

**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION**
**Ninth Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group  
Projects Coordination Committee (APCC/9)**
**Virtual, 9 October 2024**
**Agenda Item 2: Implementation of air navigation goals, targets and indicators, including the priorities set in the regional air navigation plan**
**2.1 Outcomes of the Seventh Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group Meeting (AAO/SG7)**
*(Presented by AAO/SG Secretariat/Chairperson of the Subgroup)*

Summary
<p>This paper presents the outcomes of the Seventh Meeting of the APIRG Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group (AAO/SG7), held from 12 to 16 August 2024 in Nairobi, Kenya.</p> <p>Following adoption of the proposed agenda and the work programme, the Sub-Group reviewed the status of implementation of APIRG/26 Conclusions/Decisions applicable to the AAO/SG. The meeting also discussed achievements and challenges in Airspace and Aerodrome operations and proposed follow up actions. The meeting reviewed the status of implementation of ASBU elements as well as the Specific Projects adopted by APIRG. The meeting further reviewed the Status of Air Navigation Deficiencies and the AFI ANP. Finally, the meeting discussed matters related to the activities to be coordinated with the RASG-AFI SSTs and proposed recommendations/actions to be considered by ICAO HQ.</p> <p>Action by the meeting is at <b>paragraph 3</b>.</p>
<p><b>REFERENCE(S):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doc 7300, Convention on International Civil Aviation, 1944</li> <li>• Doc 9750, Global Air Navigation Plan, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition</li> <li>• Doc 7474, Air Navigation Plan - Africa-Indian Ocean Region</li> <li>• APIRG Reports</li> <li>• AAO/SG6 Report</li> <li>• AAO/SG ToR</li> </ul>
<p><b>Strategic Objective(s):</b> This working paper relates to the Strategic Objectives: <b>A</b> – Safety, <b>B</b> – Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency, <b>D</b> – Economic Development of Air Transport, and <b>E</b> - Environmental Protection.</p>

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The meeting was attended by sixty-two (62) participants from States accredited to ICAO ESAF and WACAF Regional Offices as well as Regional/International Organizations. Regional Officers from the ICAO ESAF and WACAF Offices served as the Secretariat of the meeting.

## 2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting discussed eleven (11) agenda items as reflected in the Report of the Meeting presented in Appendix 1 to this Working Paper.

2.2 Mr. Nathan Kaluba (Zambia), Chairperson, chaired the meeting partially due to constraints beyond his control. He was seconded by Ms. Suzan Nafuna (Uganda) who presided over as acting Chairperson from Day 2 to 5. Mr. Abibou Mbaye (Senegal) acted as Vice Chairperson in lieu of Mr. Sanogo Adama, who couldn't attend in-person due to unavoidable circumstances.

2.3 The meeting reviewed the status of the implementation of the conclusions and decisions applicable to the AAO/SG. The status of implementation of AAO/SG Projects, ASBU elements and reporting of Air Navigation Deficiencies applicable to AOP and ATM/SAR were also discussed. The meeting further reviewed achievements made by the AAO/SG, the status of the ANP as well as the challenges encountered.

2.4 Twelve (12) draft Conclusions/Decisions were adopted by the AAO/SG7 meeting. This paper presents outcomes of the AAO/SG7 for consideration.

### Review of the Conclusions and Decisions of the APIRG/26 meeting applicable to the AAO/SG

2.5 The meeting reviewed the APIRG Conclusions and Decisions applicable to the AAO/SG and noted that out of the two (2) Conclusions and six (6) Decisions of the APIRG/26, two (2) Conclusions and two (2) Decisions were fully implemented (100%), and four (4) Decisions were partially implemented (50%). The remaining 4 Conclusions which were partially implemented are scheduled to be completed by end of November 2024.

2.6 The updated status of implementation of APIRG Conclusions and Decisions is at **Appendix 2** to the AAO/SG7 Report.

2.7 The meeting also reviewed the progress made on the updating of the status of implementation of the outstanding Conclusions and Decisions from APIRG/20 to APIRG/25 applicable to AAO/SG which had been converted into actions of the subgroup. The said actions are included as **Appendix 4** and **Appendix 5** to the meeting Report.

