

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

**Fifth Meeting of the APIRG Infrastructure and Information Management Sub-Group
(IIM/SG5)**

(Virtual, 26 - 29 July 2022)

Agenda Item 3.1 : Status of implementation of applicable ASBU elements

**WP3.1A4 Challenges faced by the IIM/SG in the implementation of
Projects.**

(Presented by Chairperson IIM/SG)

SUMMARY
<p>This working paper outlines the challenges faced by the IIM/SG in the implementation of its related projects.</p> <p>Action by the meeting in paragraph 3</p>
<p>REFERENCE(S):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appendix 3N to APIRG/24 & RASG-AFI/7 - Terms Of Reference Of The IIM/SG ▪ APIRG/24 Conclusion 24/ 23: Coordination of IIM Projects ▪ APIRG/23 Conclusion 23/17: Participation in the activities of APIRG IIM SG Projects Teams
<p>This working document relates to ICAO Strategic Objectives: : A – Safety, B – Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency, D – Economic Development of Air Transport</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The IIM/SG is established and mandated by APIRG to support the implementation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and carry out specific activities aimed to enable APIRG to discharge its functions and responsibilities in the areas of CNS, AIM and MET.
- 1.2 One of the functions of the IIM/SG is to carry out implementation projects in support of States, related to the areas of MET, AIM and CNS in accordance with the ASBUs methodology and as guided by the Regional performance objectives, to support States in the implementation of SARPs and regional requirements.

2. DISCUSSIONS

2.1 The IIM/SG has encountered several challenges in carrying out the function on implementation of projects.

2.2 These challenges include:

- a) Lack of response on survey questionnaire distributed to States: Many States do not respond to survey questionnaires making it difficult to conduct a gap analysis for the purpose of using the necessary mechanisms under the NCLB initiative.
- b) Lack of coaching of Project Team Coordinators and experts who participate in the various groups. A coaching of PTCs and experts is necessary in inducting the various project teams to their roles as well as communicate expectations. This will enhance the engagement with States especially on new technologies e.g. space weather matters.
- c) There is lack of participation of designated experts from different states.
- d) Language barrier, most of the team members don't use English as their medium of instruction so it becomes difficult for them to participate in the activities of the project and give valuable input. Since it is not always the case that there will be a member of the project who is both fluent in French and in English, the Secretariat should consider use of interpreters during meetings.

3. ACTIONS BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Take note of the information presented in this working paper, highlighting the challenges of the APIRG IIM/SG;
- b) Urge States to undertake and conduct the appropriate actions aimed at ensuring participation of the PTCs and members of various projects of the APIRG IIM/SG in respective meetings and activities.
- c) Urge States to verify the expertise, availability, commitment and participation of their nominated experts.
- d) Review and update the list of participants in various projects and make adjustments as applicable.
- e) The Secretariat to strengthen its involvement in coaching and sensitizing the PTCs and members of the various projects. In addition, sensitization on new technologies should be carried out periodically for proper alignment of the projects.

3.2 Draft Conclusion /Decision 5/xx : Title of Conclusion/Decision

That;

In order to improve the effectiveness of the IIM/SG Projects,

- a) The Secretariat is urged ensure the best alignment of IIM Projects with the regional priorities, and to strengthen its involvement in coaching and sensitizing PTCs and members of various projects on the requirements and expectations in addition to undertaking periodic sensitization on new technologies.**
- b) States take note of the slow progress made in the Region's effective implementation of AIM, CNS and MET projects and take necessary steps to expedite this activity through the verification of the expertise, availability, commitment and participation of their nominated experts by 31/8/2022; and**
- c) The secretariat to review and update the list of participants in various projects accordingly and make adjustments as applicable by 30/9/2022.**

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