

APIRG Contributory Bodies

1. AOP Sub Group

The AOP/SG held its fourth meeting in Nairobi from 28 November to 1 December 2000. The meeting was attended by eight out of the 26 members of the AOP/SG. In addition to discussing the status of the implementation of air navigation plan, the meeting evaluated the list of shortcomings and deficiencies in the AOP field. The positive results following the institutional restructuring in various States was acknowledged and States which have not done so were encouraged to establish autonomous authorities. The Sub-Group also re-emphasized the need to establish a New Larger Aeroplane Task Force to evaluate and advise States on the likely impact.

2. ATS/AIS/SAR Sub Group

The Sixth meeting of ATS/AIS/SAR/SG was held in Dakar, Senegal from 8 to 12 May 2000. It carried out a review of its ACAS Task Force, Airspace Management Task Force and AIS Task Force. It reviewed the shortcomings/deficiencies in the ATS, AIS and SAR fields. It developed AIC on use of ACAS II and pressure-altitude reporting SSR transponders.

3. COM Sub-group

The APIRG COM/SG held its fifth meeting in Dakar from 3 to 6 October 2000. The meeting was attended by 56 experts from 22 States (13 of which are members of the Sub-group) and 4 international organizations

The meeting reviewed status of implementation of the COM facilities in the AFI Region. The COM/SG reviewed also shortcomings and deficiencies affecting the operation of the Aeronautical Fixed Service, Aeronautical Mobile Service, and Radio Navigation Aids and proposed remedial action. The list of shortcomings and deficiencies was also updated.

Among other items, the meeting reviewed extension of VHF coverage and HF interference.

The meeting also analysed a proposal to modify the current AFTN network. A draft of the new AFTN network will be presented to APIRG/13.

The new VHF utilization plan was also reviewed.

Finally, the COM/SG dissolved the Aeronautical Fixed Service TF and created a COM/SG/ATN/TF.

4. CNS/ATM/IC/SG/3

The meeting is scheduled to be held in Nairobi from 27 to 30 March 2001.

5. MET Sub-Group

The MET/SG/5 was held in Dakar from 23 to 25 October 2000. The highlights of the meeting were:

- a) Under the world area forecast system (WAFS) activity a task force was established to prepare and maintain with the SADIS Provider State a regional transition plan for the implementation of operational GRIB and BUFR decoding within the region;
- b) The inclusion of METAR exchanges in the AMBEX Scheme;
- c) Reviewed and updated the list of shortcomings and deficiencies in the MET field.

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