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31 March 2023

Subject: Invitation to attend the Eighth Edition of Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Aviation Week events

(Nairobi, Kenya, 21 August – 25 August 2023):

- a) The AFI Aviation Symposium;
- b) The Twelfth Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan); and
- c) The Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan).

Action required: To confirm participation and register online by 31 July 2023

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite you to the Eighth Edition of the AFI Week events, to be held from **21 August to 25 August 2023** in Nairobi, Kenya, in cooperation with the Government of the Republic of Kenya and the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA).

During the AFI Aviation Week events, important issues pertaining to aviation will be discussed, including the progress made in implementing the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Global and Regional Plans, follow-up on the outcomes of the 41st Session of the Assembly, latest developments in all ICAO Strategic Objectives, key priorities and initiatives for the coming years.

The details of the meetings objectives and criteria for participant eligibility are outlined in the **Attachment** to this letter. You are kindly requested to circulate this invitation to the appropriate entities within your State/Organization and to advise whether your State/Organization plans to participate in the above events by registering online on the events' website at https://www.icao.int/ESAF/Pages/AFI-WEEK-8.aspx not later than 31 July 2023.

Further information on preliminary agendas/programmes, documentation and presentations, as well as the information bulletin and a list of recommended hotels, will be provided in due course on the events' website. Kindly note that all the events will be conducted in both the English and French languages.

I strongly encourage the participation of Directors-General of Civil Aviation in these important meetings aimed at further developing the appropriate strategies and providing the necessary actions to support the development and enhancement of the aviation system in Africa.

For more information on the events, please contact the ICAO Eastern and Southern African Regional Office (Nairobi) at icaoesaf@icao.int, and copy your State's corresponding Regional Office, namely the ICAO Europe/North Atlantic Regional Office (Paris) at icaoeurnat@icao.int, Middle East Regional Office (Cairo) at icaomid@icao.int, and Western and Central Office (Dakar) at icaowacaf@icao.int, as applicable.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

for Juan Carlos Salazar Secretary General

Enclosure: Programme and participant eligibility criteria for the meetings

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ATTACHMENT to State letter T 17/9 – 210 dated 31 March 2023

PROGRAMME OF AFI AVIATION WEEK – EIGHTH EDITION (Nairobi, Kenya, 21 August – 25 August 2023)

Monday, 21 August 2023 and Tuesday 22 August 2023: AFI Aviation Symposium

Objectives:

- To review the status of implementation of various initiatives for Africa under all ICAO Strategic Objectives, share success stories and challenges, and agree on relevant strategies to further enhance aviation performance in the region.

Participants:

- Directors-General of Civil Aviation and Representatives of African Member States; and
- Representatives from partner States, International and Regional Organizations, Aviation Stakeholders and Industry.

Wednesday, 23 August 2023: Twelfth Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan)

Objectives:

- To review activities of the AFI SECFAL Plan and in particular, consider the report on the implementation of the Plan 2022 and 2023 work programmes and projects, review the status of implementation of the recommendations stemming from the last meeting of the Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (RASFALG-AFI), and provide guidance as required. Partners are expected to provide updates on their initiatives.

Participants:

- AFI SECFAL Plan Steering Committee members
- Directors-General/Senior Government officials of the appropriate authorities for Aviation Security and Facilitation from African Member States; and
- Invited Representatives of other Member States and International/Regional Organizations/Partners.

Thursday, 24 August 2023: Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan)

Objectives:

- To review activities of the AFI Plan and in particular, consider the report on the implementation of the Plan 2022 and 2023 work programmes and projects; approve the updated programmes/projects and provide guidance as required. Partners are expected to provide updates on their initiatives.
- To review the recommendations of the Report on the Evaluation of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan), conducted by the Office of Internal Oversight (OIO) in 2022.

Participants:

- AFI Plan Steering Committee Members;
- Directors-General of Civil Aviation from African Member States; and
- Invited Representatives of other Member States and International/Regional Organizations/Partners.

Friday, 25 August 2023: Review and adoption of the outcomes of the AFI Aviation Week events

Objectives:

- To review and adopt the key outcomes of the Eighth Edition of the AFI Aviation Week.

Participants:

- Directors-General of Civil Aviation and Representatives of African Member States; and
- Representatives from partner States, International and Regional Organizations, Aviation Stakeholders and Industry.

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