

**STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF MTF/4  
AND MTF/5 RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS**

MTF/4 and MTF/5 Decisions and Recommendations		Implementation Status	Action by the MET/SG/11
Dec. 4/01	Participation of AFI RODBs to Regular EUR SIGMET Tests  That, ROC Toulouse notifies AFI RODBs on time for their participation to the regular EUR SIGMET Tests	Not yet implemented	MTF Decision
<del>Dec. 4/02</del> Rec. 4/02	Review of previous OPMET related APIRG Conclusions and Decisions  That, the reviewed list of OPMET related APIRG Decisions and Conclusions in the report MTF/4 report be submitted to the MET/SG/11 meeting for further review	Implemented  previous OPMET related APIRG Conclusions and Decisions, reviewed and submitted to the MET/SG	MET/SG Decision  Reviewed OPMET related APIRG Conclusions and Decisions submitted to MET/SG/11 for review
Rec. 4/03	Arrangements between Adjacent MWOs for the Provision of SIGMET information  That, MWO Providers States that have never issued SIGMETs during SIGMET Tests be assisted by Dakar and Nairobi ICAO regional Offices to establish bilateral arrangements with adjacent operational MWOs as per AFI BASIC ANP, Part VI, paragraph 9, for the provision of SIGMET information awaiting operational implementation of their MWOs	Submitted to MET/SG/11	MET/SG Draft Conclusion
Rec. 4/04	Updating of AFI Regional SIGMET Guide  That, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the AFI Regional SIGMET Guide, Appendix A &amp;H, be updated to reflect the correct MWO names and location indicators for South Africa as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the MWO name as Johannesburg (FAJS);</li> <li>2) FIRs names and location indicators served as Cape Town FIR (FACA), Johannesburg FIR (FAJA) and Johannesburg Oceanic FIR (FAJO);</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) The Secretariat update the Regional SIGMET Guide to reflect the outcome of the global review being carried out by the METWSG;</li> <li>c) the heading in Appendix F to the AFI Regional SIGMET guide be revised with a view to replace the word “Standard” with the word “Procedures”, and</li> <li>d) the amended SIGMET Guide given in Appendix F to this report, be</li> </ul>	Submitted to MET/SG/11	MET/SG Decision

	endorsed as the AFI Regional SIGMET Guide Ninth Edition, Amendment		
Dec. 4/05	<p>Improving the annual RODBs implementation Status report</p> <p>That, Dakar and Pretoria RODBs issue their respective annual implementation status reports based on the MTF, MET/SG and APIRG decisions and conclusions related to the AFI RODBs</p>	<p>Not yet entirely implemented</p> <p>A template has been provide to the RODBs to facilitate the report</p>	MTF Decision
Dec. 4/06	<p>Updating of the list of AFI AMBEX Focal Points through invitation letter</p> <p>That, the secretariat be invited to urge States to ensure that the information regarding their AFI AMBEX FOCAL Point in the Appendix G of the AFI AMBEX Handbook is kept up to date by responding to the invitation letter sent to them every year</p>	<p>Continuing action to be transferred to the MTF work programme</p>	MTF Decision
Dec. 4/07	<p>Updating of the AFI AMBEX Handbook</p> <p>That, the secretariat be invited to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. replace all reference to the satellite segment of the AFS, International Satellite Communication System ( ISCS/1 and ISCS/2) in the AFI AMBEX Handbook and other guidance material by “WIFS”.</li> <li>2. Update paragraph 2.5.2 of the AMBEX HB to reflect that both AFI RODB have implemented internet based facilities for retrieval of OPMET information, and include URLs accordingly</li> <li>3. Remove the word “as necessary” in paragraph 8.3.4 of the AMBEX HB and</li> <li>4. Undertake the editorial corrections to the AMBEX HB</li> </ol>	<p>Implementation started</p> <p>A Core Team of Experts on AMBEX has been established to finalize the update of the AMBEX</p>	MTF Decision
Dec. 4/08	<p>Establishment of a core team to review the AMBEX Scheme</p> <p>That, a core team composed of the secretariat, France, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa and ASCENA be established to review the AMBEX Handbook by taking into consideration the requirements expressed in the AFI MET FASID Tables and improve the exchange scheme and report to the Task Force on time for the MTF/6 meeting</p>	<p>Implemented</p>	MTF Decision
Rec. 4/09	<p>Monitoring of OPMET bulletins in coordination with ROC Toulouse</p> <p>That, the monitoring done by RODBs Pretoria and Dakar and ROC Toulouse be harmonized to ensure that the same bulletins headers, as described in the AFI AMBEX HB, be monitored at all these facilities for comparison and continuous improvement</p>	<p>Submitted to MET/SG/11</p>	MET/SG Decision

