

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Third Meeting of the APIRG Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group
(AAO/SG3), Virtual Meeting, 3 to 5 August 2020**Agenda Item 3: Planning and implementation****3.1 Airspace - Projects****AIRSPACE - PROJECTS***(Presented by the Secretariat)***SUMMARY**

This working paper presents the status of implementation of the Projects under AAO/SG. The meeting is invited to take note of the progress of implementation made so far and come up with proposals on strategies for addressing challenges.

Action by the meeting is at **paragraph 3**.

REFERENCES

- APIRG/20, 21 and 22 Reports
- Report of the AAO/SG2

This Working Paper is related to Strategic Objectives: **A & B**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The review of status of implementation of Projects on areas under AAO/SG, for which APIRG has adopted specific Projects, is presented in the tabular form and attached as **Appendix A** to this working paper. The table provides the title of each Project, its priority and related ASBU Modules, and status of implementation by end of June 2020.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 APIRG/20 adopted the initial set of projects identified by APIRG Sub-groups, which are presented in the Appendix. The Appendix provides the progress made in the implementation of the various Projects. When information is available, constraints to implement them are indicated. The Conclusions are addressed to States, ICAO and/or International Organizations.

2.2 The joint AOP and ATM/SAR meeting held in Nairobi from 5 to 8 July 2016, defined States that should participate to Projects Teams. Projects and Projects Teams composition were endorsed by the APCC during its meeting held in Nairobi from 30 to 31 January 2017. However, Experts to participate to Project Teams are not yet appointed by States.

2.3 Through the Conclusion 20/49, APIRG mandated the APCC to explore assistance and funding mechanisms in cooperation with regional and sub-regional organizations such as the African Union, the African Civil Aviation Commission, Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and financial institutions. Given that there is no progress on this issue, the APCC/1 recommended the use of Task Force mechanism to run Projects until further notice.

2.4 Following APIRG's adoption of a list of projects as indicated in the **Appendix A** to this working paper, a lot concepts and modalities have emerged through experiences gained in the implementation of various similar programmes in other ICAO Regions, particularly in the area of Airspace Management. In consideration of the fact that not much progress has been made in the implementation of the projects due various reasons, it may be prudent for the AAO SG in reviewing the status of implementation, to also consider the relevance of the projects in line with new GANP and current regional challenges in order to determine whether the individual projects are still valid, have to be merged, adjusted, or simply cancelled. The AAO SG has to consider if expertise is readily available in the region for all the projects, and if not, clearly propose how the project can be executed.

2.5 The APIRG Procedural Handbook requires that appropriately qualified Experts to the projects are to be nominated by the States and their curriculum vitae provided to the Secretariat. ICAO has reminded States by State Letters and reports to APIRG meetings, Experts to participate to Project Teams are still not yet appointed by States. In order to ensure a fair and balanced representation of all the various interests groupings, there appears to be challenges in getting the requisite experts to execute the project. The AAO SG invited to discuss this dispassionately and propose clear steps to be taken to address this challenge.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the progress made on the APIRG Project in the **Appendix**;
- b) review and consider the relevance of the projects in line with new GANP and current regional challenges in order to determine whether the individual projects are still valid, have to merged, adjusted, or simply cancelled;
- c) address the challenges in getting the requisite experts to execute the project whilst ensuring balanced representation of all the various interests groupings
- d) urge States to appoint and support Experts to participate to Project Teams; and
- e) review and propose further action.
