INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

FINAL REPORT ON THE SECOND MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP (RASC/2)

(*ICAO ESAF Office, Nairobi, Kenya, 5 - 6 May, 2016*)

1. **Background/Venue/Date:**

   1.1 The Steering Committee of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for Africa and the Indian Ocean (RASC) was created by the first meeting of the Group (RASG-AFI/1) held in Kampala, Uganda, from 26 to 27 March, 2012. It composes of representatives from States and international/regional organizations and industry and established to guide the work of the Group.

   1.2 The first meeting of the Steering Committee (RASC/1) was held at the ICAO Western and Central Africa (WACAF) Regional Office in Dakar, Senegal, from 19 to 20 March 2015. The meeting was as a result of an agreement reached by the fifth teleconference of the Steering Committee (RASC Teleconf./5) held on 19 February 2015.

   1.3 This Second meeting of the Steering Committee (RASC/2) was held at the ICAO Eastern and Southern Africa Office (ESAF) in Nairobi, Kenya, from 5 to 6 May, 2016 at Conference Room 7 of the United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON). Mr. Kashombo Barry, the ICAO Regional Director for ESAF, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the ICAO Regional Director for WACAF, the Secretary of RASG-AFI, and introduced the Bureau to the Meeting. With the absence of Cote d'Ivoire (Co-Chairperson), he suggested that Mr. Simon Allotey (DG, Ghana CAA and Chairperson of RASG-AFI) served as Co-Chairperson representing the States; which was endorsed by the Meeting. The meeting was subsequently co-chaired by Mr. Chamsou Andjorin, Director Africa and Middle East Aviation Safety, Boeing, and Mr. Simon Allotey. Mr. Levers Mabaso (First Vice-Chairperson of RASG-AFI and Co-Chair of RASC) later joined in as co-chair of the Meeting as well. Mr. Gaoussou Konate, Deputy Regional Director (ICAO WACAF Office, Dakar) represented Mr. Mam Sait Jallow, Regional Director (ICAO WACAF Office, Dakar), as the Secretary to the meeting; and was assisted by the following Regional Officers:

   Mr. Kebba Lamin Jammeh, RO/FS, WACAF;
   Mr. Milton Tumusiime, RO/FS, ESAF.

   1.4 The discussions were conducted, and the meeting documentation issued in the English Language.

2. **Participants:**

   2.1 Members of the RASC comprising representatives of, South Africa (Co-Chairperson); Boeing (Co-Chairperson); Senegal (FSO Co-Champion State); Ethiopia (AIG Co-Champion State); Cape Verde (AIG Co-Champion State); Ghana (SSC Champion State); AFCAC; IATA; ASECNA; AIRBUS; and ICAO, attended the meeting. The list of participants is provided as **Appendix-A** to this report.

   2.2 The following members were absent: Uganda (FSO Co-Champion State); Kenya (ESI Champion State); AFI Plan Steering Committee Chairperson; Coordinator for the AFI Group at the ICAO Council; IFALPA; ACI.

3   Deliberations:

3.1 Agenda Item 1:   Agenda Item 1: Review of the Notes on the 7ᵗʰ Teleconference of RASC (RASC Teleconf./7) and matters arising therefrom.

3.1.1   The Meeting noted the developments and progress made by RASC as well as challenges it faces, as reported during teleconferences and provided appropriate Conclusions and Decisions.

3.1.2   Considering the low level of active participation of some members in the RASC activities (i.e. teleconferences and meetings) as made evident by persistent absenteeism of some members, the RASC/2 made the following Conclusion, which will be subject to endorsement by RASG-AFI/4:

<u>**RASC/2 - Conclusion 2/1**</u>**: Failure of RASC Members' Participation in RASC Activities.**

That,
The RASG-AFI Handbook include a clause/statement that provides sanctions as follows:
Failure of a RASC Member to participate in more than three RASC activities in a year (Four Teleconferences and Two Face-to-Face Meeting) shall result in the loss of its membership status and subsequent replacement of the member.