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<p>Rec. 4/10</p>	<p>Increasing the availability of OPMET information to users in AFI and ICAO regions</p> <p>That, AFI Bulletin Compiling Centers (BCCs) and National OPMET Center (NOCs) Provider States:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) take note of their responsibilities regarding the compilation of AFI OPMET Bulletins and initiation of OPMET data respectively as described in the AFI AMBEX HB, and</li> <li>b) be invited to implement the AMBEX scheme accordingly.</li> </ul>	<p>Submitted to MET/SG/11</p>	<p>MET/SG Draft Decision to be submitted to APIRG/19</p>
<p>Rec. 4/11</p>	<p>Implementation of Special air reports</p> <p>That, States be reminded of :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) their responsibilities regarding the dissemination of Special Air Reports and implementation of related existing mechanisms; and</li> <li>b) ATS units of their responsibilities for obtaining dissemination of Special Air Reports to their associated MWOs</li> </ul>	<p>Submitted to MET/SG/11</p>	<p>MET/SG decision</p> <p>Continuing action to be transferred to MET/SG work programme</p>
<p>Dec. 4/12</p>	<p>Finalizing the AFI OPMET Data catalogue</p> <p>That, Dakar and Pretoria RODB finalizes the AFI OPMET Data catalogue using Appendix 1 to the SADIS User Guide and AFI FASID MET Table 1B on time for the MTF/5 meeting.</p>	<p>Implemented</p>	<p>MTF Decision</p>
<p>Dec. 4/13</p>	<p>Developing of AFI RODBs Back up procedures</p> <p>That, the Task Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Appreciates the work so far undertaken by the core team of experts in developing the AFI RODBs Back up Procedure, and</li> <li>b) Encourage the Core Team to further investigate ways to improve the backup procedures so far developed using contributions from existing backup procedures especially from London and Washington WAFCS.</li> </ul>	<p>Partially implemented</p>	<p>MTF Decision</p>
<p>Dec. 4/14</p>	<p>Transition towards Table Driven Data Representation for OPMET</p> <p>That, the secretariat liaises with the concerned ICAO study groups to follow-up the regional implication of the roadmap on the transition towards Table – Driven data representation for OPMET, and report on time for the MTF/6 meeting</p>	<p>To be implemented in 2014</p>	<p>MTF Decision</p>
<p>Rec. 4/15</p>	<p>Development of capabilities of handling OPMET information in digital format</p> <p>That both Pretoria and Dakar RODBs be encouraged to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) start developing capability of handling OPMET data in digital format</li> </ul>	<p>Submitted to MET/SG/11</p>	<p>MET/SG Draft Conclusion to be submitted to APIRG</p>

