

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION



**DRAFT REPORT ON THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN
REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP (RASC/4)**

(IHEMA Hall, Lemigo Hotel, Kigali, Rwanda, 21 May, 2018)

1. Background/Venue/Date:

1.1 The Steering Committee of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for Africa-Indian Ocean (RASC) was created by the first meeting of the Group (RASG-AFI/1) held in Kampala, Uganda, from 26 to 27 March, 2012. It composes of representatives from States and international/regional organizations and industry and established to guide the work of the Group.

1.2 This Fourth meeting of the Steering Committee (RASC/4) was held at the IHEMA Hall of Lemigo Hotel in Kigali, Rwanda, on 21 May, 2018. Mr. Mam Sait Jallow, the ICAO Regional Director for WACAF and Secretary of RASG-AFI, welcomed the delegates and led the meeting through the draft Agenda and Work Programme. Agenda Item 6 was amended to include the topic: "Proposed engagement of aviation stakeholders on RASG-AFI activities"; and the Agenda and Work Programme were subsequently adopted by the meeting. Mr. Jallow invited Mr. Chamsou Andjorin (Director Africa and Middle East Aviation Safety, Boeing), a co-chairperson of the RASC, to chair the RASC/4 Meeting. Mr. Andjorin was supported by Mr. Magnouréwa Pelenguei, Director of Aerodromes and Air Navigation Services, ANAC-Togo, who represented Col. Latta (DG, ANAC-Togo), Co-chairperson of RASC.

1.3 The ICAO Secretariat was supported by the following Regional Officers:

Mr. Kebba Lamin Jammeh, RO/FS, WACAF;

Mr. Milton Tumusiime, RO/FS, ESAF;

Mr. Eyob Estifanos, Associate Regional Programme Officer, OSG/ESAF

1.4 The discussions were conducted, and the meeting documentation issued in the English Language.

2. Participants:

2.1 Members of the RASC comprising representatives of, Boeing (Co-Chairperson); Senegal (FSO Co-Champion State); Cape Verde (AIG Co-Champion State); Ghana (SSC Champion State); AFCAC; IATA; AFI Plan Steering Committee Chairperson; AIRBUS; IFALPA; and ICAO, attended the meeting. The list of participants is provided as **Appendix-A** to this report.

2.2 The following members were absent: Uganda (FSO Co-Champion State); Kenya (ESI Champion State); Ethiopia (AIG Co-Champion State); Coordinator for the AFI Group at the ICAO Council; ACI; ASECNA; AFRAA; CANSO; US FAA.

3 Deliberations:

3.1 Agenda Item 1: Follow-up on the implementation of the Conclusions and Decisions of RASG-AFI/4 Meeting.

3.1.1 The meeting noted the progress made with the implementation of the RASG-AFI/4 Conclusions and Decisions and came up with the following:

3.1.1.1 In line with the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP), the meeting,

RASC/4 – Decision 4/1: *urged ICAO to accelerate the provision of a guidance material on the development of State's National Safety Plan. Subsequently, RASC in collaboration with the AFI Plan, should include the State's National Safety Plan as a component of the ROST Assistance Missions to States.*

- 3.1.2 With regards the study for the strengthening and improvement of RSOOs in the AFI region as well as the study of a proposed Global Aviation Safety Oversight System (GASOS), the meeting formulated the following Decision,

RASC/4 – Decision 4/2: *encouraged the AFI Plan to conclude the recruitment of an expert as soon as possible and urged the RASG-AFI organs, and organizations to participate in and contribute to the process by developing an Action Plan on the implementation of the RSOO Programme.*

- 3.1.3 With regards the two existing Significant Safety Concerns (SSCs) in Malawi and Eritrea, the ESAF Regional Office briefed the meeting on the tremendous efforts that have been made in resolving the SSCs, particularly with Malawi, where three ROST missions have been conducted and a considerable improvement registered with the CAP implementation progress. The Regional Office was to coordinate with the ICAO Headquarters on the possible conduct of an ICVM, in a bid to resolve the SSC as soon as possible. Eritrea has also registered considerable improvement with the CAP implementation progress. However, conduct of ROST Assistance missions to the State still posed some challenges due to lack of cooperation of the State. The meeting formulated the following Conclusions and Decisions:

RASC/4 - Conclusion 4/1: *That the end of 2018 be targeted for the resolution of the SSCs, since the revised AFI Target date (June, 2018) was not feasible. The meeting urged the two States (Malawi and Eritrea) to cooperate and work closely with the ICAO Regional Office, other States and stakeholders on the resolution of the SSCs.*

RASC/4 – Decision 4/3: *Requests for ICAO high level intervention in the SSC States and urges the RASC and its organs to continue taking proactive steps and consolidate the effective strategies put in place to prevent the emergence of new SSCs.*

- 3.1.4 With regards the development of project proposals for funding by the AFI Plan, the meeting decided that,

RASC/4 – Decision 4/4: *the development of the Project Documents on FSO, SSP, AIG, SAR and AIM be accelerated and submitted for approval by the AFI Plan SC.*

- 3.1.5 On the development/implementation of ICAO Plans of action in all States, the meeting drew the following Conclusion:

RASC/4 - Conclusion 4/2: *the meeting urged the ICAO Regional Offices to ensure that States that were yet to accept an ICAO Plan of Action have one by the end of 2019 (One (1) State within WACAF and Six (6) within ESAF).*

