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Subject: Twenty Fourth Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/24) and Seventh Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-AFI/7), Virtual, 1 – 8 November 2021

Action Required: Reply to confirm participation not later than 22 October 2021

Sir/Madam,

I wish to inform you that the Twenty Fourth Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/24) and the Seventh meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-AFI/7) will be held from 1st to 8 November 2021. Two joint sessions will be conducted during the opening and closing events on 1st and 8 November respectively; APIRG/24 and RASG-AFI/7 meetings will be held back to back from 2 to 4 and 5 November 2021.

The tentative Agendas and explanatory notes as well as the Documentation for the meetings will be posted on the ICAO public websites (<u>http://www.icao.int/esaf</u> and <u>http://www.icao.int/wacaf</u>) and the events will be conducted in English and French with the documentation issued in the same languages. Your Administration/Organization is kindly invited to participate to these meetings.

As you may recall, the APIRG/23 and RASG-AFI/6 Meetings formulated a number of Conclusions and Decisions which are contained in its meetings reports. Therefore, the APIRG/24 and RASG-AFI/7 meetings will review and consider the status of implementation of the subject Conclusions and Decisions as well as outstanding Conclusions and Decisions of the previous Groups meetings.

The APIRG/24 meeting will review under the Performance Framework for Regional Air Navigation Planning and Implementation, outcomes of the Group Subsidiary Bodies activities including progress made in the implementation of the ASBU Modules, APIRG related Projects as well as the AFI Airspace Monitoring issues and other Regional Air Navigation initiatives.

The RASG-AFI/7 will discuss aviation safety issues in the AFI Region, the outcomes of the AFI Plan SC/24 Meeting, the status of safety related Projects and critical activities and review the status of implementation of the revised Abuja Safety and Air Navigation Targets as well as the RASG-AFI 2022 Work Programme and related challenges in the COVID-19 context.

Your State/Organization is encouraged to contribute to the deliberations of the APIRG/24 and the RASG-AFI/7 meetings with Working and Information Papers (WPs/IPs) on the items reflected in the tentative agendas of the meetings (see templates in attachment).

In order to facilitate preparations for the meeting, the papers should be forwarded to the Secretariat by e-mail through the following address: <u>icaoesaf@icao.int</u> and <u>icaowacaf@icao.int</u> not later than **22 October 2021** and, where possible, be in both English and French languages. In accordance with the APIRG Decision 11 /23, Working Papers received after the above date will be distributed only in the language in which they are received, without translation.

Kindly advise of your Administration's/Organization's intention to participate at the APIRG/24 and the RASG-AFI/7 meetings at your earliest convenience, but in any case not later than **22 October 2021**. Participants are invited to register online using the following link: https://icao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcrceysrT8tHNMiM6F8VMcFEF4n1q6-8jb4

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurance of my highest consideration

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Attachments:

- APIRG/24 & RASG-AFI/7 WPXX
- APIRG/24 IP/XX
- APIRG/24 WP/XX
- RASG-AFI/7 IP/XX
- RASG-AFI/7 WP/XX