### Agenda Item 3: Achievements in Airspace and Aerodrome Operations

#### Status of implementation of ASBU Elements

2.7 The meeting was informed that based on information collected by the Regional Offices, the status of implementation of ASBU elements in the region was very low. The meeting also noted slow progress in the reporting of ASBU elements implementation. The meeting further discussed issues that were hindering the effective feedback from States such as the lack of awareness regarding ASBU framework and called for more sensitization by the ICAO Regional Offices.

2.8 The meeting was informed that, as called for by APIRG/26 meeting, there was an ASBU reporting online tool which was in development as part of the AFI Air Navigation Deficiencies Database (AANDDD) and would be rolled out once ready for use.

2.9 The meeting was also informed that the ESAF Regional office had developed an ASBU reporting online dashboard which is domiciled on ISTARs, aimed at enhancing the reporting of ESAF States. The tool became operational in September 2024 following a successful launch and sensitization workshop conducted for ESAF States in July 2024.

**Participation in Project Teams activities**

2.10 The meeting noted that some States and Organizations had responded to the call for more experts to participate in the AAO/SG Project teams but called for more experts given the increase needs related to project team activities.

**Free Route Airspace Project Management Team (FRA PMT) Activities Report**

2.11 The meeting was informed of the need for continuous improvement and adaptation of essential aspects of FRA management to address evolving operational needs, optimize airspace utilization, and enhance efficiency and safety in the AFI region.

2.12 The meeting noted the progress and challenges of the FRA PMT. The meeting also encouraged States to take relevant actions to build the capacity of aviation professionals involved in FRA. The importance of establishment of a regional list of FRA indicators and amendment of FRA Terms of Reference Project team was discussed at length which led to the formulation of the following draft decision:

<b><i>Draft APIRG 27 Decision 27/xx: Measurement of the impact of FRA implementation in AFI</i></b>					
Why:	<i>That, to enhance the implementation of FRA in the region and effectively measure the impact of FRA implementation on airspace operations, flight operations and environmental protection</i>				
What:	<i>a) The list of FRA indicators at Appendix 7 is endorsed</i> <i>b) The updated terms of reference of FRA PMT at Appendix 8 to the report are endorsed.</i>				
Who:	<i>a) and b) APIRG</i>				
When:	<i>a) and b) APIRG/27</i>				
<b>Implementation following-up</b>					
Follow-up required	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Metrics	Metric 1: FRA KPIs list endorsed Metric 2: Endorsed TORs	Means to collect data	Mean 1: APIRG/27 Report Mean 2: PMT annual report and the annual air navigation report

## AAMP PMT Activities Report

2.13 In line with the APIRG/24 Conclusion 24/05, the meeting was informed that the AAMP PMT had evolved to include experts from the IIM/SG in MET, CNS and AIM areas. The inclusion of experts from IIM/SG required the revision of the Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the project team. The revised ToRs is provided at **Appendix 10** to the AAO/SG7 report. The meeting therefore agreed on the following:

<b>Draft APIRG 27 Decision 27/xx: Update of the AFI ATM Master Plan</b>					
Why:	<i>That, to facilitate the finalization of the ATM Master plan,</i>				
What:	<i>the revised Terms of Reference of the AAMP PMT is endorsed.</i>				
Who:	<i>AAMP Project Management Team (AAMP PMT)</i>				
When:	<i>30 September 2024</i>				
Implementation following-up					
Follow-up required	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Metrics	Metric 1: Contributions from AIM, CNS, MET	Means to collect data	Mean 1: AAMP PMT Report

## Reporting on planning and implementation by States and Stakeholders

### Flight and Flow Information for a collaborative Environment (FF-ICE)

2.14 The meeting recalled the APIRG/26 Decision 26/17 which called on establishment of the FF-ICE task force through the nomination of State's focal points as well as the development of the terms of reference of the project team. The meeting was informed that the task force was established on 19 April 2024 with specific terms of reference. The meeting therefore proposed the following Draft Decision.

<b>Draft APIRG/27 Decision 27/xx: FF-ICE Project</b>					
Why:	<i>That, to enhance the implementation of flight and flow information for a collaborative environment concept in the AFI region</i>				
What:	<i>the terms of reference of FF-ICE Project team at Appendix 11 to the report are endorsed.</i>				
Who:	<i>APIRG</i>				
When:	<i>8 November 2024</i>				
Implementation following-up					
Follow-up required	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Metrics	Metric 1: Endorsed TORs	Means to collect data	Mean 1: APIRG 27 Report

## Air Traffic Flow Management

2.15 The meeting was briefed on the outcomes of the workshop on the implementation of the air traffic control (ATC) and airport capacity assessment in the AFI region. The outcomes of the workshop included identified challenges and recommendations aiming at facilitating the establishment of a regional framework for the step-by-step implementation of the air traffic flow management.

