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Subject: Twentieth meeting of the AFI Satellite Network Management Committee (SNMC/20) (Abuja, Nigeria, 08-12 October 2012).

Action Required: To reply not later than 3 September 2012.

Sir /Madam,

I have the honour to invite your Administration / Organization to the Twentieth Meeting of the AFI Satellite Network Management Committee (SNMC/20) which is being hosted by the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA) in Abuja, Nigeria from 08 to 12 October 2012 at a venue to be specified in the due course.

As the draft Agenda hereto attached indicates, the SNMC/20 meeting will, among other things, mainly review the follow-up actions taken by SNMC members on matters arising from SNMC/19 Conclusions/Decisions; analyze and finalize the technical specifications for an external Technical Evaluation and for the network re-engineering aimed at modernizing AFISNET in line with **SP AFI/RAN Recommendation 6/18**; review and assess the network performance (facilities and services availability); and discuss AFISNET integration and interoperability with its neighboring networks in the framework of **SP AFI/RAN Recommendation 6/19**.

In this regard, the attention of your Administration/Organization is being drawn to the need to participate actively by preparing Working Papers relating to the individual Agenda items. Your inputs in such working papers should include operational end-to-end circuit statistics, and updates on present network parameters and expected/future applications, with a view to facilitating the upgrading of the AFISNET performance and ensuring its smooth integration.

Within the framework of implementation of the AFI Air Navigation Plan, the Conclusions and Decisions of the APIRG/19 meeting and the requirements derived there from to be provided by the network for the implementation of CNS/ATM components within the AFI Region will be presented to the SNMC/20 meeting for implementation.

In line with the provision contained in the Form of Agreement of the AFISNET Management Committee, Observers as facilities providers, satellite spectrum providers, Air Navigation Service Providers and Airline Associations have been invited to give information on current technologies and their future development.

The general information bulletin together with the list of Hotels in Abuja will be posted on the WACAF Website as soon as they are received from NAMA. Meanwhile, be advised that Working Papers prepared by the Secretariat will be circulated in due course.

Kindly advise at your earliest convenience but not **later than 3 September 2012** through E-mail to icaowacaf@dakar.icao.int whether your Administration/Organization intends to participate in the SNMC/20 Meeting, and accordingly indicate the name(s) and designation(s) of your delegate(s).

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Mam Sait Jallow
Regional Director

Attachments:

- Draft Agenda
- Tentative Work Programme
- Nomination Form



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DRAFT AGENDA

Agenda Item 1: Follow up Conclusions and Decisions of SNMC/19

Agenda Item 2: Review of AFISNET operational and technical statistics of availability

2.1 Statistics of availability of the links supported by AFISNET.

2.2 AFISNET performance (*Stations MTBF and MTTR performance, Turnaround time's statistics*)

Agenda Item 3: Implementation of Special AFIRAN meeting recommendations 6/18 and 6/19

3.1 Status of implementation of SP/AFI/RAN *Conclusion 6/18: AFISNET Technical Evaluation and re-engineering*

3.2 Status of implementation of SP/AFI/RAN *Conclusion 6/19: Planning, implementation and operation of very small aperture terminal (VSAT) networks in the AFI Region*

Agenda Item 4: Interconnection and interoperability of AFISNET with its neighboring networks (CAFSAT, NAFISAT, SADC2)

Agenda Item 5: Outcome of ITU WRC-12 pertaining to VSATs Networks and preparation of WRC-15

Agenda Item 6: AFISNET band width re-engineering;

Agenda Item 7: Review of the APIRG/18 conclusion related to AFISNET

Agenda Item 8: Required Communication Performance of AMS supported by AFISNET

Agenda Item 8: Review of the Term of reference and Work Programme of SNMC

Agenda Item 9: Review of the Draft Conclusions/Decisions of SNMC/20

Agenda Item 10: Any other business



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Tentative Work-programme

Monday, 08 October 2012

Venue: XXX Hotel , Abuja, Nigeria

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| 08:30 – 09:30 | Registration of delegates |
| 09:30 – 09:45 | Opening Ceremony |
| 09:45 – 10:00 | Tea and Coffee break |
| 10:00 – 13:00 | Working session: Agenda item 1 |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 – 16:00 | Working session: Agenda item 2 |

Tuesday 09 October 2012

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| 08:30 – 10:30 | Working session: Agenda item 3 |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Tea and Coffee break |
| 10:45 – 12:45 | Working session: Agenda item 3 |
| 12:45 – 14:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 – 16:00 | Working session: Agenda item 4 |

Wednesday, 10 October 2012

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| 08:30 – 10:30 | Working session: Agenda item 5 |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Tea and Coffee break |
| 10:45 – 12:45 | Working session: Agenda item 6 |
| 12:45 – 14:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 – 16:00 | Working session: Agenda item 7 |

Thursday, 11 October 2012

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| 08:30 – 10:30 | Working session: Agenda item 8 |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Tea and Coffee break |
| 10:45 – 12:45 | Working session: Agenda item 9 |
| 12:45 – 14:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 – 16:00 | Draft Conclusions by Scretariat |

Friday, 12 October 2012

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| 10:30 – 10:45 | Working session: Agenda item 10 |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | Closing ceremony |



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Registration Form

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Family Name (in full) _____

Title _____

Administration/Organization _____

Address _____

City and Country _____

Telephone/Fax _____

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Hotel _____