



## COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION IN AFRICA (AFI SECFAL PLAN)

### THIRD AFI SECFAL PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, 1 July, 2016)

**Agenda Item 1: Report on the High Level Ministerial Conference on Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa held in Windhoek, Namibia, in April 2016**

*(Presented by AFI SECFAL Plan Secretariat)*

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper presents the report on the High Level Ministerial Conference on aviation security and facilitation in Africa held in Windhoek, Namibia, 4-7 April 2016.

**Action:** *The meeting is invited to:*

- a) Note the information contained in the paper;
- b) Note the report of the joint Namibia/AUC/AFCAC/ICAO Ministerial Conference on aviation security and facilitation in Africa;
- c) Consider the main outcomes as adopted by the Ministers responsible for aviation security and facilitation in Africa at the Conference in the development of the AFI SECFAL work programme;

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Ministerial Conference on aviation security and facilitation in Africa jointly organized by the Republic of Namibia, the African Union Commission (AUC), the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) was held from 4 to 7 April 2016 in Windhoek, Republic of Namibia, under the theme: ***“Unbroken African Commitment and Collaboration for a Global sustainable Aviation Security System and Passenger and Trade Facilitation”***.

1.2 The conference whose bureau was comprised of Namibia, as Chair, Burkina Faso as Vice-Chairman: Burkina Faso and Uganda as Rapporteur, was attended by Ministers responsible for aviation security and facilitation and Experts from thirty eight (38) African Union Member States as well as representatives of African and international organizations, specialized institutions, development partners and other stakeholders.

1.3 The Conference was organized as a contribution to the implementation of the African Civil Aviation Policy and the roadmap on the full implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision towards the establishment of a single African air transport market under the AU Agenda 2063, pursuant to the Twenty Fourth Ordinary Session of the African Union Assembly of Heads of State and Government Decisions Assembly/AU/Dec.1 (XXIV).

1.4 Considering that the conference was not included in the 2016 AUC Calendar of Meetings and, therefore, not budgeted for, due to the urgency of the matter, the conference was organized with the logistical support of the AFCAC, a specialized agency of the AU, and the ICAO, in collaboration with the Government of the Republic of Namibia under the auspices of the AUC. Hence, its outcome is supported and championed by the Republic of Namibia and it should be submitted for consideration and decision by the AU decision-making organs.

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## 2. **ISSUES DISCUSSED**

2.1 The Ministers noted the concern of African aviation stakeholders that Africa is facing challenges in the implementation of ICAO standards and recommended practices and other requirements related to aviation security and facilitation. They considered various key issues and priority challenges to be addressed in order to remediate the situation within the next 8 years.

2.2 The main agenda items of the conference were as follows hereunder:

- a) Overview of Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa;
- b) Comprehensive Regional implementation plan for aviation security and facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan);
- c) ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP) Strategy
- d) Advanced Passenger Information (API); and
- e) Perspective of Partners and Stakeholders on aviation security and Facilitation in Africa.

### 3. **OUTCOME**

3.1 At the end of their deliberations, the Ministers adopted the following outcomes:

- Windhoek Declaration on Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa
- Aviation Security and Facilitation Targets for Africa.

3.2 The Ministers also agreed for the submission of the outcomes of the Ministerial Meeting on Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa to the July 2016 AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government for consideration and decision.

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