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“AFI-CIS”

*Session/Panel - Two: Topic: Collaborative Implementation Programme (CIP) -
Successes & Challenges of Partner Initiatives*

Implementation of the AFI Cooperative Inspectorate Scheme (AFI-CIS) –



OBJECTIVE

To discuss the 2018-2019 plans, successes and challenges of the AFI Cooperative Inspectorate Scheme.



Brief background of the AFI CIS

Top on the agenda of AFCAC outreach programmes is the AFI –CIS. The scheme consists of a pool of qualified inspectors, selected from within the AFI Region, to provide technical assist to AFI States. The main objectives of the AFI CIS program are:-

- ▶ **to assist AFI States to resolve safety oversight deficiencies and in particular significant safety concerns (SSCs);**
- ▶ **to close many of the gaps identified by the gap analyses carried out under the AFI Plan;**
- ▶ **to achieve 10% unit reduction annually in the lack of effective implementation of the critical elements of AFI States' safety oversight system;**



AFI CIS (2018-2019)

For the period 2018 – 2019, AFCAC in collaboration with ICAO plans to assist all States below 30% EI to reach 60% or better. AFI CIS will be used as the main tool to achieve this goal. Costs of each mission to a need State may either be borne by the beneficiary State or through Project AFI Plan - AFI Fundamentals of Safety Oversight (FSO).

There are 11 beneficiary States that have so far been identified for this period and their average EI is 17.71%. AFCAC, in the spirit of “No Country Left Behind” (NCLB), endeavors to bring these States up to 60% EI or better by end of 2019.

AFI CIS (2018-2019)

The following States have been shortlisted for 2018 AFI-CIS programs:

- ▶ **Djibouti (2018)**
- ▶ **Comoros (2018);**
- ▶ **Liberia (2018);**
- ▶ **Burundi (2018);**

Note: It is important to highlight that any State that needs assistance through the AFI-CIS mission should proactively request AFCAC in order for requisite arrangements to be done.

Successes

- ▶ **Three States benefitted from the AFI CIS programme in year 2017;**
- ▶ **Since its inception in year 2012, Twenty five (25) States benefitted from AFI CIS missions and most of them had their SSCs resolved successfully;**
- ▶ **we now have a pool of Qualified AFI CIS inspectors within the AFI Region; This team of inspectors had the exposure and experience to provide safety oversight related technical assistance;**
- ▶ **AFI States can now access a pool of qualified inspectors within the AFI region.**

Challenges

Main challenges encountered in the implementation of the AFI CIS programme include:

- ▶ **As the scheme is available upon request, States are not requesting for technical assistance in order for AFCAC to execute the AFI CIS missions;**
- ▶ **Each AFI CIS mission costs about US\$ 10,000 per week and some States find it a challenge to fund such missions;**
- ▶ **Logistical challenges are often encountered when States do not respond in time for AFCAC to arrange for suitable AFI CIS inspectors to attend and the requisite mission package;**



Conclusion

The AFI CIS program is an effective tool to resolve identified deficiencies within a reasonably short period. Support from key stakeholders such as ICAO and all AFI States will result in the resolution of all SSCs by end of year 2018 and at the same time it can help all States with low EI to come up to a level equal to or above 60% EI by end year 2019.