



**AFI Region Seminar/ Workshop on WGS-84 Implementation to Support
GNSS and PBN aeronautical operations
(Dakar, Senegal, 27-29 November 2013)**

(DRAFT AGENDA)

Agenda Item 1. WGS-84 Implementation background

- a) FANS/4 Recommendation 3.2/1 Adoption of WGS-84
- b) February 1994, ICAO Council adoption of Amendment 35 to Annex 11 (*Air Traffic Services*) and Amendment 28 to Annex 15 (*Aeronautical Information Services*) which mandated the use of WGS-84 as the common geodetic reference system for civil aviation within an applicability from 1 January 1998.
- c) March 1997, ICAO Council adoption of Amendment 29 to Annex 15 (*Aeronautical Information Services*) which mandated the use of the vertical component of WGS-84 with selective applicability from 5 November 1998.

Agenda Item 2. Basic elements of WGS-84 in direct support to the effective implementation of GNSS

- a) What is WGS-84
- b) Why there is a need for a Global common reference system
- c) Geodetic Datum and Transformation
- d) Standard surveying of Navigation Facilities (*Mandatory requirements and Recommendations*)
- e) Quality assurance in WGS-84 implementation
- f) Surveying methods : Satellite technique; conventional techniques ; photogrametry.

Agenda Item 3. Status of WGS-84 Implementation

- a) Review of the current Status of WGS-84 implementation in the AFI Region
- b) Review of the current status of WGS-84 implementation at a Global level as compiled by Industry.
- c) State by State presentation of survey inventory related to WGS-84 implementation.

Agenda Item 4. Understanding Coordinates and Coordinate conversions.

- a) Geometric aspects of mapping through coordinate transformations
- b) Use of on-line downloadable software for local/national coordinate transformation and/ or conversion of the geographic data from a local geodetic reference , to the WGS-84 geodetic reference system
- c) Use of on-line downloadable software for determination of geoid data and its relationship with vertical data of the WGS-84 ellipsoid heights.

Agenda Item 5. On-line use of the National Geospatial Agency's (NGA) GEOTRAN version 3.2

- a) (Geographic Translator) which allows the easy conversion of geographic coordinates among a wide variety of coordinate systems.
- b) On-line use of the NGA's WGS-84 Geoid calculator program to convert orthometric heights (approximately mean sea level) and ellipsoid heights.
- c) Maintenance (*use of databases*)

Agenda Item 6. On-line use of the Geographic Calculator (GEOCALC) Conversion toolkit

- a) Use of Cartesian coordinates (XYZ) which allows for geodetic quality three dimensional positioning on an earth centered ellipsoid.
- b) Methods of converting between geodetic latitude-longitude-Ellipsoid height.

Agenda Item 7. Introduction to a new AFI Region Project Management Initiative to enable a complete WGS-84 Implementation within the AFI Continental and Oceanic airspace

The African Geodetic Reference Frame (AFREF) *An African initiative to unify the geodetic reference frames of Africa based on ITRF through a network of GNSS based stations at a spacing such that users will be at most within 1000 km of a based station.*

Agenda Item 8. Any Other Business.