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Subject: First Working Group Meeting on the Implementation of 12th Air Navigation Conference (AN-Conf/12) Rec.3/8(c), (Dakar, Senegal, 13 - 14 October 2014)

Action Required: *Kindly reply by 15 September 2014*

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite you to the above-mentioned meeting organized by the ICAO Regional Offices in Dakar and in Nairobi, in collaboration with ASECNA to be held in Dakar, Senegal, from 13 - 14 October 2014 following the recommendation 3/8 (c) of the 12th Air Navigation Conference which States inter-alia:

Recommendation 3/8 (c): State actions relating to service improvement through aeronautical information management as well as digital air traffic management information

That States:

c) engage in intra-regional and interregional cooperation for an expeditious transition from aeronautical information service (AIS) to aeronautical information management (AIM) in a harmonized manner and to using digital data exchange and consider the regional or sub regional AIS databases as an enabler for the transition from AIS to AIM.

Considering the 4th Edition of the Global Air Navigation Plan, the APIRG/19 Meeting agreed that the Concept of AFI-CAD when implemented will offer all AIM related tasks including even the classic AIM services to reduce the ANSPs efforts and timelines needed by the States on their way to the AIS/AIM Transition process. This is also in line with the above-mentioned Recommendation 3/8 (c) of the AN-Conf/12.

As you may recall that the APIRG/19 Meeting endorsed the formation of a Working Group with terms of reference as per Appendix C to implement ASECNA's development of a Regional AIS Database and that of ATNS Regional AIS Database in order to enable the migration of AFI States to the currently established Regional AIS Databases.

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The meeting will draft a harmonized proposal regarding the establishment of AFI Regional Databases with the respective connectivity networks to be presented to the Information Management Symposium in 2016 and finalized at the AIM Divisional Meeting to be held in Fall 2017 in Montreal Canada as an integral part of the AFI e-ANP, for consideration as the way forward for the African Region. The First Working Group Meeting on the Implementation of AN-Conf/12 Rec. 3/8 (c) is expected to submit the results of its work to the Third AFI Region AIM Implementation Task Force meeting which will be conducted in English language only.

The main objective of this meeting is to provide guidance in order to engage AFI States in intra-regional and interregional cooperation for an expeditious transition from aeronautical information service (AIS) to aeronautical information management (AIM) in a harmonized manner and to using digital data exchange coordinate and support AIS/AIM implementation activities on a regional basis. The meeting will identify, develop and validate mechanisms for the AFI states to exploit in their expeditious transition from Aeronautical Information Service (AIS) to Aeronautical Information Management (AIM), in accordance with AN-Conf/12 Rec.3/8c, and the ICAO transition from AIS to AIM roadmap.

Please be reminded that, in accordance with the ICAO current policy to reduce cost, hard copy documentation at meetings will be kept to the minimum. In this regards, participants are advised to bring suitable computer equipment (such as laptops) and memory sticks (removable) to the meeting. Participants can also print from the relevant websites and bring along hard copies.

Kindly advise at your earliest convenience but not later than 15 August 2014, through e-mail to icaowacaf@icao.int with copy to gbaldehy@icao.int whether your Administration intends to participate in this meeting, and accordingly ask your delegate(s) to complete and submit the registration Forms to the above-mail.

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 Working Group Meeting on the Implementation of AN-Conf/12 Rec. 3/8(c)

Attachment D: Information Bulletin