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Subject: Invitation to attend:

- a) Third Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Aviation Safety & Security Symposium;
- b) Second Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) for Africa Meeting;
- c) Seventeenth Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan) Steering Committee Meeting; and
- d) Third Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan) Steering Committee Meeting
(Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, from 2 to 6 May 2016)

Action required: To confirm participation and register online by
1 April 2016

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite you to the Third Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Aviation Safety & Security Symposium; the Second Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) for Africa Meeting; the Seventeenth Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan) Steering Committee Meeting; and the Third Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan) Steering Committee Meeting; to be held in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, from 2 to 6 May 2016.

The programmes and 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 and to advise whether your State/Organization plans to participate in the above events by registering online on the events' website at <http://www.icao.int/WACAF/AFI-Safety-Week/Pages/default.aspx> not later than **1 April 2016**. 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 will be in Malabo for the events, to which Representatives on the ICAO Council from the African States have also been invited, and I strongly encourage you to participate 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.

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

Fang Liu
Secretary General

Enclosure:

Programme of Meetings – Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Region, Malabo, 2 – 6 May 2016

ATTACHMENT to State letter AN 20/7-IND/16/4

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS – AFI REGION

Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, from 2 to 6 May 2016

Monday, 2 May: Third Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Aviation Safety & Security Symposium – SECURITY

Objectives: To review the status of implementation of the various ICAO Aviation Security Initiatives for Africa, share the outcome of the High Level Ministerial Meeting on Aviation Security (AVSEC) and Facilitation (FAL) in Africa (Namibia, April 2016) and review relevant strategies to further enhance security in the region. Outcomes of this meeting will be considered by the 3rd AFI SECFAL Steering Committee meeting 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, 3 May: Third Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Aviation Safety & Security Symposium - SAFETY

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. Outcomes of this meeting will be considered by the 17th AFI Plan Steering Committee meeting 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.

Wednesday, 4 May: Second AFI Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) Meeting

Objectives: To present the progress report on the establishment and implementation of the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) for Africa and discuss next steps.

Participants: - Directors General of Civil Aviation of AFI Region Member States; and
- Representatives from partner States, international and regional organizations, industry, and public and private entities.

Thursday, 5 May: Seventeenth Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan) Steering Committee Meeting

Objectives: To review activities of the AFI Plan and in particular, the status of implementation of the Abuja Safety Targets and 2016 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, 6 May: Third Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan) Steering Committee Meeting

Objective: To review activities of the AFI SECFAL Plan and in particular, consider the relevant outcomes of the Third AFI Regional Aviation Security Symposium and the Ministerial Conference on Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa for incorporation in the AFI SECFAL work programme, including an implementation plan.

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.