



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

SECOND MEETING OF THE REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP FOR AFRICA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN REGION (RASG-AFI/2) (Dakar, Senegal, 1-2 November 2013)

Agenda Item 6: RASG AFI Activities

RASG AFI ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY
The Regional Aviation Safety Group for the AFI Region (RASG- AFI) was established to provide a forum for aviation stakeholders to discuss and address safety issues relevant to the AFI region on the basis of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) and the associated Global Aviation Safety Roadmap (GASR).
REFERENCE(S): ICAO Assembly Resolution A36-4, ICAO Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP)/ Global Aviation Safety Roadmap (GASR), RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook and RASG-AFI/1 Meeting Report,
Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): This working paper is related to the Safety Strategic Objective of ICAO.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Regional Aviation Safety Group for Africa and the Indian Ocean Region (RASG-AFI) was established to develop and implement a work programme that supports a regional performance framework for the management of safety on the basis of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) and the associated Global Aviation safety Roadmap (GASR). This approach is designed to reduce the commercial aviation fatality risk in the AFI region with a view to promoting States and industry collaboration on crucial safety initiatives.

1.2 During the First RASG-AFI meeting (RASG-AFI/1), Safety Support Teams were established as working groups that are required to analyze safety risks pertinent to the AFI region by using the GASP/GASR methodology and to propose appropriate mitigation strategies in response to the identified risks.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Safety Support Teams, as working groups of the RASG-AFI and under the guidance of the RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC), are required to conduct analysis of safety risks that are relevant to the AFI region and to propose appropriate projects in response to the identified risks. In this regard, four working groups have been established as follows:

- Significant Safety Concerns (SSC);
- Fundamentals of Safety Oversight (FSO);
- Accident Investigation; and
- Emerging Safety Issues.

2.2 In view of the many challenges with respect to time, personnel and financial resources required to effectively carry out the activities of the support teams, it is important to consider the various options available in carrying out the activities of the teams. Such options may include meetings, teleconferences, etc. thus underscoring the need for careful planning of these activities. The terms of reference of the support teams were reviewed and a proposed schedule of activities, contained in the appendix to this paper, was prepared for consideration by the meeting.

2.3 The proposed schedule of activities requires monthly teleconferences by the Steering Committee as contained in the approved Procedures Handbook. However, in view of the level of activity in the region, it may be unrealistic to maintain such a frequency and therefore, a quarterly teleconference of the Committee is considered as more feasible and realistic.

2.4 The activities of the Group and the Support teams will continue to be organized and coordinated by the RASG-AFI Secretariat with the support and guidance of the Bureau.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) review and approve the proposed 2014 plan of activities for RASG-AFI (Group and Steering Committee) and its Safety Support Teams;
- b) propose additional activities as may be required;
- c) approve a reduced frequency for the RASC teleconferences from monthly to quarterly; and
- d) urge States and member organizations to continue to support RASG-AFI activities by assigning appropriate level representatives to attend meetings, participate in projects, provide contributions including experts, training, hosting events and sharing information, experience and tools.

APPENDIX

**REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP- AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN (RASG-AFI)
ACTIVITIES**

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE – 2014

RASG SUBSIDIARY BODY	ACTIVITY	DATES	LOCATION	LEADER/ PARTICANTS
RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC)	Teleconferences	Monthly	N/A	RASC Chairman And Members
	RASG-AFI Steering Committee Meeting (RASC/1) review and adoption of Project proposals from the Safety Support Teams	February	TBD	RASC Chairperson and Members
	RASG-AFI Steering Committee Meeting (RASC/2) – review of progress in the implementation of approved projects	August	TBD	RASC Chairperson and Members
SAFETY SUPPORT TEAMS	Develop project proposals and coordinate implementation assistance			
Significant Safety Concerns (SSC) – Safety Support Team	To assist all SSC States resolve their SSC(s) within 12-months	January	TBD	SSC-SST Champion (Ghana) and Members
Fundamentals of Safety Oversight (FSO) - Safety Support Team	To help improve Effective Implementation (EI) of the CEs to 60% by developing and implementing appropriate project proposals	February	TBD	FSO-SST Champion (Senegal) and Members
Accident Investigation - Safety Support Team	To support establishment and strengthening of Regional Accident Investigation Agencies (RAIAs)	March	TBD	AI-SST Champion (Ethiopia) and Members

Emerging Safety Issues Safety Support Team	To assist in addressing Runway Safety related issues by developing appropriate project proposals	March	TBD	ESI-SST Champion (Kenya) and Members
	To help address issues related to Loss of Control by developing appropriate project proposals	April	TBD	ESI-SST Champion (Kenya) and Members
	To help tackle issues relating to Controlled Flight Into Terrain (CFIT) by developing appropriate project proposals	May	TBD	ESI-SST Champion (Kenya) and Members
Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT)	Meeting of the Annual Safety Report Team	June	TBD	TBD during RASG-AFI/2
		August	TBD	RASC Chairperson and Members
RASG AFI (GROUP)	RASG-AFI/3 Meeting	TBD as may be considered under Agenda Item 11 - AOB	TBD	Chair / Secretary RASG-AFI