



THIRD MEETING OF THE REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP FOR AFRICA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN (RASG-AFI/3)

(Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire, 03-04 December, 2015)

CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

AGENDA ITEM 1: REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA AND MEETING WORK PROGRAMME

AGENDA ITEM 2: ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONS

Decision 3/1: The Group elected the following Officials in line with the provisions of the RASG-AFI Procedures Handbook:

Chairperson, RASG-AFI	-	Mr. Simon Allotey, Director General of Ghana Civil Aviation Authority
1 st Vice-Chairperson	-	South Africa (State to communicate name of the Official)
2 nd Vice-Chairperson	-	Mr. Silue Sinaly, Director General ANAC – Cote d'Ivoire
3 rd Vice-Chairperson	-	Ms. Tanja Grobotek, Regional Director, Safety and Flight Operations, IATA

AGENDA ITEM 3: REVIEW AND FOLLOW UP ON CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS OF PAST MEETINGS

3-1 Second meeting of RASG-AFI (RASG-AFI/2)

The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting noted the significant progress made in the implementation of the RASG-AFI/2 meeting Conclusions and Decisions (publication of the first AFI Annual Safety Report; operationalization of the Safety Support Teams; implementation of the Runway Safety Programmes and establishment of the Runway Safety Teams etc.).

Decision 3/2: Requested the Secretariat to pursue on-going activities such as implementation of SSP/SMS and ICAO Plans of Action, and evaluation of the status of implementation of the

Abuja Safety Targets and to reflect these and other outstanding items in the 2016 RASG-AFI work programme.

Conclusion 3/1: The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting requested that coordination between APIRG and RASG-AFI, as well as between RASG-AFI and AFI CIS, RSOOs, etc. be strengthened.

3-2 First Meeting of RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC/1)

The Group recognized the active involvement of RASC members in the follow-up and coordination of the activities of the Group as well as its Safety Support Teams (SSTs).

Conclusion 3/2: In view of the challenges of communication infrastructure, faced by some of its members, which have threatened the effectiveness of the Steering Committee, the RASG-AFI/3 Meeting urged States to explore means of improving connectivity for effective participation of their designated officials in the activities of the RASC.

Decision 3/3 : The Group requested the Secretariat to coordinate assistance activities (ROST, SST, COSCAPs, RSOOs, AFI CIS) with a greater focus on the removal of SSCs in the ESAF Region.

Conclusion 3/3: The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting noted the need for, and urged States and Partners to support the strengthening of SSTs and endorsed the recommendation of the RASC/1 meeting for the inclusion of AIM in the list of Emerging Safety Issues (ESI).

Decision 3/4: The Group requested the Secretariat to update the RASG-AFI structure as per the recommendation of the RASC/1 meeting for optimization of the reporting lines of the Group vis-à-vis the SSTs, RASC and RASG Chairs.

Decision 3/5: The Group requested the Secretariat to pursue the proposal to utilize Boeing funds under the SAFE Fund for RASG-AFI project activities.

AGENDA ITEM 4: REPORTS ON RASG-AFI ACTIVITIES

4-1 Resolution of Significant Safety Concerns (SSCs)

Conclusion 3 /4: The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting noted the progress made over the years in resolving SSCs as well as the outstanding ones and requested the Secretariat and the SSC SST Champion to intensify assistance for the removal of all SSCs and prevent the emergence of new ones.

Conclusion 3/5: The Group urged States with SSCs to take proactive steps and increase their efforts and allocate required resources to resolve these SSCs in the shortest possible time.

4-2 Implementation of the Runway Safety Project.

Conclusion 3/6: The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting commended the progress being made by the ESI SST in the establishment of Runway Safety Teams (RSTs) at airports in the region and requested that these activities be also put in the context of, and in coordination with, activities for Aerodrome Certification as per the Abuja Safety Targets.

Conclusion 3/7: The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting urged States to appoint focal points for coordination with all Safety Support Teams (SSTs) and monitor and report to ICAO Regional Offices on Runway Safety Team activities.

4-3 Update on the Loss of Control In-flight (LOC-I) Project.

Decision 3/6: The Group endorsed the recommendations of the LOC-I Symposium held in Nairobi in June 2015 and requested the ESI Champion, with the support of the ESAF/WACAF Regional Offices, to pursue the implementation of the outcomes of the said Symposium with a prioritized 5-year Plan of Action.

4-4 Update on Fundamentals of Safety Oversight (FSO)

Conclusion 3/8: The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting urged States to update and implement their USOAP CAPs, conduct self-assessments, and upload relevant information and documents onto the CMA OLF and encouraged ICAO to expedite the validation of progress made by States.

Decision 3/7: The Group requested the Secretariat, in consultation with Industry partners and potential donors, to explore means for the mobilization of funds to implement SST projects.

Decision 3/8: The Group called on the FSO SST and States to prioritize efforts on improving EI levels in the areas of AIG, ANS and AGA.

4-5 Aircraft Accident Investigation (AIG) Project.

