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12 October, 2021

Agenda Item 2: Overview of the status of implementation of the Conclusions and Decisions of RASG-AFI/6.

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
This paper provides an overview of the status of implementation of the Conclusions and Decisions of the Sixth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for Africa-Indian Ocean (RASG-AFI/6).
REFERENCE(S): Report of RASG-AFI/6 Meeting.
Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): This working paper is related to the ICAO Strategic Objective on SAFETY.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. As part of the monitoring process on outcomes of the RASG-AFI meetings, review on progress of implementation of Conclusions and Decisions is undertaken by the Group Secretariat accordingly. In this regard, the overview of status of implementation of RASG-AFI/6 Conclusions and Decisions is presented in the form of a table that highlights the title of each RASG-AFI/6 Conclusion/Decision, Deliverable(s)/Expected Outcome(s), and status of implementation as provided in table 2 of the Appendix to this paper.

2. DISCUSSIONS

2.1 As at 30 September 2021, the Table 1 below depicts the summary of implementation of the 12 Conclusions and 8 Decisions of RASG-AFI/6 and the details are provided in the **Appendix A**.

Table 1

RASG-AFI/6 Conclusions	RASG-AFI/6 Decisions	Status of Implementation	RASG-AFI/6 Conclusions	RASG-AFI/6 Decisions	Status of Implementation
		July 2021			September 2021
4	2	Outstanding	3	2	Outstanding
8	4	In progress	9	4	In progress
Nil	2	Accomplished	Nil	2	Accomplished

2.2 With the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), aviation operations and activities have been adversely disrupted negatively impacting the implementation of the RASG-AFI/6 Conclusions and Decisions calling for establishment of a strategy during and post-COVID-19 era. The RASG-AFI/6 meeting adopted 12 Conclusions and 8 Decisions, the status of implementation of which is provided in the **Appendix** to this paper.

2.3 The activities of the RASG-AFI are mainly undertaken under the framework of the four Safety Support Teams (SSTs) of Significant Safety Concerns, Fundamentals, Safety Oversight, Investigation of Aircraft Accidents and Serious Incidents, and Emerging Safety Issues. However, the SSTs are being restructured for better alignment with the current Edition of the GASP, to promote better safety performance and attainment of the regional targets in a sustainable manner.

2.4 It is important to note that some of the activities are continuous and the status of implementation remains on-going. Notwithstanding, the levels of implementation will be provided accordingly.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the status of implementation of the RASG-AFI/6 Conclusions and Decisions
- b) Review the outstanding items and provide further guidance on actions/initiatives aimed at enhancing the RASG-AFI Work Programme/Action Plan.
- c) Urge States that have not done so to enhance the efforts both individual and collaborative towards expeditious implementation of RASG-AFI Conclusions and decisions.

RASC/7 – WP/2: APPENDIX

Table 2: Overview of the status of implementation of the Conclusions and Decisions of RASG-AFI/6.

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<i>RASG-AFI/6 - Conclusion 6/02:</i>	Commitment of required resources to address issues raised in the Conclusions drawn by the RASG-AFI meetings.	That, In order to improve the implementation of Conclusions and Decisions, all RASG-AFI States and other stakeholders commit required resources and take the necessary actions to address issues raised in the Conclusions drawn by the RASG-AFI Meetings within the stipulated timeframes.	RASG-AFI States; AFCAC; Development Partners; RASG- AFI; ICAO HQ.	RASG-AFI Conclusions and Decisions implemented within the stipulated timeframes.			RASG-AFI Secretariat.	In progress

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RASG-AFI/6 Conclusion 6/04:	RASG-AFI Projects and Critical Activities.	That, for the effective and efficient implementation of the RASG- AFI projects and critical activities: a) ICAO and stakeholders intensify high-level intervention and commitment of more resources to the resolution of the SSC in Eritrea by 30 June 2021; b) States/Airports demonstrate more commitment towards the implementation of their aerodrome certification action plans; and	Eritrea; ICAO Regional Offices (ESAF/WACAF); ICAO HQ; AFCAC; Champion States for SSC (Ghana; South Africa); RSOOs/ COSCAPs; Donor Agencies; Airport Operators; RASG-AFI States.	SSC in Eritrea resolved; Aerodromes certification action plans implemented.		30/06/2021	AFCAC; RASG-AFI Secretariat.	a) SSC still outstanding State is non- responsive to offers of assistance by ICAO. Moreover, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has further compounded the challenges. b) In Progress

