.



- 1.4 The Secretariat reported to the meeting the lack of coordination of some IIM projects, among which the **Project AIM/2: Implementation of Aeronautical Information Exchange Systems (AIXM)**.
- 1.5 The meeting formulated the conclusion 2/5, stating that, as a matter of urgency:
b) Benin through the assistance of ASECNA tasked to, start as soon as possible the work of the IIM Project AIM/2.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 The Project AIM/2 aims to prepare an action plan to be implemented by States for the application of the aeronautical information/data exchange model.
- 2.2 The scope of the project contemplates the evaluation and identification of automation levels associated to the integration of the AIXM in the Region, through surveys, the identification of database providers, and the follow-up on the development of SARPs on this matter.
- 2.3 The meeting will be aware that **twelve (12) countries** namely Benin, Angola, Gambia, Mali, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Mozambique, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, and South Africa committed to participate in the project under the coordination of Benin supported by ASECNA.
- 2.4 The Project AIM/2 kick-off meeting was held on **30th October 2018**, by WhatsApp conference, under the coordination of **Benin**, with the effective participation of **South Africa, Gambia** and **ASECNA**. Ghana notified that they could not attend. That meeting came up with the following actions:
 - South Africa to draft the amendment of the **project description**,
 - Gambia and Ghana to draft the **project Terms of Reference**,
 - ASECNA to draft the **project Organization**.
- 2.5 The draft documents on the **project Description**, the **project Organization** and the **project Questionnaire** were developed, and a second meeting was held on 11th March 2019 to validate these documents as per appendices:
 - Appendix A – project Description,
 - Appendix B – project Organization,
 - Appendix C – project Questionnaire.Only **South Africa, Benin** and **ASECNA** attended that meeting. The draft document of the project ToR is still pending.
- 2.6 Subsequent tentative of meetings stayed unsuccessful, with no response from States nominated experts except South Africa.
- 2.7 The meeting may be recalled that, as a technical matter involving interoperability concerns, the successful implementation of AIXM requires the effective participation of a set of experts sufficiently representative of the region.
- 2.8 The meeting may wish to reiterate the call to Administrations/Organizations to:
 - a) Confirm their commitment to participate in the Project AIM/2,
 - b) Update the details of their experts appointed to participate in the Project AIM/2.



3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the information provided in this paper,
- b) Urge Project AIM/2 team member States to confirm to the APCC with copies to the Secretariat, their commitment to effectively participate in the project, and to update the details of their appointed experts.

3.2 **Draft Conclusion 3/xxxx: *Effective participation of team members in the Project AIM/2***

That,

Project AIM/2 team member States to confirm to the APCC with copies to the Secretariat, their commitment to effectively participate in the project, and to update the details of their appointed experts.

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