2.16 The meeting also noted the need for regional and inclusive approach to the implementation of ATFM in the AFI region. The meeting recalled the Conclusion 24/43 of APIRG/24 related to the Mombasa roadmap and agreed to establish a project team that will leverage on the CANSO initiative and other similar ATFM initiatives in other regions. The following draft conclusion was proposed.

<b><i>Draft APIRG 27 Conclusion 27/xx Establishment of an Air Traffic Flow Management implementation project team</i></b>					
<b>Why:</b>	<i>That, to support the implementation of Air traffic Flow Management (ATFM) in the region</i>				
<b>What:</b>	<i>a) the establishment of the ATFM Project Team is endorsed with CANSO, ASECNA, ATNS, KCAA, NAMA, RVA, Roberts FIR and IATA as core members.</i> <i>b) the Terms of Reference and the project document of the ATFM Project Team provided respectively at Appendix 11 and 12 to the report are endorsed; and</i> <i>c) States and Organizations to nominate experts from all relevant ANS areas to support the development of the project.</i>				
<b>Who:</b>	<i>a) and b) APIRG</i> <i>c) States, Core members, Secretariat</i>				
<b>When:</b>	<i>a) and b) APIRG/27</i> <i>c) 31 January 2025</i>				
<b>Implementation following-up</b>					
<b>Follow-up required</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Metrics</b>	Metric 1: Endorsed TORs Metric 2: Project team establishment	<b>Means to collect data</b>	Mean 1: APIRG/27 Report Mean 2: Correspondences for nomination of experts Mean 3: Secretariat report ....

## Search and Rescue

2.17 The meeting was briefed on the outcome of the AFI interregional search and rescue workshop held in Luanda, Angola from 17 to 21 June 2024. The workshop raised some challenges which included insufficient high-level commitment that prevents appropriate provision of effective SAR framework, funding as well as the signing of SAR agreements between States. The meeting noted

the need to incorporate high level decision makers and called on ICAO to consider high-level interaction with States on SAR.

### AFI ANS Summit

2.18 The meeting was informed of the WORK@Lab format meeting which was held in June 2024 in South Africa to develop the initial vision, objectives and expected outputs in each ANS area which was hosted by ATNS in South Africa with a participation of thirty-one delegates from States and Organizations.

2.19 Although the status report shows good progress towards the Summit, the meeting noted that some outstanding challenges needed to be addressed such as time resource constraint, the low participation of States, the need for alignment with the APIRG procedural handbook provisions, the need to incorporate the outcomes of the ongoing Africa aviation gap analysis, the need for clarification on the roles of stakeholders as well as the objectives of the Summit. The meeting therefore agreed on the following draft conclusion:

<b><i>Draft APIRG 27 Decision 27/xx: Preparation of the Air Navigation Services Summit</i></b>					
Why:	<i>That, to improve the preparation of the AFI Air Navigation Service Summit.</i>				
What:	<i>a) the AFI ANS Summit is rescheduled to be conducted by December 2025</i> <i>b) the Secretariat to coordinate with key stakeholders to review the ANS Summit related terms of references to ensure its alignment with the provisions of the APIRG Procedural Handbook and revise the team of experts accordingly.</i>				
Who:	<i>a) APIRG</i> <i>b) and c) IATA, Secretariat</i>				
When:	<i>a) 8 November 2024</i> <i>b) and c) 31 December 2025</i>				
Implementation following-up					
Follow-up required	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Metrics	Metric 1: Deliverables for the Summit Metric 2: ANS summit reviewed Metric 3: Established expert teams Metric 4: ANS Master plan endorsed	Means to collect data	Mean 1: APIRG/27 report Mean 2: Summit TORs Mean 3: Summit reports Mean 4: ANS Master plan Document ....

### Development in the South Atlantic Area

2.20 The meeting noted the latest developments in the South Atlantic area (SAT) regarding achievements, ongoing activities and issues to be brought to the attention of APIRG.