<p><i>RASG-AFI/6 Conclusion 6/05:</i></p>	<p>Revision of the Abuja Safety Targets</p>	<p>c) RASG-AFI States initiate and conduct their SSP Gap Analysis and subsequently develop and implement SSP implementation plans.</p> <p>That, In order to ensure consistency between the GASP and the Abuja Safety Targets, AFCAC, in collaboration with ICAO and other key stakeholders, revises the Abuja Safety Targets by 30 June 2021 and ensure that they are consistent with the goals, targets and indicators specified in the current edition of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP).</p>	<p>AFCAC; ICAO Regional Offices (ESAF/WACAF); Other Stakeholders.</p>	<p>SSP Gap Analysis conducted; SSP implementation plans developed and subsequently implemented.</p> <p>Abuja Safety Targets revised and consistent with the goals, targets and indicators specified in the current GASP.</p>		<p>30/06/2021</p>	<p>RASG-AFI Secretariat.</p>	<p>C) In Progress</p> <p>L0: 13 States L1: 35 States L2: 24 States L3: 17 States L4: 1 State</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>AFCAC in collaboration with ICAO amended the Abuja Safety Targets to ensure consistency with goals, targets and indicators specified in the current GASP and GANP. The amendments were endorsed by the AFCAC Standing Committee for final approval by AFCAC Plenary end of 4th quarter 2021.</p>
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<i>RASG-AFI/6 Conclusion 6/06:</i>	Establishment of a Performance Dashboard	That, In order to enhance the reporting of the status of the implementation, AFCAC accelerates the process of establishing a Performance Dashboard by 31 March 2021, for reporting and monitoring the status of implementation of the Abuja Safety and Air Navigation Targets.	AFCAC	Dashboard on reporting and monitoring the Abuja Safety and Air Navigation Targets established.		31/03/2021	AFCAC; RASG-AFI Secretariat.	In progress Concept Note and Specifications for the Performance Dashboard developed. The Safety & ANS Working Group presented Working Paper TC18-07 WP/04 at the AFCAC Technical Committee meeting which presented a mechanism

									for monitoring of Abuja Safety Targets through performance dashboard.
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<i>RASG-AFI/6 Conclusion 6/07:</i>	Assistance to States in the implementation of the Abuja Targets	That, To improve the implementation of the Abuja Safety and Air Navigation Targets, ICAO and other key stakeholders intensify coordination and interventions necessary to assist Member States to implement all targets, coordination and interventions necessary to assist Member States to implement all targets, especially the ANS targets by 31 December, 2022; and AFCAC to be convening periodic meetings with the States' Focal Points on the progress of implementation.	ICAO Regional Offices (ESAF/WACAF); RASG-AFI States; AFCAC.	Abuja Safety and Air Navigation Targets implemented.		31/12/2022	RASC; AFCAC;	In progress Member States focal points appraised of the status of implementation of the Abuja Safety & ANS Targets through e-mails, at teleconferences at REC level and at the ICAO AFI Week. Workshops to be conducted during 4 th quarter 2021 e.g. to address high risk categories of occurrences. Other consultative meetings planned for 3 rd and 4 th quarter 2021.

