

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Sixth Meeting of the APIRG Infrastructure and Information Management Sub-Group (IIM/SG6)

(Nairobi, 31 July to 3 August 2023)

Agenda Item 5: Implementation challenges of the Sub-group

WP5.1 Challenges faced by the IIM/SG in the implementation of Projects.

(Presented by Chairperson IIM/SG)

SUMMARY

This working paper outlines the challenges faced by the IIM/SG in the implementation of its related projects.

Action by the meeting in paragraph 3

REFERENCE(S):

- APIRG/23 Report
- APIRG/24 Report
- Terms of Reference of The IIM/SG

This working paper relates to **ICAO Strategic Objectives**: \mathbf{A} – *Safety*, \mathbf{B} – *Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency*

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The IIM/SG is established and mandated by APIRG to support the implementation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and carry out specific activities aimed to enable APIRG to discharge its functions and responsibilities in the areas of CNS, AIM and MET.
- 1.2 One of the functions of the IIM/SG is to develop implementable projects in support of States, in the areas of MET, AIM and CNS in accordance with the ASBUs methodology and as guided by the regional performance objectives, to support States in the implementation of SARPs and regional requirements.

2. DISCUSSIONS

2.1. The IIM/SG has been making progress in the implementation of its activities, but it still facing challenges in carrying out the function on implementation of projects.

- 2.2. Project Team Coordinators have been benefiting support from the Secretariat but given that the project activities were reframed in line with the provisions of the GANP and the adoption of new projects in some areas by APIRG/25, the coaching of the project coordinators, new experts and PTCs having joined the Sub-group is still needed.
- 2.3. Consistent guidance on the project costing development were provided to the PTCs to assist them in evaluating their project cost. Some challenges seem to be experienced by PTCs in defining the project deliverables and related implementation actions in order derive the project cost.
- 2.4. Some of the new projects, named AIM/4 and AIM/5 projects approved by APIRG/25 lack qualified experts to coordinate the project activities.
- 2.5. The unavailability and the lack of reactivity of experts raised by some PTCs like COM1, MET3 are a critical issue.

3. ACTIONS BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to consider the followings:
 - a) Take note of the information presented in this working paper, highlighting the challenges of the APIRG IIM/SG.
 - b) PTCs to facilitate the support needed through the effective interaction with the Secretariat and the participation to the coordination meetings.
 - c) Review and update the list of participants in various projects and adjust as applicable.
 - d) The Secretariat to continue coaching and sensitizing the PTCs and members of the various projects.
 - e) Continued support to the project teams through sensitization on new technologies should be carried out periodically for proper alignment of the projects.

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