

APPENDIX A – AFI SAR WORKSHOP (8-9 OCTOBER/ 12 NOVEMBER 2020) RECOMMENDATIONS

ACTIONS REQUIRED.**1. Nomination of SPOC**

States to **nominate their Search and Rescue Point of Contact and Alternate, publish** their contact details **in Aeronautical Information Bulletin** and **inform the accredited ICAO Regional Offices**. - *Ongoing*.

2. National SAR Awareness

States to **organize national SAR awareness seminars or workshops to sensitize** decision makers and relevant agencies, and **seek ICAO Regional Office assistance** if and where necessary- *Ongoing*.

3. National SAR Committees

States that have not established a National SAR Committee and are unable to do so immediately, should appoint an interim interagency team involving all the relevant organizations to coordinate implementation of SAR improvements in accordance with APIRG conclusions, AFI Air Navigation Performance Targets, and Lomé Declaration and Action Plan. - *Ongoing*

4. SAR Gap Analysis

State National SAR committees or where applicable, interim national SAR interagency teams **to conduct SAR gap analysis on the status of SAR organisation** in their State using the questionnaire attached to the workshop invitation letter as Appendix C, develop or revise action plans and submit them to the ICAO Regional Offices - *Ongoing*.

5. National SAR Plans and Operating Procedures (RCCs, RSCs)

State National SAR Committees or where applicable, interim national SAR interagency **teams to develop or revise National SAR Plans and Standard Operating Procedures**, using the templates in ICAO Doc 9731 IAMSAR Manual (Volumes 1, 2 and 3) and the templates developed by the AFI SAR Technical Experts Team as guidance, and submit them to the ICAO Regional Offices. - *Ongoing*.

6. SAR Agreements, Multilateral Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding

State National SAR Committees or where applicable, interim national SAR interagency teams **to develop or review SAR Agreements, Multilateral Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding** for effectiveness, using the templates in ICAO Doc 9731 IAMSAR Manual (Volumes 1, 2 and 3) and the templates developed by the AFI SAR Technical Experts Team as guidance, and submit them to the ICAO Regional Offices. - *Ongoing*.

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7. Support in Signing of SAR Agreements

ICAO, AFCAC, Regional Economic Commissions (RECs) and African Union Commission (AUC) assistance is required to support the signing of SAR Agreements among States; facilitate coordination, harmonization and high-level commitments for the signing of applicable SAR Agreements. - *Ongoing.*

8. States Specific Assistance

States to **identify their specific needs** for which external assistance would be required and inform ICAO Regional Offices accordingly. - *Ongoing.*

9. Development of AFI Regional SAR Plan

An **AFI Regional SAR Plan Development Team is established** to coordinate the development of an **AFI Regional SAR Plan** in collaboration with all stakeholders, consider global best practices and the limitations in the AFI Region for submission to APIRG for its review and adoption. Membership. - *Ongoing, 1st Draft completed*

10. National and Multi-States SAR Exercises

States are urged to collaborate with other States and other organizations to conduct multi-States SAR Exercises. - *Ongoing.*

11. GADSS Implementation

States / Air Navigation Services should access the link on the ICAO website in order to provide information on their surveillance systems and indicate whether the update on flight progress is not more than 15 Minutes. - *Ongoing. Workshop planned for 15-16 September 2021*

12. Funding of SAR

States to establish funding schemes to ensure sustainability of SAR equipment and services using the guidance provided in ICAO Manual on air navigation services economics (Doc 9161) and Manual on ICAO's policies on charges for airports and air navigation services (Doc 9082). - *Pending*

13. Timelines

ACTIVITY/ACTION ITEMS	DELIVERABLES	ACTION BY	TIMELINE
<i>SAR</i>			

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<i>Action Items:</i>			
a) States nominate SAR Point of Contact (SPOC), establish National SAR Coordinating Committee, develop National SAR Plan and Standard Operating Procedures,	National SPOCs, National SAR Coordination Committee, National SAR Plans,	States	30 September 2020
b) sign SAR Agreements with neighbouring States, establish framework for funding of SAR,	SAR LOAs completed.	States	30 September 2020
c) conduct SAR exercises where possible with the participation of adjacent States, Rescue Coordination Centres/Sub-Centres and adjacent FIRs.	SAREXs	States	31 December 2020
d) ICAO Regional Offices and AFI SAR Technical Experts Team assist States in the attainment of (a) above.	Technical Assistance	ICAO	31 March 2021
e) AFI Plan revise forward the SAR timelines in the Abuja Safety Targets and provide funding support for the extension of the SAR project assistance mission to cover all AFI States.	Revised SAR Timelines	AFI PLAN	31 October 2020

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