		<p>c) provide their NASP to their respective ICAO Regional Office for posting on the ICAO GASP public website; and</p> <p>d) submit proposals to ICAO for the update of guidance material related to national aviation safety plans.</p>		<p>NASPs posted onto the ICAO GASP public website.</p> <p>ICAO Guidance Material updated.</p>					
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<i>RASG-AFI/6 Conclusion 6/11:</i>	Safety Support Team - Fundamentals of Safety Oversight (SST-FSO)	That, In order to assist States to establish and maintain robust and sustainable safety oversight systems: RASC through SST-FSO, in collaboration with ICAO, States and other relevant partners, including AFCAC, COSCAPs/RSOs and Industry:	SST-FSO; AFCAC; RSOs/COSCAPs; Development Partners; Donor Agencies.					a) In Progress AFCAC in collaboration with ICAO and RSOs conducted remote and face to face AFI CIS technical assistance missions to Guinea, Sierra Leone and Zimbabwe

		<p>a) profile all States in order to identify those with existing low EIs and those with deficiencies, and provide them with tailored assistance to resolve or mitigate the associated safety risks; and</p> <p>b) maintain and intensify provision of financial resources through the AFI Plan, SAFE, and other development partners, to progress the work of the SST- FSO.</p>		<p>RASG-AFI States profiled and associated safety risks mitigated.</p> <p>FSO project adequately funded.</p>			<p>RASC</p>	<p>during the 2020 – 2021 period.</p> <p>b) In progress</p>
<p>RASG-AFI/6 Conclusion 6/12:</p>	<p>Safety Support Team - Emerging Safety Issues (SST- ESI, Loss of Control In-flight (LOC-I)</p>	<p>That,</p> <p>In order to address efficiently safety issues related to LOC-I and UPRT:</p> <p>a) States are urged to report on yearly basis, progress made at their level on the implementation of the LOC-I 5-year Plan of action;</p>	<p>RASG-AFI States;</p>				<p>SST-ESI</p>	<p>In progress</p> <p>a) Virtual LOC-I and UPRT Workshop which is scheduled to take place in November 2021 will enable, in particular, the assessment of progress made and</p>

		<p>b) States, Organizations and Industry to complete the LOC-I online and subsequent surveys, for adequate reporting of progress made on the area and to share safety data relating to LOC-I;</p> <p>c) States, Organizations, air operators and training organizations to nominate experts by 28 February, 2021 and to actively participate in the activities of the Core Expert Group on LOC-I and UPRT;</p> <p>d) SST-ESI to continuously enhance the RASG-AFI Model guidance material; and</p> <p>e) States, Organizations, air operators and training organizations to continue actively participate in the annual LOC-I/UPRT workshop.</p>	<p>RASG-AFI States; RSOOs; COSCAPs; other aviation partners.</p> <p>RASG-AFI States; RSOOs; COSCAPs; TOs; other aviation partners.</p>	<p>Experts nominated and participating in the activities of the Core Expert Group.</p> <p>RASG-AFI Model guidance material enhanced.</p> <p>Active participation of RASG-AFI States and other stakeholders in LOC-I W/shops.</p>		28/02/2021	<p>lay out additional measures to be taken.</p> <p>b) Additional reporting forms with detailed items in line with GASP organizational challenges and operational safety risks have been sent to States and stakeholders.</p> <p>c) Initial core group of experts is being updated</p> <p>d) RASG-AFI guidance material is updated. e) Good attendance level for the last workshop held in 2020.</p>
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<p>RASG-AFI/6 Conclusion 6/14:</p>	<p>State Safety Programme (SSP) and Safety Management System (SMS) Implementation</p>	<p>That, to promote aviation safety by embracing safety management principles with a view to proactively address emerging safety risks: a) States to initiate their SSP Gap Analysis using the available ICAO tools, in order to develop an SSP implementation plan; b) States continue their efforts to establish and implement State Safety Programme (SSP), with the support of ICAO through the AFI Plan SSP Project, in accordance with the GASP, Annex 19 provisions, and in line with the relevant revised Abuja Safety target; and c) Regional and International Organizations are invited to share tools and examples which support effective State Safety Programme (SSP) and Safety Management System (SMS) implementation, for establishment of regional data base and posting onto the ICAO safety management implementation website.</p>	<p>RASG-AFI States; SSP Project;</p>	<p>SSP Gap Analysis initiated.</p> <p>SSPs implemented</p>		<p>31/12/2022</p> <p>31/12/2025</p>	<p>AFI Plan; RASC.</p>	<p>In progress</p> <p>The AFI Plan SSP project document is being revised to ensure alignment with the GASP Goal 3 , establish a mechanism to improve the coordination, collaboration among the States and continue supporting States in their efforts to improve aviation safety by implementing safety management principles that proactively address emerging safety risks.</p>
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RASG-AFI/6 Conclusion 6/15:	Support to ICAO NCLB Initiative	That, In order to enhance support to the ICAO NCLB Initiative, RASG-AFI States and other Stakeholders, including international and regional organizations and service providers embrace and contribute resources, including financial and in-kind, to ensure effective implementation of the NCLB Initiative.	RASG-AFI States; RSOOs; COSCAPs; other aviation partners.	NCLB Initiative implemented.			AFI Plan; RASC.	In progress
RASG-AFI/6 Conclusion 6/16:	Development of remote safety oversight mechanism	That, To explore alternative methods to ensure continuous compliance with regulatory requirements, AFI States establish a formal mechanism for the conduct of effective and efficient remote safety oversight activities and consequently, amend their Inspector's Handbooks to include related procedures and processes; and ensure that appropriate training is provided to concerned personnel.	RASG-AFI States;	Formal mechanism for the conduct of effective and efficient remote safety oversight activities established.			RASC.	Outstanding

