

## INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Fourth Meeting of the APIRG Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group  
(AAO/SG4), Virtual Meeting, 16 to 18 August 2021**Agenda Item 3: Planning and implementation****3.2: Aerodrome Operations****TRAINING AND QUALIFICATION OF AGA TECHNICAL STAFF (REGULATORS AND AIRPORT OPERATORS) PROJECT***(Presented by Project Team )***SUMMARY**

This Paper provides information on the Status of development of the proposed project for training and qualification of AGA technical staff for both the aerodrome operators and regulator personnel. The project was designed out of the desire to enhance the level of compliance with competency requirements in the AGA area AFI.

Action by the meeting is at **paragraph 3.**

**REFERENCE(S):**

- ICAO Annex 14 Volumes I and II
- PANS-Aerodromes
- APIRG Procedural Handbook

This working paper relates to the ICAO Strategic Objectives on **A- Safety and B-Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Under the USOAP-CMA, the AFI region has continuously performed dismally in Aerodromes and Ground Aids (AGA) auditable area and particularly in Critical Element 4 (Technical Personnel Qualification and Training) Protocol Questions requiring Civil Aviation Authorities to have sufficient numbers of technical staff who are suitably trained to ensure the oversight functions of the aerodrome safety; with an average score of 47.33% and 53.07% both being below the Global Aviation Safety Plan target. With the performance in CE-4 affecting the performance in the Critical Elements of CE-6, CE-7 and CE-8.

1.2 ICAO USOAP Audit reports as well as the technical assistance carried out in most of the States of the AFI region revealed that not only the civil aviation authorities but also the aerodrome operators do not have sufficient trained personnel to perform the tasks related to aerodrome certification which should include an appropriate mix of qualified technical

personnel.

## **2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 The meeting will recall APIRG 23 Conclusion 23/10 in which required the Aerodrome Operations Project teams be reorganised for effective and efficient reporting. It is desirable that adequate capacity be built in AFI Region for training and qualification of aerodrome operational personnel and regulatory personnel.

2.1 Noting the cost related to obtaining training and the need to mitigate this, the project proposed to utilize resources within the AFI Region to develop and deliver quality training that ensures sustainability of such training and appropriateness to the operational conditions in the region.

2.2 The project also proposed to enhance the profile of the region and Training organisations by developing suitable courses to be hosted by the ATOs and therefore ensure sustainability in the training and qualification of aerodrome personnel across the region.

2.3 The project team has developed a project document which is at 80% and will soon be submitted to secretariat for onward transmission to APCC for approval. The draft project document is attached to this paper as appendix A and the list of project team members is included as Appendix B.

## **3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the project proposition for the development training and qualification of AGA Technical Staff (Regulators and Airport operators);
- b) Note the list of experts (see Appendix) of the team responsible for the implementation of this project. This will allow ICAO to request States to provide with these experts for the completion of the project. Support the project proposition through provision of resources to support its implementations; and
- c) Encourage AFI member States to uptake the training when ready for delivery.