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**Subject:** Third meeting of the AFI Region AIM Implementation Task Force  
(Dakar, Senegal, 15 – 17 October 2014)

**Action Required:** To confirm participation not later than 15 September 2014

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite your Administration to the Third AFI Region AIM Implementation Task Force meeting (AFI AIM TF/3) to be held at the ICAO Regional Office, Dakar, Senegal, from 15 to 17 October 2014. The Meeting, is jointly organized by ICAO Eastern and Southern African Office (ESAF) and Western and Central African Office (WACAF) and it is being held pursuant to Conclusion 19/40 of the Nineteenth APIRG Meeting (APIRG/19) held in Dakar, Senegal from 28 to 31 October 2013, i.e.

**CONCLUSION 19/40: REGIONAL AND STATE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION  
OF THE TRANSITION FROM AIS TO AIM**

**That:**

- a) The Region develop performance goals for the transition from AIS to AIM in line with the AFI Transition Roadmap from AIS to AIM and Aviation System Block Upgrades methodology;
- b) The Region and States identify achievable milestones in relation to the Transition Roadmap phases 1, 2 and 3;
- c) The Region and States develop and implement progress reporting structures, processes and frequency in terms of the Transition Roadmap phases 1, 2 and 3;
- d) States develop implementation action plans addressing the transition from AIS to AIM in line with the AFI AIS to AIM Transition Roadmap phases 1, 2 and 3 as well as aviation system block upgrades; and
- e) States review and amend as required the AIS/AIM training programmes to encompass the required skills, competences and knowledge to transition from AIS to AIM in line with the AFI AIS to AIM Transition Roadmap.

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It is worth pointing out that APIRG has undergone some restructuring involving streamlining of its subsidiary bodies for a project oriented focus, thus requiring new coordination and working arrangements. This meeting of the Task Force will therefore need to take this into account in its deliberations and outcomes.

The AFI AIM TF/3 meeting is expected to review the progress made in the transition from AIS to AIM and to identify further work required to be undertaken regionally by the Task Force. In addition, the Regional AIM transition performance will be reviewed/updated as reported on the ICAO Performance Dashboard available through the ICAO GIS website. In accordance with State letter ref. T 2/7-0295 dated 13 May 2014, States are requested to provide updated information to the ICAO Performance Dashboards to be reflected in the annual ICAO Global Air Navigation Reports.

Further to the extraordinary meeting of APIRG held in Lusaka, Zambia, 10-11 July 2014, the meeting should note that APIRG has reviewed its working methods by using project management principles.

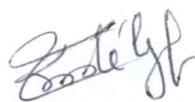
The main objective of this meeting is to provide guidance to States, in line with Conclusion 19/40 and relative to regional and State planning and implementation of the transition from AIS to AIM. The meeting will also aim to provide guidance/information on Decision 19/48 (a) concerning the re-organization of APIRG working methods by using project management principles and other methodologies as and when necessary, and consider making adjustments to better support the ICAO performance framework in its planning and to implementation activities aligned with the Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBUs).

The terms of reference, including matters relating to AIM are contained in Appendix C. The Third AFI Region AIM Implementation Task Force meeting to be conducted in English language is expected to submit the results of its work to the next APIRG meeting.

Please be reminded that printing will be kept to the minimum and therefore participants are advised to bring along suitable laptops, computers and removable memory sticks to the meeting. Participants may however choose to print from the relevant websites and bring along hard copies.

Kindly confirm, at your earliest convenience but not later than 15 September 2014, through e-mail, to [icaowacaf@icao.int](mailto:icaowacaf@icao.int) with copy to [gbaldeh@icao.int](mailto:gbaldeh@icao.int), the participation of your Administration in this meeting, and advise your delegate(s) to complete and submit the Registration Forms to the above e-mail address.

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

  
for Mam Sait Jallow  
Regional Director

**Enclosures:**

- Attachment A: Draft Agenda
- Attachment B: Registration Form
- Attachment C: Terms of reference and work programme of the AFI AIM Implementation Task Force
- Attachment D: Report Form for ASBU Module B0-DATM
- Attachment E: Information Bulletin