

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION



**REPORT OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF DIRECTORS GENERAL
OF CIVIL AVIATION OF EASTERN AND SOUTHERN /
WESTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICAN STATES
(ESAF AND WACAF)**

(Dakar, Senegal 04 November 2013)

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INTRODUCTION

The Fifth Meeting of Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Directors General of Civil Aviation for Eastern and Southern Africa / Western and Central Africa (DGCA/5) was held in Dakar, Senegal on 04 November 2013 at *Hotel des Almadies*. Eighty-three (83) delegates from twenty-eight (28) States and eleven (11) International and Regional Organizations attended the meeting. The list of participants is attached at **Appendix A** to this summary Report.

OPENING CEREMONY

The meeting was jointly opened on 28 October 2013 with the APIRG/19 and RASG-AFI/2 meetings by Mr. Ousseynou Dieng, Secretary General of the Ministry of Tourism and Air Transports of Senegal, representing the Minister.

Mr. Magueye Marame Ndao, Director General of *Agence Nationale de l'Aviation Civile et de la Météorologie* (ANACIM) of Senegal welcomed the delegates to Senegal and Mr. Mam Sait Jallow, ICAO Regional Director for the Western and Central African Office addressed the delegates on behalf of ICAO.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Meeting elected Mr. Magueye Marame Ndao, DG ANACIM as the Chairperson of the meeting. Ms. Angelina Simana Paulo, Acting Director of Civil Aviation, Namibia was elected Vice Chairperson and Mr. Sinaly Silue, Directeur général ANAC Côte d'Ivoire as Rapporteur.

SECRETARIAT

Mr. Mam Sait Jallow, ICAO Regional Director for Western and Central Africa, served as Secretary of the meeting and was assisted by Mr. Belayneh Meshesha, ICAO Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa, with the technical support of staff from both ICAO Regional Offices and Headquarters.

LANGUAGES AND ADMINISTRATION

The proceedings were conducted in English and French and the meeting documentation was issued in both languages. Translation and simultaneous interpretation services were also provided.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

The meeting, having adopted its Agenda, deliberated and concluded on the various items as follows:

1. Conclusions of the Fourth Meeting of the Directors General of Civil Aviation of the ESAF and WACAF ICAO Regions (DGCA/4)

The meeting reviewed follow up actions taken and noted progress achieved on the implementation of Conclusions of the Fourth Meeting of the Directors General of Civil Aviation of the ESAF and WACAF ICAO Regions (DGCA/4) held in Matsapha, Swaziland, from 08 to 09 November 2010.

The meeting:

- noted that a lot still remained to be done to implement Conclusions or meet the safety and security related performance targets set at the DGCA/4 and previous meetings;
- resolved that most of the safety related Conclusions and targets of the previous DGCA meetings have been superseded by the Declaration and safety targets adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport held in Abuja, Nigeria in 2012, and decided to integrate these same targets in the DGCA work programme;
- noted and urged DGCAs to honour their commitment to improve the overall effective implementation of the critical elements of safety/security oversight systems in States;
- expressed concern over the non-compliance by States with the requirement to provide ICAO, on a quarterly basis, with reports on the implementation status of DGCA Conclusions and urged DGCAs to comply; and
- encouraged DGCAs to share challenges they may be facing in meeting the performance targets and implementation deadlines agreed with ICAO, with a view to jointly finding appropriate strategies for effective implementation.

2. Conclusions of APIRG/19 and RASG-AFI/2 Meetings

The Meeting was presented with the Conclusions of APIRG/19 and RASG-AFI/2 meetings held in Dakar, Senegal from 28 October to 2 November 2013, and endorsed all APIRG/19 and RASG-AFI/2 Conclusions. The Meeting deliberated with particular attention to the following issues:

APIRG/19 - The Meeting:

- noted the adoption of the Regional Air Navigation System Implementation Action Plan aligned with the ICAO Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBUs) Methodology, in accordance with Recommendation 6/1 of the Twelfth Air Navigation Conference;

- requested States to develop their national plans based on their operational needs and taking into account the prioritization and categorization of the ASBU modules as defined in the Action Plan;
- agreed that the implementation of ASBU Block 0 safety related modules needs to be coordinated and addressed through regional aviation safety mechanisms (RASG-AFI, AFI Plan) and other relevant safety initiatives for the AFI Region;
- noted the establishment of the AFI Flight Procedure Programme (FPP) and requested the States to indicate their needs for performance-based navigation (PBN) procedure design, and participate in the FPP activities by providing financial and/or in-kind support; and
- noted that the implementation of ASBU Block 0 would require financial support from Regional Economic Communities.

RASG-AFI/2 - The Meeting:

- requested DGCAs to take ownership of the Abuja Safety Targets, and to provide AFCAC with information and data on their implementation status not later than 31st December 2013;
- requested DGCAs and member Organizations to continue their support to RASG-AFI activities by assigning appropriate level representatives to attend meetings, participating in projects, providing contributions including experts, training, hosting events and sharing information, experience and tools;
- called upon the States Champions of the Group's Safety Support Teams (SST) including the Significant Safety Concern (SSC), Fundamentals of Safety Oversight (FSO), Accident Investigation (AI) and Emerging Safety Issues (ESI) Teams, to play a leading role in the SST activities and the development of the Regional Annual Safety Report Team, in partnership with Industry; and
- recommended coordination with AFI-CIS, RSOOs and COSCAPs, and urged the States in their efforts to establish and/or participate in the RSOOs, to comply with the provision of the Abuja Declaration discouraging membership of more than one such organization with similar functions.

3. Environmental Protection:

The meeting was presented with developments related to States' action plans for CO₂ emissions reduction activities since the 37th Session of the ICAO Assembly. The presentation also included steps by which ICAO will further support States in preparing, updating and implementing action plans, and follow-up the results of the 38th Session of the ICAO Assembly. Developments related to the provision of assistance to ICAO Member States in facilitating access to technology transfer, capacity building and financial resources, as well as in the preparation of action plans on CO₂ emissions reduction activities were provided. States were urged to fulfill their responsibility to establish and implement action plans to reduce CO₂ emissions.

The meeting urged DGCAs to engage in improving national expertise in environmental matters for the purpose of enhancing participation in ICAO Environmental activities including those of the Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP).

4. Aviation Security

The meeting was presented with the ICAO AVSEC Assistance Programme in relation to the implementation of Aviation Security Assistance and Capacity Building Strategy that centers on the development of State Improvement Plans (SIPs). The importance of maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of assistance and Capacity-building was highlighted. States were reminded of their accountability in the planning, delivery and reporting of the assistance provided for that purpose. Results achieved so far were highlighted. The meeting called on States to increase their responsiveness and commitment to the development and implementation of AVSEC State Improvement Plans as required.

The meeting drew the attention of participants on the importance of the Ratification of the Convention on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Relating to International Civil Aviation (commonly referred to as the Beijing Convention) and the Supplementary Protocol to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft (commonly referred to as the Beijing Protocol) and urged States to ratify the said Convention.

The meeting also urged States in which ICAO audits have identified deficiencies in the field of aeronautical meteorology to join the Cooperative Development of Meteorological Services (CODEVMET) Project for the purpose of correcting these deficiencies.

The meeting agreed that training of aviation personnel is an important pillar in the process of improving the safety and security of air transport in the region and urged States to pay particular attention to this issue.

The date and venue for DGCA/6 will be set by the Secretary in consultation with the Chairperson of the meeting.

Done in Dakar, Senegal on 4 November 2013