



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

**AFI PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP
EIGHTEENTH MEETING (APIRG/18)
Kampala, Uganda (27 – 30 March 2012)**

**Agenda Item 1.4: Review the status of implementation of the ICAO SP AFI RAN/08
Recommendations**

**FOLLOW-UP ON SP AFI RAN/08 RECOMMENDATION 5/13 - ACTIVITIES OF
ICAO REGIONAL OFFICE SAFETY TEAMS (ROSTs)**

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY
<p>This paper presents information on actions taken by the ICAO AFI Regional Comprehensive Implementation Plan for aviation safety in Africa (AFI Plan) with respect to the implementation of recommendation 5/13 of the Special AFI RAN meeting (Durban, South Africa – 24 to 29 November 2009), related to the follow-up and continuous monitoring of the sustainability of implementation projects.</p> <p>The paper further provides information on the activities of the Regional Office Safety Teams (ROSTs), the development and implementation of tailored- plans of actions to assist States and in particular those under Monitoring and Assistance Review Board (MARB) or with Significant Safety Concerns (SSCs).</p> <p>Action by APIRG/18 is at Paragraph 3.</p>
<p>REFERENCE(S):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ICAO SP AFI RAN 2008 Report (Doc 9930)
<p>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): A.</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 One of the objectives of the Special AFI RAN Meeting (Durban, South Africa, 24 to 29 November 2008) was to assess the implementation of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan).

1.2 Accordingly, Special AFI RAN Meeting recommendations in the area of safety were either directed at the AFI Plan for implementation or required AFI Plan involvement and/or participation for their effective implementation.

1.3 This paper provides information on the status of implementation of recommendation 5/13 related to the follow-up and continuous monitoring of the sustainability of implementation projects

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 In order to implement Recommendation 5/13 of the Special AFI-RAN Meeting, Regional Office Safety Teams (ROST) have been established in the Eastern and Southern African (ESAF) and Western and Central African (WACAF) Regional Offices.

2.2 The ROSTs were established by the ICAO Secretary General in January 2009 and composed of the Regional Officers and the Deputy Regional Directors as the Team Leaders.

2.3 Under the leadership of the Deputy Regional Directors, the mandate of ROSTs includes the provision of appropriate support to States in their effort to resolve deficiencies identified through the ICAO audit process and through the gap-analysis process undertaken under AFI Plan.

2.4 For each State, a three-stage approach was used to develop the tailor-made action plan. In a first stage, the ROST collects data to assess the level of implementation by the State of its Corrective Action Plan (CAP) and identify the type and nature of assistance required.

2.5 Based on the information collected by the ROST, an initial draft plan of action is developed. It is generally divided into three phases: immediate, near and long term.

2.6 In the immediate term, the objective is to address the major safety deficiencies using the resources of the Regional Office (ROST). The near term period generally is a continuation of the implementation of the CAP to address the remaining deficiencies. The duration of each term is determined by the level of implementation of the CAP and availability of other individual and regional resources. The long term period is intended to provide a platform for ICAO and the State to continue to monitor the situation on an on-going basis to promote aviation safety and ensure that the State maintains its ability to comply with safety oversight requirements.

2.7 Once finalized, the plan of action is presented to the State during a ROST mission to obtain its political commitment to work with ICAO and other partners in resolving safety deficiencies and building capabilities for safety oversight.

2.8 During the same mission, the ROST team also meets with the State's development partners and introduce them to ICAO's role and the new approach to assisting States resolve safety deficiencies. The meetings with the development partners aim to set up a coordination between ICAO and development partners on all aviation related projects for cooperation as may be required in the course of implementation of the ICAO's plan of action for the State and also seek their support to ensure that aviation safety is given due consideration and priority in the national development planning of the State for sustainability of safety oversight capabilities

2.9 Development Partners met during this mission include multilateral partners such as the African Development Bank, United Nations Development Programme World Bank, and bilateral partners such European Union and individual States' aid agencies or embassies.

2.10 As of end of February 2012, Tailor-made plans of action have been presented to 15 States. The implementation activities have started for those States which has formally indicated their acceptance of the proposed plan. Implementation for the other States will commence once they have formally confirmed their acceptance.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the current status of implementation of SP AFI/08 RAN Meeting recommendation 5/13;
- b) recommend that States take advantage of the assistance made available under ROSTs to support the implementation of their respective Corrective Action Plans

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