2.21 The meeting noted that the three SAT bodies held several meetings which brought some issues that require the close attention of APIRG. These included the domains of responsibilities and applicability in the SAT area which appear to be crucial for both the safety oversight and the harmonization of implementation projects. The pressing need for the establishment of an air traffic services safety events scrutiny group, which requires involvement of subject matter experts from SAT member States and organizations was noted as of concern. The meeting consequently formulated the following draft Conclusion and Draft Decision:

<b>Draft APIRG 27 Conclusion 27/xx: ATS event scrutiny in the SAT</b>					
Why:	<i>That, to support the scrutiny of ATS events in the SAT area</i>				
What:	<i>a) the inclusion of RSOOs (AAMAC, BAGASOO, SASO) as members of SAT, for scrutiny of ATS events, is endorsed.</i> <i>b) ARMA to amend the Collision Risk Assessment output to include separate Collision Risk Estimate results against the Target Level of Safety (TLS) for ATS event scrutiny involving six of the SAT States in the AFI Region.</i>				
Who:	<i>a) APIRG</i> <i>b) ARMA</i>				
When:	<i>a) November 2024</i> <i>b) 30 October 2025</i>				
Implementation following-up					
Follow-up required	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Metrics	Metric 1: SAT Handbook amended Metric 2: ATS Scrutiny events conducted Metric 3: AFI CRA area of applicability amended	Means to collect data	Mean 1: SAT SOG report Mean 2: APIRG report on SAT Mean 3: ARMA report

<b>Draft APIRG 27 Decision 27/xx: Monitoring of activities in the SAT</b>	
Why:	<i>That to ensure the timely follow up of the potential impact, on APIRG projects activities,</i>
What:	<i>the Secretariat to monitor and report on the ongoing SAT area delineation project to ensure that applicable oversight and implementation projects in SAT are consistently coordinated with similar initiatives in the AFI region..</i>
Who:	<i>Secretariat</i>
When:	<i>31 October 2025</i>

Implementation following-up						
Follow-up required	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Metrics	Metric 1: SAT activities	Means to collect data	to	Mean 1: SAT contributory bodies reports
	No <input type="checkbox"/>					Mean 2: Secretariat report

### Runway Safety Activities

2.22 The meeting was informed of the latest development related to Runway Safety, particularly the publication of the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Global Runway Safety Action Plan (GRSAP) and the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the Regional Aviation Safety Programme (RASP). The meeting requested the RST PT to review its Terms of Reference (ToR) to integrate provisions from the RASP and the GRSAP that have not yet been considered.

2.23 The meeting was also informed that some RST PT members had participated in Runway Safety Go Team activities in Mozambique from 1 to 3 July 2024 and that a similar mission was scheduled to take place on from 24 to 26 September 2024 in Eswatini. The meeting was also informed that a webinar on the operational performance of RST is planned for the WACAF States at a date to be determined.

### A-CDM Project Team Activities Report

2.24 The Airport Collaborative Decision Making (A-CDM) project team presented the progress made in drafting the Project document which includes a proposed approach for the implementation of A-CDM in the region. The approach includes criteria for prioritizing airports to assist in the implementation of A-CDM based on traffic density data available from ICAO iSTARS, and a proposed A-CDM implementation guide.

The meeting suggested to conduct a validation workshop by October 2024 to review the developed documents.

### Aerodrome Certification Project Team Activities Report

2.25 The meeting was informed that the aerodrome certification rate had improved from 38% to 43% in the region. The project team further informed the meeting that they had proposed strengthening the virtual peer support mechanism to support States that had not made progress in Certification. The meeting noted that these would only work to address challenges related to documentation. The other challenges related to certification still need high level intervention, to engage States towards aerodrome certification.

2.26 The meeting further urged regional organizations to facilitate the sharing of expertise and resources among member States, fostering a collaborative approach to aviation safety oversight, specifically for aerodrome certification. The meeting was informed that the Project team is committed to the completion of the aerodrome certification Project document.



## **Training and Qualification Project Team Activities Report.**

2.27 The meeting noted that in revising the project document as guided by the AAO/SG6 meeting, the team had considered the main challenges raised by the States regarding training which included insufficient funds to train the aerodrome inspectors and operators, lack of specialized training within the region in English and French languages, few training centres within the AFI Region, lack of in-house instructors in the States, and high cost of foreign training, including cost of travel to destinations with the required training courses. The Project team mentioned that the Project document will be submitted to secretariat for consideration by APCC.