	<p>as soon after November 2013 as possible;</p> <p>b) test the codes based on the table-driven data representation (XML/GML) schema for METAR/SPECI, TAF and SIGMET with a view to fine tuning over the first year; and</p> <p>c) take a leading role over the transition aspect of XML/GML and assist other AFI States in implementing table-driven data representation wherever possible.</p>		Continuous task to be transferred to MET/SG work programme
Dec. 4/16	<p>Future work programme of the MTF</p> <p>That, the updated work programme of the AFI OPMET MTF as shown in <u>Appendix I</u> be endorsed.</p>	Implemented	MTF Decision
Dec. 4/17	<p>Venue for the AFI OPMET MTF Meetings</p> <p>Due to the progress made by Dakar and Pretoria RODBs Provider States in implementing the RODBs, the Task Force will meet at ICAO ESAF and WACAF Regional Offices from its fifth meeting (MTF/5).</p>	Implemented	MTF Decision
Dec. 5/01	<p>Establishment of OPMET Focal points.</p> <p>That, The Secretariat establish a list of OPMET Focal points for AFI States and adjacent IROGs for better management of OPMET data</p>	To be implemented	MTF Decision
Recommendation 5/02	<p>Procedure for AFI OPMET data monitoring</p> <p>That,</p> <p>a) Dakar and Pretoria RODBs implement the following procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Conduct the monitoring of OPMET received from AFI BCCs within the areas of responsibilities;</li> <li>2) Analyse the monitoring results and identify shortcomings and deficiencies;</li> <li>3) Develop and forward on a quarterly basis, the monitoring results and recommendations to be implemented by the concerned BCC of NOC provider States;</li> <li>4) Engage directly with the concerned State to assist removing the shortcomings which can be solved quickly; and</li> <li>5) Issue on semester basis, a report on the above four actions to be forwarded to ICAO Dakar and Nairobi regional Offices.</li> </ol> <p>b) ICAO Dakar and Nairobi regional Offices</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) distribute the report through State Letters to AFI States with particular emphasis on the concerned States with the</li> </ol>	To be submitted to MET/SG/11	MET/SG Draft Conclusion to be submitted to APIRG

	<p>deficiencies; and</p> <p>2) Visit the concerned States during State missions to provide further advice and awareness if necessary.</p>		
Rec. 5/03:	<p>Implementation of Products to Support Low Level Flight Operations in the AFI Region</p> <p>That, the low level flight information be implemented in the AFI region where required by the users.</p>	Submitted to MET/SG/11	<p>MET/SG Draft Conclusion to be submitted to APIRG</p> <p>Continuous task to be transferred to MET/SG work programme</p>
Decision 5/04	<p>Template for the AFI RODB Annual Implementation Status Report</p> <p>That, the template given in <u>Appendix 4B</u> to this report, be used by both Dakar and Pretoria RODB for their annual implementation status report.</p>	To be implemented	MTF Decision
Recommendation 5/05	<p>Finalization of the AFI OPMET Data Catalogue</p> <p>That,</p> <p>a) the finalized data catalogue given in the <u>Appendix 4C</u> to this paper be implemented by AFI RODBs; and</p> <p>b) the Secretariat distribute to States and publish on the AFI website, the updated AFI ICD</p>	Submitted to MET/SG/11	<p>MET/SG Draft Conclusion to be submitted to APIRG</p> <p>Continuous task to be transferred to MET/SG work programme</p>
Rec. 5/06	<p>Implementation of AFI RODB Back up Procedure</p> <p>That, the AFI OPMET MTF coordinates the implementation of the following measures:</p> <p>a) Dakar and Pretoria RODBs implement and maintain an identical OPMET bulletins catalogue;</p> <p>b) Dakar and Pretoria RODBs implement the AFI Interface Control Document (ICD);</p> <p>c) The bulletin compiling centres (BCCs) disseminate OPMET data to both Dakar and Pretoria RODBs using appropriate AFTN addresses;</p> <p>d) Dakar and Pretoria RODBs conduct monitoring activities in order to ensure that the databanks contain required OPMET data at all times; and</p> <p>e) The MTF to include AFTN addresses of both RODBs in the AFI ICD.</p>	Submitted to MET/SG	<p>MET/SG Draft Decision</p> <p>Continuous task to be included in the AMBEX Handbook</p>
Decision 5/07	<p>Exchange of OPMET information in Digital format</p> <p>That, the Secretariat liaise with the ICAO groups to follow-up on the developments regarding exchange of OPMET information in digital format</p>	To be implemented	MTF Decision

	including guidance material and report back during for the AFI OPMET/MTF/7 meeting.		
Decision 5/08	<p>Future work programme of the MTF</p> <p>That, the updated work programme of the AFI OPMET MTF as shown in <u>Appendix 6B</u> be endorsed.</p>	To be implemented	MTF Decision
Decision 5/09	<p>Venue and Date of the AFI OPMET MTF Meetings</p> <p>That,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) any AFI State willing to host the MTF meetings may inform ICAO regional offices Dakar and Nairobi; and</li> <li>b) the MTF/6 meeting will be held in October or November 2014.</li> </ul>	To be implemented	MTF Decision