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All ICAORDs

**From:** ICAORD, Nairobi

**Subject:** RVSM Seminar (Lagos, 26 - 28 July 2004)

Kindly find attached herewith the Executive Summary of the recently concluded seminar on RVSM.

Regards.

  
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**Attachment:** Executive Summary

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **RVSM SEMINAR (LAGOS, 26 - 28 July 2004)**

#### **1 Introduction**

The second RVSM seminar for the AFI region was successfully held in the Sheraton Hotel, Lagos from 26 to 30 July 2004. It was attended by Two Hundred and Twenty One (221) participants from various States and international organisations. The main speakers were from Eurocontrol, South Africa and ICAO. The Managing Director of the Nigeria Airspace Management Agency (NAMA) stated that the January 2005 RVSM Implementation Target date may not be achievable if States do not respond to their activities demanded as by RVSM action plan. He wished that RVSM TF 4 Meeting would address these issues in detail.

#### **2 Aim of Seminar**

The aim of the RVSM Seminar was an educational exercise for States in Central and Western Africa not familiar with the RVSM Implementation requirements or State commitments.

#### **3 Main Topics**

The main topics discussed were issues relating to RVSM Airworthiness operations approval, Air Traffic operations, Air Traffic Management, Height Monitoring, Safety assurance and Training.

#### **4 Potential Items that could delay the RVSM Program**

The RVSM Seminar was an educational exercise for the above-mentioned States not familiar with the RVSM Implementation requirements and State commitments. During the seminar various stakeholders addressed several potential areas that might delay the RVSM program.

##### **4.1 Safety Assurance**

The Safety Assessment is basic requirement for ANC approval for RVSM implementation in AFI Region. South Africa (ATNS) confirmed that the contractual requirements with two companies to complete the Safety Assessment for the AFI Region would be finalised in August this year. This part of the RVSM Project was delayed after IATA indicated that they were not satisfied with the Company originally identified and a second company was requested to provide a proposal.

## **4.2 Lack of State Response**

The tight schedule for RVSM Implementation requires States to act promptly when the AFI RVSM Program Office (ARPO) requires data. Previous requests for data proved a lack of timely response and future late responses will certainly have a negative impact on the RVSM implementation target date. The Task Force (TF) concluded that ICAO/IATA Regional Directors should embark on an active campaign to ensure that States meet the required target dates.

## **4.3 ASECNA**

ASECNA is representing 14 States and plays an important role within the Region. The absence of ASECNA representation at the last two RVSM Seminars and Task Force meetings is therefore a major concern, as their lack of participation will certainly delay the RVSM Implementation Project. A meeting is planned with ASECNA in Dakar to ensure full cooperation in RVSM Planning and Implementation.

## **4.4 Training**

Training as pre-requisite for RVSM implementation is at an advanced stage. Two instructors from each State will attend a 5-day training course funded by IATA at ATNS Training Academy. The first course commences in mid August and training should be completed by November 2004. Instructors will return to respective States to complete required training of ATCs at national level.

## **4.5 RVSM Airworthiness Approval**

The Readiness Assessment planned for will be required to confirm ninety (90) percent approved RVSM aircraft/operators in the AFI Region. Initial findings identified one thousand four hundred aircraft (1,400) operating between FL290-F410 within the AFI Region and include modern, older generation and turboprop aircraft. States were requested to confirm RVSM status of aircraft registered within their respective States. The Task Force/Coordination Meeting scheduled for September 2004 will assess the results of the Readiness Assessment and propose alternate solutions the flying fraternity that does not meet RVSM certification.

## **5 APIRG RVSM/RNAV/RNP Task Force (TF)**

The AFI RVSM TF4, which met immediately after the Seminar, 29-30 July, addressed these contentious issues and updated the AFI Action Plan accordingly. The TF has arranged several meetings mainly aimed at monitoring the progress of RVSM Implementation and Strategy/Action Plan Target dates would be amended as appropriate.

## **6 Conclusion**

The AFI RVSM Seminar was well attended and evident from feedback that many participants benefited from this exercise. States will have to meet their target dates to avoid delaying the planned Implementation date. The Task Force/Coordination meeting scheduled for 25 to 29 October 2004 will analyse all data and decide on new target dates if required.

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