## **Update of AFI eANP**

2.28 The meeting was informed that in April and May 2024, ICAO conducted two awareness workshops on the ANP Volume I and II as well as the PfA of ANP. States were expected to provide accurate and consistent information in the relevant sections of the two volumes to enable the effective management of PfAs. However, it was noted that many States have not provided their information as expected or that information provided was either incomplete or inconsistent with the content of their AIPs.

2.29 The meeting urged States which have not yet done so to actively provide their information to enable the finalization and submission of the PfAs on the ANP Volume I and II by 31 October 2024.

## **Annual Air Navigation Report**

2.30 The meeting was informed that the first edition of the AFI Annual Air Navigation Report had been released and hard copies of the report also printed and circulated during the ninth AFI aviation week held in July 2024 in Libreville, Gabon.

2.31 The meeting was informed that the second edition of the annual air navigation report is being developed. It was highlighted that the second edition will focus on ASBU implementation in the AFI region, and States and organizations were urged to contribute to the report.

## **Air Navigation Deficiencies**

2.32 The meeting noted with concern that although the AANDD platform had been operational since 2023, no State or organization has reported a deficiency on the platform. The meeting also noted that two workshops on the air navigation deficiencies and the management of AANDD were conducted back-to-back in April and May 2024 at ICAO Dakar Office to train focal points on the use of the platform.

2.33 The meeting encouraged States and organizations to make effective use of the many benefits provided by the AANDD platform as a national reporting tool and as a decision-making reference material.

## **Activities to be coordinated with the RASG-AFI SSTs**

2.34 The meeting was informed of ongoing activities carried out by ARMA for the AFI region. It was noted that ARMA has developed a RVSM guidance material for the Africa Indian Ocean which would be beneficial for regional adoption. The meeting was informed that the guidance material

was available for States to review and provide their contributions to improve the document. The meeting therefore agreed on the following draft Conclusions.

<b>Draft APIRG 27 Conclusion 27/xx: Guidance Material for the continued monitoring of AFI RVSM Airspace</b>					
Why:	<i>That, to enhance State’s capability of monitoring of RVSM airspace above their territory,</i>				
What:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <i>States to review and provide contribution to the draft guidance material and</i></li> <li>b) <i>ARMA to submit the consolidated final draft version of the guidance material for endorsement by APIRG.</i></li> </ul>				
Who:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <i>States</i></li> <li>b) <i>ARMA</i></li> </ul>				
When:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <i>30 March 2025</i></li> <li>b) <i>30 July 2025</i></li> </ul>				
Implementation following-up					
Follow-up required	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Metrics	Metric 1: State’s feedback received  Metric 2: guidance material finalized	Means to collect	Mean 1: State’s response letter Mean 2: AAO/SG 8 Report

<b>Draft APIRG 27 Conclusion 27/xx: ADS-B Height monitoring implementation in RVSM airspace</b>					
Why:	<i>That, to enable an effective height keeping monitoring of all aircraft in the AFI RVSM Airspace,</i>				
What:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <i>ARMA to conduct a survey on the rate of aircraft equipped with ADS-B 1090Mhz Extended Squitter</i></li> <li>b) <i>States to reschedule the publication of the mandatory carriage of ADS-B for new aircraft operating in State’s RVSM Airspace</i></li> <li>c) <i>Non-ADS-B equipped aircraft operating in AFI RVSM Airspace to comply with mandatory carriage of ADS-B.</i></li> </ul>				
Who:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <i>ARMA</i></li> <li>b) <i>States</i></li> <li>c) <i>Airspace users</i></li> </ul>				
When:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <i>30 March 2025</i></li> <li>b) <i>31 December 2026</i></li> <li>c) <i>31 December 2028</i></li> </ul>				
Implementation following-up					
Follow-up required	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Metrics	Metric 1: Survey	Means to collect	Mean 1: Survey report

			conducted Metric 2: State's AIC Published on ADS-B Mandate  Metric 3: Non- ADS B aircraft retrofitted		Mean 2: Record of State's AIC  Mean 3: ARMA Report
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### Magnetic North and True North.

2.35 The meeting was informed that South Africa is a member of the ICAO task force that is discussing matters related to the proposed change from use of Magnetic North to True North as a reference system for heading and tracking operations.