Decision 3/9: The Group requested the Secretariat, in coordination with the AIG SST, to organize two AIG workshops in the AFI region on the implementation of the AIG Toolkit and development of model MoUs for collaboration in AIG at bilateral and regional levels.

4-6 IOSA Implementation Status.

Conclusion 3/9: The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting urged States to act on their commitment to make IOSA registry a requirement for African Airlines and to support these airlines in the process of IOSA registry.

4-7 Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT)

Conclusion 3/10: In order to maintain the quality of the RASG-AFI Annual Safety Report (ASR), the RASG-AFI/3 Meeting urged States and Partners to cooperate in the timely provision of the information and feedback required.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Progress on the attainment of the AFI Safety Targets.

Conclusion 3/11: In order to improve the response rate and timely provision of information relating to the evaluation of the status of implementation of the Abuja Safety Targets, the RASG-AFI/3 Meeting urged States to designate focal points to facilitate coordination with AFCAC on safety matters.

Conclusion 3/12: The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting requested States that have attained various safety targets to assist, in coordination with the respective RASG-AFI SST Champions, other States that have not done so.

Conclusion 3/13: The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting urged States to support each other and share information within the ICAO 'No Country Left Behind' (NCLB) initiative in order to enhance EIs, achieve the Abuja Safety Targets and address safety deficiencies.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ICAO NO COUNTRY LEFT BEHIND (NCLB) INITIATIVE AND ASSISTANCE TO AFI STATES

6.1 Update on Global Plans (GASP/GANP) and safety analyses tools

The Group noted, with particular interest, the on-going developments and future plans for aviation safety and air navigation at global level (GASP/GANP) as well as the available tools for the analysis and management of risks, including guidance material and manuals.

Conclusion 3/14: The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting encouraged States to put to good use the tools relating to identification of Civil Aviation personnel and Human Resource requirements and city-pair connectivity analysis, once these are made available by ICAO.

Conclusion 3/15: The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting encouraged States to take into account risk analysis in their drive to attain effective implementation targets.

Decision 3/10: The Group requested the Secretariat to organize a safety tools workshop in the year 2016.

6.2 AFI Plan and other Safety Initiatives

The Group noted with satisfaction the activities of the AFI Plan.

Decision 3/11: As part of the drive to strengthen RSOOs and ensure their sustainability, RASG-AFI and its subsidiary bodies are to support and provide assistance for the integration and consolidation of such entities in the region.

Decision 3/12: The Group requested that, in order for the synergies between the AFI Plan activities and those of the Group to be maximized for greater impact, reports of RASG-AFI outcomes be generated by the Secretariat for the attention of the AFI Plan Steering Committee.

Decision 3/13: The Group requested the Secretariat to incorporate the AFI Plan goals for 2016 into its work programme for the same year and coordinate with the former in its implementation.

Decision 3/14: The Group reaffirmed RASG –AFI’s support for the continuation of the AFI Plan beyond 2016.

6-3 Outcome of the ICAO World Aviation Forum - Montreal, 25 November, 2015.

The Group was briefed on the outcomes of the ICAO World Aviation Forum (IWAF) held in Montreal, 23-25 November 2015 as part of the NCLB campaign, and took good note.

AGENDA ITEM 7: APIRG/RASG-AFI COORDINATION

7.1 Establishment of a Joint APIRG – RASG/AFI Coordination Task Force

Decision 3/15: The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting having examined the proposal of the RASG-AFI Steering Committee on the establishment of a Joint APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF), decided as follows:

- a) Approved the proposal to establish the Joint APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF) based on the proposed Terms of Reference (TORs);
- b) that the two (2) representatives of RASG AFI on the Task Force be from States and Industry respectively; and
- c) requested that the proposal on the establishment of the APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF) also be brought to the attention of APIRG for endorsement and implementation.

Decision 3/16: The Group encouraged the synchronization, in as much as possible, of the work programmes of APIRG and RASG-AFI with that of the AFI Plan.

7-2 Outcome of APIRG/20 meeting (30 November – 2nd December, 2015)

The Group noted the outcome of the APIRG/20 meeting on issues of common interest to APIRG and RASG-AFI as provided by the APIRG Secretariat, and in particular:

- a) noted the adoption by the APIRG/20 meeting of a set of key Air Navigation Services (ANS) related performance indicators and targets which will be submitted to the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan) for endorsement, and
- b) reiterated its Decision 02/11 on addressing implementation of the ICAO Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBUs) safety related modules adopted by the APIRG/19 meeting, the implementation of which needs to be coordinated with the AFI Plan, the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC), Regional Economic Communities, financial institutions, regional aviation safety mechanisms and other relevant safety initiatives.

AGENDA ITEM 8: PROPOSED RASG-AFI ACTIVITIES FOR 2016

Decision 3/17: The Group reviewed and endorsed the RASG AFI work programme for 2016 and tasked the Secretariat and RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC) to provide precise time-bound actions on those elements identified as on-going.

AGENDA ITEM 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB)

Decision 3/18: Considering the need to strengthen the SSTs as key drivers of RASG-AFI activities, the Group agreed to designate Cape Verde as Champion for the AIG SST supported by an Industry Member, IFALPA.
