

AFI TRANSITION PLAN FOR DIGITAL OPMET

PHASE 1

November 2013 – June 2015: Dakar and Pretoria RODBs to continue to develop capability of handling OPMET data in digital format using IWXXM version 2013;

PHASE 2

June – December 2015: Dakar and Pretoria RODBs to continue to test the codes based on OPMET data in digital format (XML/GML) for METAR/SPECI, TAF and SIGMET with a view to fine tuning;

PHASE 3

January – June 2016: Dakar and Pretoria RODBs to continue to take a leading role over the transition aspect to XML/GML and provide technical assistance as required to other AFI States in implementing OPMET data in digital format

PHASE 4

June – November 2016: ICAO regional Offices Dakar/Nairobi and AFI RODBs Dakar/Pretoria Provider States start assisting AFI States in developing capability of handling OPMET data in digital format

PHASE 5

December 2016 – November 2019: AFI States start progressive implementation of XML/GML-based exchange format for METAR, SPECI, TREND, TAF and SIGMET (upgrade of IWXXM version 2013) in accordance with Amendment 77 to ICAO Annex 3

PHASE 6

November 2019 – November 2022: AFI States continue implementation of updated XML/GML-based exchange format for METAR, SPECI, TREND, TAF and SIGMET in accordance with Amendment 78 to ICAO Annex 3, and mandatory use of XML/GML

PHASE 7

November 2022 – November 2025: AFI States continue implementation of improved XML/GML-based exchange format for METAR, SPECI, TREND, TAF and SIGMET in accordance with Amendment 79 to ICAO Annex 3, and mandatory use of XML/GML.

PHASE 8

From November 2025 – AFI States continue implementation of enhanced XML/GML-based exchange format for METAR, SPECI, TREND, TAF and SIGMET in accordance with Amendment 80 to ICAO Annex 3, and mandatory use of XML/GML.
