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IMPROVING SECURITY THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AVIATION SECURITY

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COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLANS FOR AVIATION SECURITY (AFI AND MID REGIONS)

BACKGROUND

- The ICAO Council endorsed the establishment of COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN for Aviation Security and Facilitation in the Africa and Indian Ocean (AFI SECFAL Plan) launched in Maputo in May 2015.
- A Steering Committee comprised of States and Key Stakeholders directs and monitors the implementation of the Plan work program with technical support of the RASFALG-AFI;
- The process of establishing the MID SECFAL Plan as stipulated in Decision (2) of the Riyadh declaration as adopted in August 2016 is ongoing.
- The MID SECFAL Plan secretariat in coordination with the ICAO Secretariat, will assist establishment of an effective monitoring, evaluation and reporting mechanism for Riyadh Declaration through a joint Steering Committee that will determine specific targets towards the establishment of a regional SECFAL Group.





OBJECTIVES OF REGIONAL PLANS FOR AVIATION SECURITY

- Enhance aviation security and compliance with ICAO SARPs in a sustainable manner;
- Coordinate and align capacity-building efforts in Aviation Security;
- Strengthen various AVSEC aspects related to organizational, managerial, institutional, economical, educational and political factors;
- Implementation of Regional programs and declarations and targets towards improvement of AVSEC oversight and compliance with SARPS;
- Promote political commitment and government support and sharing of information;
- Coordinate and seek resources from donors and guide harmonious implementation of programs;





Benefits of Regional Security Plan

- Collaboration between States' authorities and the industry in the implementation of coordinated initiatives aimed at rectifying AVSEC and FAL deficiencies in a sustainable manner;
- Draw on expertise and resources prioritized to meet the specific needs of States in collaboration with ICAO and donor States and organizations and establishment of experts pooling mechanism;
- Implementation of Plan work programs as approved by the Steering committees to harmoniously improve AVSEC under NCLB;
- Development and execution of specific projects to address deficiencies;
- Capacity-building assistance and other AVSEC activities;
- Platform to achieve political/government commitment to Aviation security





REGIONAL SECURITY PLANS CHALLENGES

- Insufficient funding to implement the work programs, projects and other plan activities coupled with limited voluntary financial and in kind contributions and pledges from States and Partners;
- Insufficient and accurate data on aviation security to assess and analyze deficiencies and inform mitigation measures;
- Inadequate qualified personnel to perform operational and oversight activities;
- Weak State participation in the Plans programs including funding;
- Low effective implementation of State security oversight systems;
- Weak response to State letters, surveys and others data seeking tools





FUTURE

- Comprehensive Regional implementation Plans will be the foundation of SARP implementation on aviation security in a harmonized manner under the NCLB initiative.
- The Plans work programs should be anchored and aligned with the GAsEP priorities and targets;
- Success of the GAsEP will be strongly augmented through coordination of States, stakeholders and donors by the Regional implementation Plans secretariat and steering committees;
- Political and government commitment through Regional bodies such as AU and Arab league will enhance implementation of regional programs and attainment of set targets
- Regional security groups comprised of state professionals will be the basis for providing the technical expertise and human capital resources pooling mechanism;
- States will form the primary source of funds through voluntary contributions in kind or financial to support the implementation of the Plan and ultimate realisation of GAsEP objectives.





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