



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

FOURTH MEETING OF THE REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP FOR AFRICA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN REGION (RASG-AFI/4)

(Nairobi, Kenya, 13 – 14 October 2017)

Agenda Item 1:

OUTCOMES OF THE APIRG/21 MEETING

(Presented by the APIRG Secretariat)

SUMMARY
<p>This paper presents the outcomes of the APIRG/21 Meeting highlighting the decisions and conclusions in areas of common interest to the two groups, the report of the 1st Joint APIRG-RASG/AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF).</p> <p>The action by the Meeting is in paragraph 3.</p>
<p>REFERENCE(S):</p> <p>Working and Information papers of APIRG/21 meeting Decisions and conclusions of APIRG /21 meeting</p>
<p>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): A,B,D, & E</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. APIRG/18 and RASG-AFI/1 meetings recognized the necessity for close coordination of activities between RASG- AFI and APIRG aimed at harnessing synergies to reduce duplication of efforts and maximize on the activities of the two groups. It was also agreed that the two groups should share experiences and outcomes of their activities in a timely and concise manner. The ICAO Council further recommended that efforts be made to hold PIRG and RASG meeting back to back to ease the realization of goals mentioned above and mutual reporting of the group outcomes.

1.2. Consequently, a Joint APIRG-RASG/AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF), a subsidiary body to APIRG and RASG-AFI has been established will allow dialogue of issues of common interest and shared responsibility and provide advice or guidance accordingly.

2. DISCUSSION

Outcomes of the APIRG/21 Meeting

2.1. In compliance with the ICAO Council recommendation, the APIRG/21 and RASG-AFI/4 meetings have been convened back to back in Nairobi Kenya from 9 – 13 October March 2017. The APIRG/21 meeting was attended by 38 States and 176 participants.

2.2. In light with the Coordination of APIRG and RASG-AFI Reporting practices, a report of the RASG/3 meeting outcomes was presented to the APIRG/21 meeting with emphasis on the areas of common interest including but not limited to the areas highlighted in the table below:

Common task Area
1. RVSM safety monitoring
2. Quality Management Systems (QMS)
3. Civil - Military coordination
4. Search and Rescue (SAR)
5. Safety issues directly related to flight operations
6. Accidents and Incidents investigation and Analysis
7. State Safety Programmes (SSP)
8. SMS implementation
9. English Language Proficiency (ELP)
10. Runway Safety
11. Unsatisfactory Condition Reports (UCRs)
12. Airspace contingencies
13. RPAS and Drones operations
14. Cyber security and safety and resilience

2.3. A report of the Joint APIRG-RASG/AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF) was presented to the APIRG/21 meeting. Notable issues reported by the ARC-TF included the revised Abuja safety targets that have incorporated Air Navigation Services targets approved by APIRG/20 in the relevant areas.

2.4. The 3 day APIRG/21 meeting made a total of 36 Conclusions and 14 Decisions, some of which are in areas of common task area. The APIRG secretariat will produce and circulate a report of the meeting and also highlight the specific decisions and conclusions have an impact on both groups.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the contents of the APIRG/21 meeting outcomes as indicated in this report;
- b) Urge States to take appropriate action on the APIRG/21 decisions and conclusions
- c) Consider, guide on the revised Abuja safety with new Air Navigation Services targets