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**EIGHTH MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONAL
AVIATION SAFETY GROUP FOR AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN (RASC/8).**

29 - 30 August 2022

Agenda Item 3: Status of Implementation of RASG-AFI Work Programme and Activities for 2022
(Presented by the by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
<p>This paper provides an update on the status of implementation of RASG-AFI Work Programme and Activities for 2022.</p> <p>Action to be taken by the Meeting is provided at paragraph 3 of the Paper.</p>
<p>REFERENCE(S):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook• RASG-AFI/6 Report• RASC.7 meeting Report
<p>Related ICAO Strategic Objective:</p> <p>This Working Paper relates to the ICAO Strategic Objective on Aviation Safety.</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC) was established to guide the work of the Group and to ensure that safety initiatives are accomplished in a timely, effective and efficient manner. In this regard, the RASC was mandated, amongst other things, to propose an Annual Work Programme in addition to ensuring that the activities of the Group are properly coordinated and implemented.

1.2 The RASC also serves as an advisory body to the RASG-AFI by providing regular safety assessments and undertaking any action that may be required to ensure that the RASG-AFI achieves its objectives including the reduction of aviation risks and to minimize or avoid duplication of efforts in the RASG-AFI Region.

1.3 This working paper highlights the status of implementation of 2022 Work Programme and Activities of RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies aimed at improving the overall level of safety in the RASG-AFI region including progress made since the virtual RASC/7 meeting held in October 2021, while outlining the underlining challenges and proposing some recommendations.

1.4 Provided as an Appendix to this paper is the RASG-AFI programme of activities for 2022 with information on the status of implementation as of August 2022.

2. DISCUSSIONS

2.1 It would be recalled that the 2022 Work Programme and Activities cover those of the RASC, the Safety Support Teams (SSTs) and RASG-AFI meetings.

2.2 The activities of the RASG-AFI are mainly categorized under the framework of the four Safety Support Teams (namely; the Fundamentals of Safety Oversight, Significant Safety Concerns, Investigation of Aircraft Accidents and Serious Incidents, Emerging Safety Issues) to promote AFI safety performance and attainment of the regional safety targets in a sustainable manner. It should be noted that a key focus area of the 2022 programme of activities relates to the restructuring of the Safety Support Teams to better align their functions to the Goals and Targets of the 2020-2022 Edition of the GASP, which includes but not limited to, the development and subsequent implementation of the Regional Aviation Safety Plan for the region (AFI-RASP).

2.3 Although progress has been made in the implementation of the activities contained in the programme, it is important to note that some of the activities are continual in nature and therefore their status of implementation remains on-going.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1. The meeting is invited to

- a) note the status of implementation of 2022 RASG-AFI Work Programme, activities and initiatives as contained in the Appendix to this paper ;
- b) review the outstanding items and provide further guidance on actions/initiatives aimed at enhancing the RASG-AFI Work Programme/Action Plan; and
- c) provide further guidance as appropriate.

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Status of Implementation of RASG-AFI Work Programme and Activities for 2022

RASG CONTRIBUTORY BODY	ACTIVITY	TARGETS/DATES	LOCATION/ STATES	LEADER/ PARTICIPANTS	Status of Implementation
RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC)	Teleconferences	Quarterly or as determined by RASC	Not Applicable (N/A)	Co-Chairpersons; ICAO Secretariat; members of RASC.	RASC to coordinate teleconferences as required
	Eighth Meeting of the RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC/8), - review the status of implementation of the 2021 Work Programme.	March, 2022	Virtual/physical Meeting.	Co-Chairpersons and members of the RASC.	RASC/8 held in August 2022
SAFETY SUPPORT TEAMS	Coordinate implementation assistance for the approved projects				
State Safety Oversight System Support Team (SSO-SST). (see ToRs)	To assist resolve the only existing SSC in the Region (One in Eritrea); and avoid emergence of new ones through ROST missions; AFI-CIS missions; and assistance from other States. These missions could be conducted either physically or remotely, as prevailing circumstances may permit.	All SSCs to be resolved by end of January, 2022	ESAF: ▪ Eritrea	SSO-SST Members; ICAO Regional Offices; ICAO HQ.	High level mission conducted by RD ESAF to Eritrea in July 2022. State has committed to mitigate the SSC through revocation of national airline AOC.
	To help improve Effective Implementation (EI) of the CEs of a State's Safety Oversight System to 75% through ROST missions;	At least 75% of RASG-AFI States (36) to meet the target of 75% EI by 31 December 2022. Subject to USOAP.		SSO-SST Members; ICAO Regional Offices; ICAO HQ.	Implementation in progress ESAF: Twelve (12) States achieved the target. Six (6) more States to be targeted.

