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Subject: Workshop on the availability of OPMET Data in the AFI Region (21 June 2021)

Action required: To complete the online workshop registration form no later than 20 June 2021

Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to refer to Conclusion 20/43 of the African-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG), which requested States with deficiencies in the MET field to make efforts to establish corrective action plans to rectify these deficiencies, and the two AFI Regional OPMET Data Banks (RODBs) to report the availability of OPMET data based on the Compliance, Availability and Regularity Index:

Conclusion 20/43: Action plan to remove air navigation deficiencies in the MET field

That:

- a) ICAO Regional Offices in Dakar and Nairobi, update the air navigation deficiencies in the MET field in the remaining non-visited AFI States;
- b) AFI States where deficiencies still persist, endeavour to establish and implement an action plans aimed at removing air navigation deficiencies in the MET field; and
- c) AFI Regional OPMET Data Banks (RODBs) present statistics on availability of OPMET data, using the following thresholds: “above 97% availability, between 50% and 97% availability and below 50% availability”.

I would also like to draw your attention to Conclusion APIRG 21/24, which requested States to endeavor to make available, OPMET data to the RODBs and also recognized the need for further improvement on availability of OPMET Data at the two AFI RODBs:

Conclusion 21/24: Availability of OPMET Data at AFI OPMET Data Banks

That, in order to improve on the availability of OPMET data at AFI OPMET data banks:

- a) States should endeavour to make available OPMET Data at the two AFI OPMET Data Banks of Pretoria and Dakar, in compliance with APIRG Conclusion 20/43, for regional and Global distribution; and
- b) Follow-up actions to be identified to address deficiencies in OPMET reporting as a matter of urgency.

In line with the Conclusions alluded to above, I wish to invite your State / Administration to participate in a virtual workshop on improving the availability of OPMET data in the AFI Region. The workshop will include exchange of information, sharing of experiences, identifying challenges and proposing suitable actions, including developing an action plan to address these. The workshop to be conducted on **21 June 2021**, will be hosted and facilitated by the ICAO ESAF and WACAF offices.

The webinar is intended for MET and CNS experts who deal with the preparation, issuance and dissemination of OPMET data at the airports. Further details on the workshop content is available in **Attachment 1** and will also be provided on the meeting's webpage.

The event will be conducted in English and interpretation services will be available for the French language. To facilitate preparations for the workshop, I would be grateful if you could nominate suitable expert(s) from your State / Administration. The nominated expert(s) should complete the registration form available on the ICAO webpage¹ no later than **20 June 2021**.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachment 1 - Provisional Agenda

¹https://icao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJl1du6gqTkvHtEU_cF2kSg0czqyoYzD9gHg