



International  
Civil Aviation  
Organization

Organisation  
de l'aviation civile  
internationale

Organización  
de Aviación Civil  
Internacional

Международная  
организация  
гражданской  
авиации

منظمة الطيران  
المدني الدولي

国际民用  
航空组织

Ref.: M 17/2-IND/18/6

17 May 2018

**Subject:** Subject: Invitation to attend the:

- a) Third AFI Aviation Security and Facilitation Symposium;
- b) Seventh Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan);
- c) Fifth Aviation Safety Symposium of the Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Region;
- d) Twenty-first Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan); and
- e) Seventh Meeting of the Directors General of Civil Aviation of the Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI-DGCA/7) Region;  
(Niamey, Niger, from 16 to 20 July 2018)

**Action required:** To confirm participation and register online by **30 June 2018**.

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite you to the Third AFI Aviation Security and Facilitation Symposium; the Seventh Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan); the Fifth Aviation Safety Symposium of the Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Region; the Twenty-first Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan); and the Seventh Meeting of the Directors General of Civil Aviation of the AFI Region (AFI-DGCA/7), to be held in Niamey, Niger, from 16 to 20 July 2018.

During the AFI Aviation week events, important issues will be discussed including implementation of ICAO Global Plans (GASP, GANP and GAsEP), implementation of Regional targets, the upcoming thirteenth Air Navigation Conference (ANConf/13) and High Level Aviation Security Conference scheduled for October and November 2018, respectively, in Montréal, Canada.

The details of the objectives of the meetings 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/WACAF/AFI-Aviation-Week-2018/Pages/default.aspx> no later than **30 June 2018**. The general information on the venue, local arrangements, preliminary agendas/programmes, documentation and presentations, 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 participation of Directors General in these important meetings aimed at further developing the appropriate strategies and providing the necessary support towards the enhancement of the aviation system in Africa.

For more information on the events, please contact the ICAO Western and Central African Regional Office (AFI Plan Secretariat) at **icaowacaf@icao.int** or the ICAO Eastern and Southern African Regional Office (AFI SECFAL Plan Secretariat) at **icaoesaf@icao.int**. I look forward to seeing you in Niamey in July.

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



Fang Liu

**Enclosure:**

— Programme of Meetings

**PROGRAMME OF FIFTH AFI AVIATION WEEK MEETINGS  
Niamey, Niger, from 16 to 20 July, 2018**

**Monday, 16 July      Third AFI Aviation Security and Facilitation Symposium**

*Objectives:* To review the status of implementation of the various ICAO Aviation Security Initiatives for Africa, and relevant strategies to further enhance security in the region. Also to be reviewed are the implementation of the GAsEP, approved in 2017; the implementation of the Windhoek regional targets endorsed by AU Summit in 2017, and the High Level Aviation Security conference to be held in November in Montréal. Outcomes of this meeting will be considered by the Seventh meeting of the AFI SECFAL Steering Committee for incorporation in the AFI SECFAL Plan Work Programme.

*Participants:*

- Directors General/Senior Government officials of the appropriate authorities for Aviation Security and Facilitation from AFI Region Member States; and
- Invited representatives of partner States and international/regional organizations.

---

**Tuesday, 17 July      Seventh 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 relevant outcomes of the Third Aviation Security and Facilitation Symposium of the AFI Region, and the alignment of the GAsEP implementation to the AFI SECFAL Plan Work Programme. Briefing and update will be provided on the upcoming High Level Aviation Security Conference to be held on 29 and 30 November in Montréal.

*Participants:*

- AFI SECFAL Plan Steering Committee members;
- Directors General/Senior Government officials of the appropriate authorities for Aviation Security and Facilitation from AFI Region Member States; and
- Invited representatives of other Member States and international/regional organizations.

---

**Wednesday, 18 July      Fifth Aviation Safety Symposium of the Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Region**

*Objectives:* To review the status of implementation of the various ICAO safety initiatives for Africa, share success stories and challenges, and agree on relevant strategies to further enhance safety in the region. The symposium will also review important issues related to the upcoming ANConf/13 and the Global Plans (GASP and GANP). Outcomes of this meeting will be considered by the Twenty-first Meeting of the AFI Plan Steering Committee for incorporation in the AFI Plan Work Programme.

*Participants:*

- Directors General of Civil Aviation and aviation safety representatives of AFI Region Member States; and
- Representatives from partner States, international and regional organizations, and industry.

---

**Thursday, 19 July      Twenty-first 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, the status of implementation of the revised Abuja Safety Targets incorporating Air Navigation Targets; and the 2018/2019 AFI Safety Goals. Relevant outcomes of the AFI Safety Symposium will be considered by this meeting for incorporation in the AFI Plan Work Programme.

*Participants:*

- AFI Plan Steering Committee Members;
- Directors General of Civil Aviation from AFI Region Member States; and
- Invited representatives of other Member States and international/regional organizations.

---

**Friday, 20 July      Seventh Meeting of the Directors General of Civil Aviation of the Africa-Indian Ocean Region (AFI-DGCA/7)**

*Objectives:* To review policy matters and the status of implementation of the Priority Implementation Plan of AFI-DGCA/6; analyze the outcomes of the recent global and regional events and accordingly develop the appropriate strategies for the Region, and the necessary guidance to ensure coordinated and harmonized implementation of international standards and recommended practices. Progress on the implementation of the Regional targets including the revised Abuja Safety Targets incorporating Air Navigation and Windhoek security targets will also be reviewed.

This meeting will also include a dialogue on 2019 programme of activities and the coming triennium, covering all ICAO Strategic Objectives at the AFI region and global levels, challenges and budgetary constraints being faced; priority and focus areas, aimed at identifying solutions to meet DGCA expectations.

*Participants:*

- Directors General of Civil Aviation of AFI States, to be accompanied by technical experts as necessary, to take full advantage of the meeting's deliberations; and
- Invited representatives of international/regional organizations.