RASG-AFI/6 Conclusion 6/18:	Cooperation amongst States in the AFI SSP Peer Review Mechanism	That, in order to promote cooperation amongst States, RASG-AFI States collaborate, work together and mobilize the required financial resources, to establish and implement the AFI SSP Peer Review Mechanism to enhance safety, through effective SSP implementation, in a quest to achieve the related regional goals and targets.	RASG-AFI States; South Africa; Kenya; AFI Plan SSP Project.	Cooperation amongst States promoted and SSPs implemented.			RASC.	Outstanding
RASC/6 – Decision 6/01:	Follow-up on RASG-AFI/5 Conclusions and Decisions.	That, In order to improve the implementation of the Conclusions and Decisions, that the Secretariat expeditiously and rigorously follow up on the implementation of all the open items in the list of RASG-AFI/5 Conclusions and Decisions and carries over to the Group's future Work Programme items that so require.	RASG-AFI Secretariat	RASG-AFI/5 Conclusions and Decisions implemented.			RASG-AFI Secretariat.	In progress

RASG-AFI/6 Decision 6/03:	Familiarisation with the provisions of the revised RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook	That, In order to enhance the performance and expected results of the Group, the Secretariat convenes a virtual meeting with stakeholders for familiarisation with the provisions of the revised RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook.	RASG-AFI Secretariat;	Stakeholders familiarised with the RASG-AFI Procedural Handbooks.		30/06/2021	RASG-AFI Secretariat.	In Progress English and French versions of the RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook produced. Workshop to be scheduled.
RASG-AFI/6 Decision 6/08:	Development and implementation of Regional Aviation Safety Plan (AFI-RASP)	That, In order to continually reduce fatalities and the risk of fatalities, the RASG-AFI: a) develop and implement an AFI Regional Aviation Safety Plan (AFI-RASP) by 31 December 2021;	RASG-AFI Secretariats;	AFI-RASP developed and implemented. AFI-RASP Co-Secretaries nominated.		31/12/2021	RASG-AFI Secretariats	In Progress Terms of Reference for the SSTs being revised to better align with the GASP Goals; and to be tasked for developing the AFI-RASP.

