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This Working paper provides a status report on the implementation of the main outcomes of the DGCA/9 Meeting held in Abuja, Nigeria, on 16 May 2022; and updates on AFI DGCA Championships

Update on outcome of the ICAO 2021 High-level Conference on COVID-19 and post-COVID-19 air traffic recovery

- States to enhance their commitment to the HLCC Ministerial Declaration with a view to restore and revitalize the aviation sector
 - States to provide updates
- States to open borders through application of updated risk management and vaccination approaches to support the recovery of air transport
 - Currently all States have opened borders after the COVID 19 Pandemic
 - No detailed recorded procedures and process followed
 - There is need for continuous sensitization and/or implementation of harmonized risk-based approach to management of public health events in aviation through the CAPSCA framework

Performance Status - ICAO report (All ICAO Strategic Objectives)

- ➔ States are commended for the tremendous efforts made to improve aviation performance in the region despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. States are encouraged to improve their effective implementation of the Critical Elements (CEs) of State safety systems and security oversight as well as the implementation of the State Safety Programme SSP and ASBU elements. Furthermore, States are encouraged to request for support from ICAO Regional Offices, RSOOs, RAIOS, and other Partners
- Only 12 States out of the 48 from ESAF & WACAF regions achieved the 75% EI target of the GASP
- The average Safety Oversight EI in the RASG –AFI Region has increased from 55.2 per cent in 2019 to 59.5 per cent in 2023
- Three SSCs have been identified in the Region in the area of Air Navigation Services (ANS) related to non-calibration of Navigational Aids and non-validation of Instrument Flight Procedures
- While there has been progress, SSP implementation in the RASG -AFI Region has remained a challenge
- For USAP-CMA , 27 States with EI >65%; 11 States with EI > 80% and 3 States with EI>90%
- The Aviation Security Oversight EI has increased from 60.5% in 2019 to 65% in 2023 in the AFI Region
- The number States with SSeC has increased from 2 in 2019 to 6 at the end of 2023

Performance Status - ICAO report (All ICAO Strategic Objectives)

- States to increase their efforts in the capacity building with the support of ICAO-GAT and other approved Training Organizations
 - States are participating in the ICAO capacity building activities including training, workshops, seminars and iPACKs and also
 - Aviation professional capacity building study conducted under the AFI Plan and implementation of the training programme is going on
- States to improve and/or establish data collection and processing systems to facilitate the exchange and sharing of information, thus enabling data-driven decision-making processes
 - States still having a challenge in the establishment of data collection and processing systems to facilitate the exchange and sharing of information
- States are commended and further encouraged to facilitate the release of their Experts, in coordination with the ICAO Regional Offices, to support the assistance activities conducted in other States
 - States experts are efficiently supporting regional assistance activities and projects

Performance Status - ICAO report (All ICAO Strategic Objectives)

- Cooperation and coordination between ICAO Regional Offices, AFCAC, RSOOs, RAIOS, RECs, other international/regional organizations, industry and partners, should be strengthened in order to optimize the impact of assistance activities and initiatives and avoid duplication of efforts in the AFI Region.
- ICAO ESAF and WACAF Regional Offices organize an annual coordination meeting between ICAO, AFCAC, RSOOs, RAIOS, RECs, other international and regional organizations, industry, and partners to optimize the impact of assistance activities and initiatives and avoid duplication of efforts in the AFI Region.
- There is a need for establishment of a mechanism to monitor progress on implementation of the actions agreed on by the meeting
- States are encouraged to liberalize their air transport markets in accordance with the provisions of the Yamoussoukro Decision: and if not already done so, expedite the process to join the SAATM.
- ICAO Regional Directors have Promoted and advocated SAATM during High level missions to Angola, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Liberia, Kenya, Rwanda and Sao Tome and Principe
- ICAO is supporting the AUC/AFCAC Technical Working Group in the conduct the aviation infrastructure gap analysis
- ICAO is playing the leading role from the design of the questionnaire, the collection and analysis of the information, and the production of the report

Performance Status - ICAO report (All ICAO Strategic Objectives)

- States that are yet to develop their State Action Plans on CO₂ emissions reduction from International Aviation and volunteer to participate in the CORSIA to consider doing so
- 79% (38 States) of ESAF and WACAF States have developed their SAPs while 52% (25 States) have volunteered to participate in the CORSIA.
- States to promote policies for the development and deployment of Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAFs)
- More than 50% of AFI States have signed the ACT SAF Terms and Conditions

Update on APIRG/RASG AFI meetings and priorities

- ➔ Consultations required between States and stakeholders on the delineation of the AFI Region
 - The subject of the delineation of the AFI Region was discussed during the joint meeting of APIRG25&RASG-AFI/8.
 - States agreed through conclusion 4/03 that the delineation of the AFI Region be based on the current area of accreditation of ICAO ESAF and WACAF Offices which is made of 48 States
 - The APIRG/26&RASG-AFI/9 meeting was updated on the ANC consideration
 - The meeting was informed that the ANC considered this to be an item related to Governance
 - It was discussed by the Committee on Governance (COG), and by the Council during its the 230th Session.
 - The meeting was informed that it expects the Council to instruct on the next steps shortly, to expedite the completion of the definition
- ➔ States, that have not yet done so, are urged to nominate focal points in PIRGs related areas to support the required coordination for the implementation of the Air navigation plan
 - 26 AFI States out of 48 (54%) have formally nominated their national coordinator for planning and implementation as well as their technical focal points in all ANS areas. States are regularly kept updated and reminded on this request

Champion States activities' status, European Union collaboration with Africa on Aviation, Enhancing Aviation Development, Innovation and Sustainability in the African Region

- ➔ ICAO Regional Offices to convene a meeting to evaluate the relevance of the Champion States' mechanism and improve its functioning if required
- Coordination ongoing
- ➔ States are encouraged to take advantage of innovation to support the development of the aviation industry; and consider the civil society in the decision-making process
- ICAO organized and conducted webinars and workshops on Innovation with the objective of creating a learning opportunity for the aviation community at large about innovative practices in aviation and generate further thinking within the organizations on how to incorporate new technologies in support of a sustainable civil aviation system
- Research, Development and Innovation(RDI) incorporated in the APIRG Work Programme

Updates on AFI DGCA Championships

- AFI-DGCA/6 meeting adopted priority actions for implementation; and designated corresponding Lead and Support Champion DGs for coordination and follow up:

Strategic objective	Lead Champion	Support Champion
A-Safety	DG, ANAC Togo	DG, Botswana CAA
B-Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency	DG, ANACIM Senegal	DG, Sudan CAA
C-Aviation Security and Facilitation	DG, South Africa CAA	DG, ANAC Burkina Faso
D-Economic Development of Air Transport	DG, ANAC Cote d'Ivoire	DG, Ethiopia CAA
E-Environmental Protection	DG, Kenya CAA	DG, ANAC Gabon

- AFI-DGCA/7 meeting noted the great strides taken by the Champion States in rendering assistance to other States and urged the Champion DGs to improve coordination with other DGs to ensure coverage of the whole AFI Region
- TOR of the Champion DGs for the implementation plan of priority actions for the improvement of the civil aviation system is available in Appendix B of the WP-03

ACTION BY THE MEETING

The meeting is invited to note :

- *The status of implementation of DGCA/9 outcomes and provide further guidance as appropriate; ; and*
- *The update on the AFI-DGCA Championships with the view to re-focus concept of Champion DGs and formulate a strategy for delivery of an effective and efficient support to States in the Region.*

Thank You