2.36 The meeting noted that a survey had been initiated by the panel; and States were required to forward the survey results to the ICAO task force by 31 October 2022 which was overdue. The outcomes of the survey may be used to assist ICAO in developing plans and strategies for migrating from magnetic to true north reference system for heading and tracking in air operations. The meeting noted the need for coordination between APIRG and RASG-AFI on the subject when the proposal matures for implementation.

### Implementation challenges of the Sub-Group

2.37 The Aerodrome Operations and Planning (AOP) breakout session meeting discussed some of the implementation challenges especially related to the project's definition and drafting. The meeting noted that a webinar had been conducted on the subject but there was still need for further awareness to enhance the capacity of the project team members who were new. The meeting requested the Secretariat to conduct a virtual webinar on the subject to enhance capacity in the region.

2.38 The meeting noted that the number of experts supporting its activities in ATM/SAR projects has been diminishing in the recent past. This is due to natural attrition within the States without replacement as well as inadequate capacity by the experts within the States to support the Subgroup. Some of the experts are also engaged in State activities that may not allow them sufficient time to participate in the Group's activities. The meeting agreed on the following Draft Decisions.

<b><i>Draft APIRG 27 Decision 27/xx: AAO Repository of experts</i></b>	
Why:	<i>That to enable an effective implementation of air navigation services and facilities in the region,</i>
What:	<i>the Secretariat to develop a dynamic repository of Airspace and Aerodrome Operations experts to support the effectiveness and continuity of APIRG projects.</i>
Who:	<i>Secretariat</i>
When:	<i>31 October 2025</i>

Implementation following-up					
Follow-up required	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Metrics	Metric 1: Developed repository	Means to collect	Mean 1: APIRG Report

The meeting noted the need to ensure a coordinated approach in the management of contingencies in the region and formulate the following Draft Decision:

<b><i>Draft APIRG 27 Decision 27/xx: ATM contingency awareness</i></b>					
Why:	<i>That, to increase awareness of State's and organizations focal points on the ATM Contingency planning and management,</i>				
What:	<i>the Secretariat to conduct at least one air traffic management contingency planning and management awareness workshop for the AFI region.</i>				
Who:	<i>Secretariat</i>				
When:	<i>31 December 2024</i>				
Implementation following-up					
Follow-up required	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Metrics	Metric 1: workshop conducted	Means to collect data	Mean 1: Secretariat report to AAOSG/8

### **Proposed recommendations/actions to be taken by ICAO HQ**

2.39 The meeting noted that some of the trainings developed by ICAO HQ are usually in English. There are States in ESAF and WACAF that speak English while others speak French as national/official languages. There are others that speak Portuguese and Spanish. The meeting recommended ICAO to consider developing training to meet the needs of the region by developing courses that are at least in both English and French languages.

2.40 The meeting was presented with information on the on-going work on the move from Magnetic North to True North for air navigation heading and tracking. The meeting noted with concern that a number of ongoing developments at the ANB panels were often carried out without representation from the AFI region and called for inclusion of the region in these activities.

### **Review of the Terms of Reference (TORs) and Work Programme of the Sub-Group Terms of Reference**

2.41 The meeting was presented with the latest developments concerning the enhancement of the APIRG and RASG-AFI structure. The meeting was informed that the draft procedural handbook of the new structure was developed and will be circulated to States and Organizations for inputs. States and Organizations were encouraged to review the draft Procedural Handbook, which includes the AAO/SG terms of reference, and provide feedback as appropriate.

## Work programme of the Sub-Group

2.42 The meeting agreed on proposed activities of the subgroup for 2024 /2025 and proposed a work programme for consideration. The meeting agreed on the following Draft Decision.

<b>Draft APIRG 27 Decision 27/xx: Future work programme of AAO Subgroup</b>					
Why:	<i>That, to enable the AAO Subgroup to effectively support APIRG in discharging to its responsibilities,</i>				
What:	<i>the future work programme of the subgroup at appendix 16 to the report is endorsed.</i>				
Who:	<i>APIRG</i>				
When:	<i>8 November 2024</i>				
Implementation following-up					
Follow-up required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Metrics	Metric 1: NA	Means to collect	NA

### 3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the information in this paper; and
- b) Take further action as appropriate.