



WACAF/ESAF DGCA's Virtual Meeting

**Overview of the implementation of the outcomes of
AFI DGCA's meetings held in April 2020**

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Two Virtual DGACs' Meetings convened

- **Participation by states, International and Regional Organizations and Industry**
- **08 April 2020: ESAF—57 participants**
- **09 April 2020: WACAF—85 participants**

Objectives

- **Discuss and agree on a common and harmonized approach to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the aviation; and**
- **Ensure business continuity and proper planning of sustainable recovery strategies through mutual and appropriate synchronized actions.**



DGCA Agenda :

- **Operational measures, NOTAMs and Safety risk assessment to ensure safe operations during the COVID-19 contingency period;**
- **Implementation of ICAO State Letters**
- **Economic Impact of COVID-19 on aviation;**
- **ICAO Activities- Safety & Air Navigation Operational Measures;**
- **CAPSCA programme implementation and recommendations;**
- **State briefings on COVID-19 & Stakeholders' Perspective & Challenges**
- **Strategy for recovery;**
- **Way forward;**



Recommendations to ICAO

- ❖ Assist States in implementing the global strategy and the safety and air navigation operational measures developed by ICAO through a safety risk management approach;
 - *Implemented through State Letters, Bulletins, dedicated ICAO websites on operational measures and safety risk management, CART Recommendations that will be complemented by the Global Implementation roadmap (GIR)*

- ❖ Facilitate training of aviation personnel;
 - *Implemented through Webinars, GAT TRAINAIR and Regional Trainings, Regional Virtual meetings*



Recommendations to States and AUC

- ❖ States in coordination with CAAs, Health Administrations and other relevant authorities should facilitate humanitarian, medical and repatriation services operations and allow the performance of technical and maintenance activities as required;
 - *Implementation through alleviations measures and ICAO CCRD initiative*

- ❖ Ensure cooperation, collaboration and networking to seek assistance from the African Union Commission (AUC), international and regional organizations/institutions and national frameworks/mechanisms, through allocation of adequate resources to support the aviation sector.
 - *Implemented through AFCAC initiatives toward the AUC*



Recommendation to AFCAC

- ❖ Establish a Task Force under the coordination of AFCAC to develop a comprehensive, consolidated response strategy taking into account the respective mandates and interests of all stakeholders in the African civil aviation industry, and advocacy to secure the necessary political commitment and mobilization of the resources required for the implementation of the proposed recovery strategies.
- *Implemented by the establishment of the High Level Task Force (HLTF) with Report released to the AUC*



Recommendations to States and stakeholders

- ❖ Consider remote working and embrace enabling technologies and ICT platforms to support efficient and cost-effective provision of services in all areas.
 - *Implemented and ongoing: This E-Meeting is an example*
- ❖ New types of activities which are contactless be identified and defined, such as webinars, online training or applications/tools;
 - *Implementation ongoing*
- ❖ Establish a secured stakeholders' platform embracing all the areas to reinforce the networking;
 - *To be implemented through the ICAO/HLTF Roadmaps*



Recommendation to States and Industry

- ❖ Establish and promote a Trust Framework for regaining the confidence of the international community and travelling public in air transport; this should include ensuring availability of reliable data to maintain and boost confidence;
- *Ongoing and will be enhanced and monitored by the ICAO & the AFI HLTF implementation roadmaps.*



Recommendations to AFCAC and ICAO

- ❖ Follow up and explore with ECA the possibility to include the Aviation Sector on the agenda of the Fifty-third session of the Economic Commission for Africa and Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development;
- *Follow up is on going and is reinforced by the HLTF recommendations.*



Recommendations to ICAO ROs

- ❖ Continue to convene DGCA meetings with the participation of aviation stakeholders and industry, as an important forum for consultations, exchange of information and best practices, coordination of efforts, and alignment of regional programmes.
- ❖ ICAO Regional Offices to prioritize monitor States' operational and risk assessments to ensure safe operations and compliance to ICAO SARPs with emphasis on resolving challenges and implementation of mitigation measures
 - *Implementation is ongoing.*



Recommendations to ICAO, States, International and Regional Organizations, and Industry

- ❖ ICAO and WHO, should make the necessary efforts to foster all AFI membership of CAPSCA and strengthen its implementation.
 - *Implementation is ongoing and partially achieved with some states joining ICAO CAPSCA programme.*
- ❖ Aviation stakeholders should develop harmonized post crisis sustainable economic recovery strategy for consideration by relevant African Organs and institutions.
 - *Actions pending the implementation of CART, HLTF and AU STC Declaration recommendations*



The Way Forward- Priorities

- States should **secure High Level commitment** for the restart, recovery and sustainability of their aviation system
- Development of plans/mechanisms to successfully implement the Recommendations and derived initiatives at regional and national level;
- Building capacity to implement ICAO CART and AFI HLTF recommendations and guidance;
- ICAO assistance as expected by States and the aviation industry;
- ICAO through its Regional Offices supported by HQs will continue providing assistance through guidelines and the set of related materials and tools as developed.



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