3.1.3   On the identification of members of the APIRG/RASG-AFI Joint Coordination Task Force, RASC/2 Concluded as follows:

<u>**RASC/2 - Conclusion 2/2**</u>**: Membership to the APIRG/RASG-AFI Joint Coordination Task Force.**

That,
The Secretariat liaises with APIRG Secretariat and AFCAC to identify their respective nominees to the Task Force and urged the Task Force to start work immediately on the coordination of the work programmes of the two Groups (APIRG and RASG-AFI).

3.2 Agenda Item 2: Review of the RASG-AFI Work Programme for 2016 approved by RASG-AFI/3 and the way forward.

3.2.1   The meeting reviewed the RASG-AFI Work Programme for 2016 which was approved by the RASG-AFI/3 and in so doing, called upon the Safety Support Teams (SST) Champions to take into account in their plans and activities, the 2016 goals and regional targets, in general. Decisions and Conclusions were drawn as appropriate.

<u>**RASC/2 - Conclusion 2/3**</u>**: Assistance of SST Champions to States**

That,
The Champions of SSTs proactively monitor and identify States likely to be in need of assistance, and reach out to them with the offer to support them resolve or improve their deficiencies.

RASC/2 – Conclusion 2/4: Co-opting of Funding Partners as Co-Champions of SSTs.

That,
Partners actively involved in funding projects for assisting States to improve safety oversight systems,
including RSOOs (CASSOA and BAGASOO), EASA/EU and World Bank be co-opted as co-champions to
the respective SSTs.

RASC/2 – Conclusion 2/5: States' Request for Assistance from SST Champions.

That,
States in need of assistance proactively seek assistance from SST Champions to resolve or improve their
respective deficiencies.

3.3 Agenda Item 3: Discussions on the means of funding of RASG-AFI Projects and Critical Activities.

3.3.1 Fundamentals of Safety Oversight (FSO) project (Champion State: Senegal)

3.3.2 Significant Safety Concerns (SSC) project (Champion State: Ghana)

3.3.3 Emerging Safety Issues (ESI) project (Champion State : Kenya)

3.3.4 Aircraft Accident Investigation (AIG) project (Champion States: Ethiopia & Cape Verde).

The Meeting noted the developments and progress made by the various SSTs in assisting States towards the achievement of the Abuja Safety Targets and the associated challenges they face, especially those linked to funding constraints and made appropriate Conclusions. It urged the Secretariat to expedite the conduct of the planned two AIG workshops (one in WACAF area and the other in the ESAF area).

RASC/2 – Conclusion 2/6: Funding of Project Proposals by AFI Plan Steering Committee.

That,
The Secretariat in coordination with the respective SSTs, develops and submits appropriate project
proposals through the RASG-AFI Chairperson, for funding consideration by the AFI Plan Steering
Committee.

RASC/2 – Conclusion 2/7: Funding of Project Proposals by SAFE and/or States.

That,
ICAO considers funding SST projects from either the SAFE Fund; AFI Plan; and/or States. Relevant
project documents to be developed accordingly.

RASC/2 – Conclusion 2/8: Engagement of States on OLF Activities by Regional Officers.

That,
RO Champions actively engage States that are passive with the USOAP CMA OLF.

RASC/2 – Conclusion 2/9: Co-opting of South Africa as an SSC Co-Champion State

That,
South Africa be co-opted as a Co-Champion State to Ghana and AFCAC in the resolutions of SSCs.

RASC/2 – Conclusion 2/10: Engagement of Eritrea by the AFCAC President

That,
AFCAC, through its President, engages Egypt CAA for the provision of safety oversight assistance to Eritrea in resolving the existing SSC and subsequent improvement of the %EI score.

3.4 Agenda Item 4: Update on the work of the Project Group on the evaluation and analyses of the implementation of the Abuja Safety Targets.

3.4.1 The Meeting reviewed the progress achieved in the attainment of the various Abuja Safety Targets and noted the improvement in the provision of safety data to AFCAC through the designated Focal Points by the States; and made appropriate Conclusions.