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		<p>b) appoint two co-secretaries from each ICAO Regional Office (ESAF and WACAF) by 31 January 2021, to spearhead the process of developing and implementing the AFI-RASP and its subsequent revisions as well as monitoring the development and implementation of the NASPs of States;</p> <p>c) establish a working group (RASP-WG) by 30 June 2021, to be responsible for developing and implementing the AFI-RASP, comprising representatives from the ICAO Regional Offices, States that have registered significant progress in the development and implementation of their NASPs, organizations and aviation industry partners.</p>	RASG-AFI Secretariat	<p>Co-secretaries appointed.</p> <p>RASP-WG established.</p> <p>AFI-RASP developed.</p>		<p>31/01/2021</p> <p>30/06/2021</p>	<p>RASC</p> <p>RASC</p>	

<p>RASG-AFI/6 Decision 6/10:</p>	<p>Safety Support Team – Significant Safety Concerns (SST- SSC)</p>	<p>That, In order to sustain or increase the implementation of the necessary safety enhancement Initiatives, RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC) through SST-SSC, in collaboration with ICAO, States and other relevant partners, including AFCAC, COSCAPs/RSOs and Industry:</p> <p>a) call for high level ICAO intervention and more commitment of resources from stakeholders, to maintain and intensify technical assistance to Eritrea, to ensure the resolution of the outstanding SSC by 30 June, 2021; profile all States on an ongoing basis in order to proactively identify those with latent or potential SSCs and provide them with tailored assistance to prevent, resolve or mitigate the associated safety risks; and</p> <p>b) maintain and intensify provision of financial resources through the AFI Plan, SAFE, and other development partners, to progress the work of the SST- SSC.</p>	<p>ICAO HQ, RASG-AFI States, RASC, AFCAC, RSOO/COSCAP, Industry Partners.</p>	<p>SSC in Eritrea resolved.</p>		<p>30/06/2021</p>	<p>ICAO Regional Office (ESAF); RASC; AFI Plan</p>	<p>Outstanding</p> <p>Largely due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
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<i>RASG-AFI/6 Decision 6/13:</i>	Safety Support Team – Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation (SST- AIG)	That, To assist States establish independent accident investigation entities at both national and/or regional levels, RASC through SST-AIG, in collaboration with ICAO, States and other relevant partners, including AFCAC, COSCAPs/RSOOs/RAIOs and Industry, provide assistance to States to establish and implement independent and effective aircraft accident and incident investigation systems through: a) establishment of an effective legislative framework;	RASG-AFI States; ICAO Regional Offices (ESAF/WACAF) AFCAC; RSOOs; COSCAPs; RAIOS; Other Stakeholders.	Effective AIG legislative framework established by RASG-AFI States.			SST-AIG	In progress AIG Project document under revision to better address the needs of AFI States.

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		<p>b) establishment of mechanisms, such as memoranda of understanding (MOUs), with other relevant entities, including other States and Judicial Authorities;</p> <p>c) building of capacity in the form of appropriately trained and qualified investigators by providing scholarships and fellowships as a means of implementing effective training programmes.</p>						

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<i>RASG-AFI/6 Decision 6/17:</i>	Support to the SSP Peer Review Mechanism	That, in order to explore the benefits of the SSP Peer Review Mechanism, the ICAO Regional Offices facilitate the finalization of modalities towards the establishment of the SSP Peer Review Mechanism, taking into consideration the involvement of subject matter experts (SMEs) in the deployment of the Aviation Safety Risk Management iPack.	ICAO Regional Offices (ESAF/WACAF).	SSP Peer Review Mechanism established.			RASC.	Outstanding

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<i>RASG-AFI/6 Decision 6/19:</i>	Review and endorsement of the RASG-AFI Work Programme for 2021	That, For an effective, flexible and coordinated planning of activities, RASG-AFI/6 approves the Work Programme for 2021 of RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies as contained in the Appendix 3B to this report.	RASG-AFI Secretariat	Work Programme of RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies for 2021 approved.		31/12/2020	RASC	Accomplished

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<i>RASG-AFI/6 – Decision 6/20:</i>	Review and update of the RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook and the Terms of Reference of RASG-AFI.	That, In order to improve the performance and expected results of the RASG-AFI: a) the proposed amendment to the RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook be approved; and b) the Secretariat finalize the revised RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook accordingly and publishes it, to be effective 1 January 2021.	RASG-AFI Secretariat.	Third Edition of the RASG- AFI Procedural Handbook approved by RASG-AFI/6 and published effective 1 January 2021.		01/01/2021	RASC	Accomplished

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