	AFI-CIS missions; and assistance from other States. These missions could be conducted either physically or remotely, as prevailing circumstances may permit.	CMA Activities.			Implementation in progress WACAF: Sixteen (16) States achieved the target. Two (2) more States to be targeted. ESAF: Twelve (12) States achieved the target. Six (6) more States to be targeted.
	States to reach a High Safety Oversight Index (SOI>1) in all functional areas (Operational, Air Navigation, Support).	At least 75% of RASG-AFI States (36) to reach a High SOI in all functional areas by 31 December 2022.			WACAF: Sixteen (16) States achieved the target. Two (2) more States to be targeted.
	Follow-up Actions (virtual meetings) to be conducted on the RAIO Project to support establishment and strengthening of Regional Accident Investigation Organizations (RAIOs) as well as assist States in improving %EI in AIG with respect to CEs -1 to 5.	February, May, August, November 2022, assess the level of adoption/adaptation of harmonized legislations, regulations and procedures.	ESAF: Four (4) virtual meetings. WACAF: Four (4) virtual meetings.	SSO-SST Members. ICAO Regional Offices.	Implementation in progress

Operational Safety Issues Support Team (OSI-SST) (see ToRs)	To assist in addressing Runway Safety related issues (Runway Excursions and Incursions) by establishing RSTs at all international airports. Conduct of on site and remote Runway Safety Go Teams assistance activities.	Achieve a continuous reduction of operational safety risks - December 2022.	All States without SSCs	OSI-SST Members; RASG-AFI States.	Implementation in progress. Several activities are planned with ACI.
	To help address issues related to Loss of Control In-flight (LOC-I) through implementation of the relevant project.	Achieve a continuous reduction of operational safety risks - December 2022.	All States	OSI-SST Members; RASG-AFI States.	Implementation in progress. Workshop on LOC_I held every year and next one planned for November 2022
	To help tackle issues relating to Controlled Flight Into Terrain (CFIT).	Achieve a continuous reduction of operational safety risks - December 2022.	All States	OSI-SST Members; RASG-AFI States.	Implementation in progress
	Implementation of the AIM Project in coordination with the AFI Plan and other stakeholders.	Achieve a continuous reduction of operational safety risks - December 2022.	All States	OSI-SST Members; RASG-AFI States.	Implementation in progress. The slow pace of project implementation is due to impact of COVID-19
	Monitor the Development and Implementation of the Regional and National Aviation Safety Plans (AFI-RASP and NASPs)†.	Development and Implementation of the Regional and National Aviation Safety Plans – December 2022.	Remote monitoring of the implementation of NASPs – All States	OSI-SST; ICAO Regional Offices (ESAF/WACAF); RASG-AFI States.	Implementation in progress. Regional office through regular activities.

State Safety Programme Support Team (SSP – SST) (see ToRs)	To assist States implement a State Safety Programme (SSP)	75% of RASG-AFI States (36) to complete, SSP Gap Analysis by 31 December 2022.			Implementation in progress ESAF: Eight (8) States have so far achieved the target. Sixteen (16) more States to be targeted. WACAF: Ten (10) States have so far achieved the target. Fourteen (14) more States to be targeted. Initiative by States to supplement the SSPSST team have been triggered.
Air Navigation Services Safety Support Team (ANS – SST) (see ToRs)	To assist States establish and maintain appropriate air navigation infrastructure to support safe aviation operations.				States to provide updates on the resolution of air navigation deficiencies and proceed with corresponding amendments to AANDD, through designated focal points.
Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT)	Eighth Meeting of the Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT) – To draft the 8 th Edition of the RASG- AFI Annual Safety Report. Correspondences/teleconferences amongst members of the ASRT.	May 2022	Via electronic means/physical meeting	ASRT members	The 8 th Edition of RASG-AFI Safety Report was released during the AFI Week in May 2022.
RASG/APIRG Common Areas	Review/Follow-up Teleconference	Review Reports from ARC-TF	Virtual/physical meeting	Co-Chairpersons; Secretariat; members of ARC-TF	The review will be done at the next ARC-TF before the APIRG25/RASG AFI/8 meetings
RASG-AFI Plenary Meeting	8th Meeting of the RASG-AFI (RASG-AFI/8)	November, 2022	Kigali, Rwanda/Virtual (TBD)	RASG-AFI Secretariat in coordination with the Chairperson and the host State.	Invitation letter to APIRG/25 and RASG-AFI/8 disseminated to AFI States in August 2022