RASC/2 – Conclusion 2/11: Provision of Access to the OLF of AFI-CIS Inspectors by ICAO.

That,
AFI-CIS Inspectors and designated nominees of SST Champions, need to be provided training on the USOAP CMA OLF and be subsequently provided access to the site by ICAO.

RASC/2 – Conclusion 2/12: Intensification of Assistance to States.

That,
The SST Champions, in coordination with relevant partners, intensify assistance to States to support them resolve or improve deficiencies and attain the safety targets as per the established timelines

RASC/2 – Conclusion 2/13: Sharing of States' Focal Points with RASC by AFCAC.

That,
AFCAC shares information on the States' designated Focal Points with the RASC for coordination with the SSTs; and that AFCAC formally conveys this to the Focal Points.

RASC/2 – Conclusion 2/14: **Constitution of a Task Force on IOSA as State Requirement.**

That,
With respect to the Abuja safety target on IOSA certification for all African airlines, a Task Force comprising Ghana, South Africa and IATA, and assisted by RASG-AFI Secretariat, be constituted to look into the provision of IOSA as a State requirement and report to the RASC.

RASC/2 – Decision 2/1: **Presentation on Africa at the 39ᵗʰ ICAO Assembly**

That,
AFCAC coordinates with AFI Plan, amongst others, on the development of a presentation on Africa to be delivered at the 39ᵗʰ ICAO Assembly.

3.5 **Agenda Item 5: Second Meeting of the RASG-AFI Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT/2) - the status of the Second Edition of the RASG-AFI Annual Safety Report.**

3.5.1 The Meeting noted the development of the draft Second Edition of the RASG-AFI Annual Safety Report 2015 and urged that the review and comments on the draft report be made available to the Team as soon as possible for incorporation in the document in readiness for release during the 3ʳᵈ AFI Aviation Week Events scheduled to take place in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, from 27 June to 1 July 2016.

3.6 **Agenda Item 6: Preparations for the AFI Plan SC/17 Meeting in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, in June, 2016**

3.6.1 The Meeting reviewed the ongoing preparations for the AFI Plan SC/17 Meeting in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, in June 2016 and made appropriate Decisions and Conclusion.

RASC/2 – Conclusion 2/15: Secretariat's Input to the AFI Plan/17 Draft Agenda.

That,

The Secretariat provides input for the development of the Draft Agenda for the forthcoming AFI Plan SC/17 Meeting in order to address comprehensively all overlapping programmes between RASG-AFI and AFI Plan, taking into account the need to maximize synergy and avoid duplication of efforts and resources.

3.7 Agenda Item 7: Any Other Business (AOB)

RASC/2 – Conclusion 2/16: **Proposed Amendment of the RASG-AFI Handbook**

That,
The Secretariat prepares a proposed amendment of the RASG-AFI Handbook for consideration by the RASG-AFI/4 meeting, to ensure that the meeting schedule provided therein is synchronized with that established for APIRG, in order to provide for back-to-back APIRG and RASG-AFI meetings at the same venue.

RASC/2 – Decision 2/2: Meetings of RASC

That,
At least two face-to-face meetings of the RASC be held on annual basis, at intervals of Six months; one to be held at the ICAO Regional Offices in Dakar or Nairobi, and the other one back-to-back with a major regional event, such as the RASG-AFI Meeting.

RASC/2 – Decision 2/3: Monitoring of the achievements of the Abuja Safety Targets

That,
RASC monitors the status of achievements of the Abuja Safety Targets every Six months; one to be done in December of each year.

RASC/2 – Decision 2/4: Involvement of States and Airlines in Addressing Safety
Deficiencies

That,
Airlines/other States be involved in addressing safety deficiencies identified in States.

RASC/2 – Decision 2/5: Reliable Connectivity for RASC Teleconferences

That,
Secretariat runs test calls on the link for the teleconference with RASC Members at least two days prior to the event.

 RASC/2 – Decision 2/6: Venue of RASC/3

That,
The Venue and time for RASC/3 Meeting be decided at a later date as deemed necessary.