



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

CONCEPT NOTE

AVIATION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR AFRICA GAP ANALYSIS WORKSHOP (19-21 March 2019 Abuja, Nigeria)

1. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

1.1 The Third ICAO World Aviation Forum (IWAFF/3) that was hosted by the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in November 2017 brought together Ministers, high-level decision-makers, financial institutions and international organizations responsible for transport and infrastructure, finance, economy, tourism and sustainable development to explore the benefits of the aviation sector to the social, economic development and prosperity. Furthermore, the forum aimed to facilitate funding and mobilization of financing required to accelerate the implementation of international civil aviation global standards and policies, as well as the ICAO Global Plans for aviation.

1.2 Considering the above objectives and within the framework of the Plan of Action 2017-2019 adopted at the 1st Ordinary Session of the AU Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Transport in Lomé, Togo on 17 March 2017, and in consistency with the ICAO *No Country Left Behind (NCLB) Initiative*, the Forum adopted a Declaration and Framework for a Plan of Action for Development of Aviation Infrastructure in Africa.

1.3 The Declaration urged African States and African Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to ensure the inclusion of major aviation infrastructure projects in the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) Priority Action Plan (PAP) for 2020 – 2030 and forging African economic cooperation and international assistance platforms such as the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD); determine strategic infrastructure targets that are consistent with the ICAO Global Plans by conducting gap-analyses taking into account current capacity and forecasted demand, and according to national and regional needs.

1.4 With the launching of the Single African Air Transport Market and in consistency with the Declaration a prioritised action plan in which gap analysis for aviation infrastructure continued to feature, was adopted through the AU, AFCAC and AfDB to support its realization.

1.5 The ICAO Council at its 213th and 214th Sessions considered, among other things, the calls of the Declaration and decided that ICAO's activities and actions indicated in the Declaration and Framework for a Plan of Action for Development of Aviation Infrastructure in Africa be implemented under existing arrangements, especially under the ICAO Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan) as a specific identifiable programme with timelines.

1.6 The AFI Plan Steering Committee at its 21st meeting held in Niamey, Niger in 17 July 2018 decided that the AFI Plan Secretariat should prepare an appropriate programme with timelines to implement the required actions including gap analysis indicated under the ICAO Council Decision on the Implementation of the Declaration and Framework for a Plan of Action for Development of Aviation Infrastructure in Africa.

1.7 During the 13th Air Navigation Conference (AN-Conf/13) held in Montréal, Canada, from 9 to 19 October, 2018, African States under AFCAC, presented the WP/220 on the Implementation of a plan of action for development of aviation infrastructure in Africa. The Conference supported the initiative and requested that ICAO supports the implementation of an action plan under the Comprehensive Regional Implementation for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan).

2. OBJECTIVE AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE WORKSHOP

2.1 The overall objective of the workshop is to formulate a strategy to implement one of the key activities and actions set forth in the Framework for a Plan of Action, the aviation infrastructure gap analysis, for which ICAO has been assigned as a lead agency. The gap analysis is expected to serve as key input to develop regional and national aviation infrastructure programmes and master plans based on determined quality strategic infrastructure requirements and in line with the level of predicted traffic growth and ICAO Global plans.

2.2 Accordingly, the Workshop would serve as a platform to increase familiarization with the requirements of Global and Regional plans in relation to quality aviation infrastructure, explore data collection aspects and the methodology for detailed gap analysis, and share information on the development of Aviation Master Plans.

2.3 The expected outcomes of the workshop include:

- Set a basis to formulate quality aviation infrastructure programme and master plan for Africa, at State and Regional levels with agreed scope, broad and specific objectives;
- Establish a robust methodology for the conduct of quality aviation infrastructure programme and master plan for Africa;
- Development of a mechanism to assess the required financial, human and other resources to carry out quality aviation infrastructure programme and master plan for Africa; and
- Establishment of Monitoring mechanisms to assess the progress made to identify obstacles and challenges as well as exchange of experiences to facilitate the smooth implementation of regional and national quality aviation infrastructure programmes.

3. METHODOLOGY

3.1 The Workshop will be organized by ICAO Comprehensive Regional Implementation plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan) in collaboration with the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria through the Federal Ministry of Aviation. It will be held for three days and will comprise presentations related to the theme by resource persons, plenary and working group discussions on the existing African Aviation Infrastructure gap as well as regional and national aviation infrastructure programmes.

3.2 In line with the objective of the workshop, a preliminary survey on aviation infrastructure in Africa covering Airports, Air Navigation Services and Air Operators with respect to fleet capacity will be conducted. State by State sample Infrastructure Gap analysis as relates to the present demand will be presented on the basis of the data obtained from the survey supplemented by additional information from various stakeholders.

3.3 The Workshop will develop a follow-up strategy, including actions to be taken by different stakeholders. The participants will have an opportunity to engage in dialogue and exchange information about the existing aviation infrastructure gaps and formulating national/regional aviation development plans.

3.4 Relevant stakeholders and partners from AUC, AFCAC, Regional Economic Communities, States, Industry and Financial institutions as well as international experts who have a wealth of knowledge based on past experiences from elsewhere will be invited to participate in the Workshop. The workshop will create an opportunity to share information, experiences and assist in formulating the objectives, scope and methodology of the regional and national aviation infrastructure programmes as well as development of a civil aviation master plan for Africa.

3.5 The Workshop will also discuss ways and methods to actively engage stakeholders and partners including their role in assisting to obtain important/relevant data and information during the process of formulating the Aviation infrastructure programme.

3.6 The report and recommendations of the Workshop would result in a framework for implementation and follow up through the AFI Plan monitoring mechanism.

4. TARGET GROUP

4.1 The participants of this workshop will include delegates from 54 African States, the African Union Commission (AUC), African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC), Regional Economic Communities (RECs), Partner States, Industry, Financial institutions, international experts and academia and ICAO Council members and Secretariat.

4.2 Approximately 150 participants are expected to participate in this workshop.

5. DATES

5.1 The Workshop will be held over a period of 3 days, from 19 to 21 of March 2019.

6. VENUE

6.1 The place will be in Abuja, Nigeria at Transcorp Hilton Hotel, 1 Aguiyi Ironsi St, Maitama 900001.

7. WORKING LANGUAGE

7.1 The working language of the workshop will be English with simultaneous interpretation into French.