



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Second Meeting of the AFI Volcanic Ash Steering Group (AFI VOLCEX/SG2)

(Virtual, 18 July 2023)

Agenda Item 1 – Adoption of the agenda and the work programme

WP1.1 Review and adoption of the agenda and the work programme

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
<p>This paper presents the provisional agenda and the work programme for review and adoption by the meeting.</p> <p>Action by the meeting in paragraph 3</p>
<p>REFERENCE(S):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APIRG/25 Report • AFI VOLCEX 21/01 Report • Doc 9766 Handbook on the IAVW • ToR of AFI VOLCEX SG
<p>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A – Safety, B – Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency</i>

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. In accordance with the provisions of ICAO *Doc 9766 – Handbook on the International Airways Volcano Watch, Appendix F – Guidance for conducting volcanic ash exercises in ICAO Regions*, a volcanic ash exercises steering group may be established by a PIRG [ICAO Planning and Implementation Regional Group] to coordinate all aspects of the organization and conduct of the exercises.
- 1.2. The steering group should have representatives from, as a minimum, the volcanic ash advisory centres (VAACs) concerned, air navigation service providers (ANSPs), airspace users and regulators.
- 1.3. The Twenty-fourth Meeting of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/24), through the Decision 24/02 relating to the establishment of a Volcanic Ash Exercises Steering Group in the AFI Region, approved the terms of reference of the AFI VOLCEX/SG to allow the established Steering Group to coordinate all the aspects related to conduct of the volcanic ash exercises in the AFI region.
- 1.4. The APIRG/23 Meeting approved the Volcanic Ash Exercises Operational Instructions to guide the implementation of the volcanic ash exercises related (activities in the AFI Region).

1.5. In accordance with the provision of the OPINS, the volcanic ash exercise should be conducted every two years in the FAI Region.

2. DISCUSSIONS

2.1. The first meeting of the AFI VOLCEX/SG (FAI VOLCEX/SG1) was held virtually in July 2022. The reviewed the outcomes of the first volcanic ash exercises conducted in November 2021 and considering the lessons learned from that first volcanic ash event, formulated recommendation to improve the second volcanic ash exercise.

2.2. The provisional work programme provided in the Appendix A to this working paper is developed taking into account the recommendations mentioned above and is submitted for review and adoption by the meeting.

3. ACTIONS BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Review and adopt the provisional agenda provided in Appendix A to this working paper.

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME
18 July 2023

Time in UTC	Agenda item	Item	Responsibility
09:00 – 09:15	0.	Opening remarks	<i>ICAO</i>
09:15 – 09:45	1.	Review and adoption of the work programme	ICAO
09:45 – 10:15	2.	Update on the AFI Exercise VOLCEX 21/01 and lessons learnt	VOLCEX21 Leader
10:15 – 11:00	3.	AFI VOLCEX 23 Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1. Update on the Guidelines provided in Appendix F of Doc 9766 and AFI OPINS 3.2. Determination of Exercise Leader and Directing Staff 3.3. Participants including States, International Organizations, airlines and other bodies 3.4. Exercise aims and objectives considering recommendations from VOLCEX 21/01 debrief meeting and any requests from parent groups 	ICAO
11:00 – 11:10		<i>Break</i>	
11:10 – 12:40	4.	AFI VOLCEX 23 Exercise scenario planning	ICAO
12:40 – 13:30	5.	Summary of the VOLCEX 23 planning	ICAO
13:30 – 14:00	6.	AFI VOLCEX/SG future work programme	ICAO
14:00 – 14:15	7.	<i>Closing</i>	ICAO