- 3.1.6 On the composition of the APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF), the meeting decided that,

RASC/4 – Decision 4/5: *one of the vice-chairpersons of RASG-AFI represents States; and that the APIRG Secretary to follow-up with APCC for representation of ANSPs.*

RASC/4 – Decision 4/6: *Cyber threats and ANS resilience; and Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), be included amongst the emerging safety issues for AFI. The meeting urges the ARC-TF in collaboration with the SST Champion State for Emerging Safety Issues (Kenya), to develop an awareness programme on these issues and brief the next RASG-AFI/5 and APIRG/22 Meetings on the developments and global initiatives.*

- 3.1.7 On the issue of the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF), the meeting took note of the efforts made by the HRDF Management Committee.

3.2 Agenda Item 2: Implementation of the revised AFI Safety and ANS Targets – Approach and Strategy

- 3.2.1 AFCAC presented a paper on the revised Abuja Safety Targets, incorporating the Air Navigation Targets (AFI Safety and ANS Targets); and the approach and strategies for the monitoring and measurement of progress made by RASG-AFI member States on their implementation.

- 3.2.2 The meeting noted the concept of the proposed monitoring and measuring mechanism for implementation of the AFI Safety and ANS Targets and formulated the following Conclusions and Decision:

RASC/4 - Conclusion 4/3: *That AFCAC shares the revised targets, monitoring and measuring mechanism, with all stakeholders (including States, Industry, RSOOs, Regional and International Organisations, funding agencies, etc.); and to be included in the project documents and deliverables.*

RASC/4 - Conclusion 4/4: *That the %EI score of States should be complemented by the use of the USOAP CMA OLF to monitor the progress made by States in implementing the targets.*

RASC/4 - Conclusion 4/5: *that the AFI-CIS provides assistance to States in the implementation of the Targets.*

RASC/4 - Conclusion 4/6: *that States meet the set deadline of 2022 for the implementation of the Targets and that no new extensions are envisaged.*

RASC/4 - Conclusion 4/7: *that AFCAC shares Safety Targets promotions/flyers with the RASC for its input prior to sharing with other stakeholders.*

3.3 Agenda Item 3: Review of the status of implementation of the 2018/2019 RASG-AFI Work Programme.

3.3.1 The meeting noted the progress in the implementation of the RASG-AFI Work Programme for 2018 and encouraged the RASC and its organs to continue to pursue the implementation of the remaining items of the 2018 programme; and the 2019 programme as per the stipulated schedule.

3.4 Agenda Item 4: Presentation and review of the draft 4th Edition of the RASG-AFI Annual Safety Report.

3.4.1 The International Air Transport Association (IATA) presented a paper on the draft 4th Edition of the RASG-AFI Annual Safety Report and related feedback from the readership for review by the Meeting. The Meeting was informed that the ICAO data has been used extensively in the Edition for consistency with other related reports, as required by Decision 4/4 of RASG-AFI/4. The Meeting noted the improvement to the quality of the ASR and commended the Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT) for the good work. The following Decisions were drawn:

RASC/4 – Decision 4/7: *that the readership be given two weeks from 21 May, 2018 to give feedbacks on the draft document to the ASRT for possible incorporation before printing the document.*

RASC/4 – Decision 4/8: *that the number of hard copies of the ASR to be printed be curtailed to 100 (One Hundred); and that an electronic copy be posted onto the RASG-AFI websites.*

RASC/4 – Decision 4/9: *that the 4th Edition of the ASR be presented for publication by the Chairperson of RASG-AFI during the 5th AFI Safety Symposium, scheduled for 16 July, 2018 in Niamey, Niger.*

3.5 Agenda Item 5: Strategy for future integration of PIRGs/RASGs

3.5.1 The ICAO Secretariat presented a paper that provided information on the proposed strategy to enhance the PIRGs and RASGs. This strategy emanated from the ICAO Council Decision (C-DEC 210/4) and the Global PIRG/RASG Forum. In order to enhance the PIRGs and RASGs, there is a need for better alignment and harmonization of the Groups' working mechanisms; adoption of a project-based methodology for the work they undertake; and means to increase effectiveness and efficiency of the Groups.

3.5.2 The Meeting acknowledged the information provided in the paper on the ultimate integration of PIRGs and RASGs for their effective and efficient functionality and formulated the following Decision:

RASC/4 – Decision 4/10: *that RASC makes appropriate recommendations on a strategy to support RASG-AFI in the process, for the realization of the full integration of APIRG and RASG-AFI by 2020, in line with the GASP and GANP.*

3.6 Agenda Item 6: Any Other Business (AOB)

- 3.6.1 On the proposed engagement of aviation stakeholders on RASG-AFI activities, the Meeting made the following Decisions:

RASC/4 – Decision 4/11: *that the membership of RASG-AFI be extended to include Airlines, Air Navigation Services Providers, etc. who should be actively participating in its activities.*

RASC/4 – Decision 4/12: *that the Runway Safety Teams should include identified stakeholders.*

RASC/4 – Decision 4/13: Venue of RASC/5

That,

The Venue for RASC/5 Meeting will be at the ICAO WACAF Office, Dakar, Senegal. Dates will be decided at a later date as deemed necessary.

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