



## **HIGH LEVEL MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION IN AFRICA**

**WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA, 4- 7 APRIL 2016**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **1. OBJECTIVE AND ATTENDANCE OF THE CONFERENCE**

**1.1.** The AFI SECFAL Plan Steering Committee recommended the convening of a High Level Ministerial conference under the joint auspices of ICAO and the African Union (AU) in close collaboration with AFCAC.

**1.2.** The main objective of the conference was to:

- a) reinforce the comprehensive political commitment of African States for the successful implementation of the AFI SECFAL Plan, thus supporting a framework through which African States, donor States, organizations and industry coordinate their activities with a view to ensuring the effective implementation of aviation security and facilitation.
- b) establish a regional expectation to enhance guidance to States to address deficiencies and findings observed during ICAO USAP-CMA audit processes through adoption of a Declaration and targets.

**1.3.** The conference was conducted in Expert's and Ministerial sessions from 4th to 6th April 2016 in Windhoek, Namibia and was attended by over 200 participants including, officials of African States, International and regional organizations, industry development partners and other stakeholders.

#### **2. CONFERENCE DELIBERATIONS**

##### **Presentations:**

**2.1.** Presentations were done by several organizations from the industry, and key stakeholders including; AFCAC Secretariat, AUC, ICAO Secretariat, INTERPOL, European Commission, CRASAC, TSA, ACI, IATA , AFRAA, UN.

## **2.2. Workshop**

During the conference a workshop on selected topic on aviation security and facilitation was on 6/4/2016. The workshop included presentations and panel discussions on ICAO's No Country Left Behind Initiative, the risk context in Africa, regional security cooperation mechanisms and PKD. The workshop highlighted some of the terrorism challenges States are facing, including the threat of MANPADS and the radicalization of youth, as well as counter-terrorism obligations from UN Security Council Resolution 2178 (2014).

## **2.3. Declaration and set of targets**

A report of the conference together with the Ministerial declaration and set of 15 targets were adopted by the conference on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

## **3. CONFERENCE OUTCOME**

- 3.1.** A Ministerial Declaration and set of targets was adopted on 07 April 2016, and it will subsequently be submitted to the AU Summit of Heads of States and Governments for endorsement. This endorsement will enable the obtaining the desired ultimate continental political commitment.
- 3.2.** The targets will serve as a working document to guide the implementation of the outcomes of the Conference.
- 3.3.** The Ministerial meeting also recommended that a mechanism of implementation of the Declaration and Targets be established under the auspices of the AFI SECFAL Plan.
- 3.4.** It is expected that the implementation of the Plan of action to be developed will result in increased compliance of ICAO SARPS by all Africa states and achieve levels of Effective Implementation of safety oversight systems that are commensurate with or above Global average.

### **Reference:**

1. Windhoek Declaration on Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa
2. Security and Facilitation Targets for Africa