



Twenty Third Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/23) & Sixth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for the AFI Region (RASG-AFI/6) – Joint sessions

(Virtual, 23 November and 2 December 2020)

Adoption of the Agenda for APIRG/23 and RASG-AFI/6 Joint Sessions

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
<p>This working paper presents the Provisional Agenda for the 23rd Meeting of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/23) and the Sixth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for the AFI Region (RASG-AFI/6) Joint Sessions for discussion and adoption.</p> <p>The action by the Meeting is in paragraph 3.</p>	
<i>Strategic Objectives</i>	This working paper relates to the Strategic Objectives A, B, C and E .

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The meeting may recall that during the APIRG/22 and RASG-AFI/5 meeting a presentation was made on the PIRGs/RASGs enhancement strategy based on the ICAO Council Decision 210/4, and the outcome of the Global PIRG/RASG Coordination Forum held in Montreal, Canada in 2017. Presented was the proposed evolution and timelines towards an integrated approach addressing organizational challenges, infrastructure, operational risks and performance measurement.

1.2. In this regard, the format of APIRG/22 and RASG-AFI/5 meetings including joint sessions marked a transition from the back-to-back approach applied by the AFI Region since 2012 (combined with a DGCA meeting in 2013) to the proposed integrated approach.

1.3. The APIRG/22 and RASG-AFI/5 meeting, therefore, requested the APIRG/RASG-AFI Task Force (ARC-TF) to conduct an in-depth analysis and develop proposals for the structural changes and timelines for the implementation of the integrated approach in the AFI Region. Details of the proposed structural changes required for the implementation of the enhancement strategy in the AFI Region are presented under the agenda item “Implementation of Council-approved Terms of reference for PIRGs and RASGs”, including the joint sessions whose Tentative agendas are discussed in the WP.

1.4. This paper therefore presents the Tentative Agendas for the Twenty-Third APIRG (APIRG/23) and RASG-AFI/6 joint meeting sessions.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Tentative Agenda for the APIRG/23 and RASG-AFI/6 meeting joint sessions, prepared by the Secretariat, were presented to APCC and RASC for discussion and endorsement. This was done in line with the Air Navigation Commission’s recommendation for a uniform approach to the formulation of the agenda for PIRGs and RASG Meetings, The ARC-TF/3 adopted the agenda as endorsed by the APCC and RASC.

2.2 The Tentative Agendas for discussion by the APIRG/23 and RASG-AFI/6 meeting joint sessions are provided as an **Attachment** to this working paper.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to review and adopt the two Agendas as indicated in the **Attachment** to this Working Paper.

ATTACHMENT
PROVISIONAL AGENDA

23 November 2020: First Session

ICAO Strategic objective(s)	Agenda Item	Subject
A, B, D and E	0	Adoption of the Draft Agenda and Meeting Work Programme
A, B, D and E	1	Implementation of Council-approved Terms of reference for PIRGs and RASGs a) Presentation of the format of APIRG/RASG-AFI b) Consequential amendments to the APIRG and RASG-AFI Procedural Handbooks
A, B, D and E	2	COVID-19 Impact on Aviation sector: The APIRG/RASG-AFI context
A, B, D and E	3	APIRG and RASG-AFI Coordination a) Review of the terms of reference of the ARC Task Force b) APIRG/RASG-AFI/AFI Plan- Common areas and activities c) Coordination of Annual Reporting d) Status of Implementation of the AFI Safety and Air Navigation Targets

02 December 2020: Second Session

ICAO Strategic objective(s)	Agenda Item	Subject
A, B, D and E	4	Review and Adoption of the Conclusions and Decisions of the APIRG/23 and RASG-AFI/6 Meetings
A, B, D and E	5	Any Other Business (AOB) / Venue and Date of the Next APIRG & RASG-AFI Meetings
		Closing Ceremony

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item	Subjects
0	<p>Adoption of the Draft Agenda and Meeting Work Programme - Under this item, the meeting will review the Draft Agenda and Work Programme as presented by the Secretariat.</p>
1	<p>Implementation of Council-approved Terms of reference for PIRGs and RASGs</p> <p>a) Presentation of the format of APIRG/RASG-AFI meetings</p> <p>The meeting will be provided with the format of APIRG/RASG-AFI meetings under the ICAO Council revised terms of reference, for review and endorsement.</p> <p>b) Consequential amendments to the APIRG and RASG-AFI Procedural Handbooks</p> <p>The meeting will be presented with the consequential amendments to the APIRG and RASG-AFI Procedural Handbooks in accordance with Council-approved terms of reference.</p>
2	<p>COVID-19 Impact on Aviation sector: The APIRG/RASG-AFI context</p> <p>The meeting will discuss the impact of the COVID-19 on the aviation sector in the region as well as the impact of ICAO CART recommendations on APIRG and RASG-AFI activities; and agreed on common and harmonized approach to mitigate the impact of pandemic on aviation in the AFI Region.</p>
3	<p>APIRG and RASG-AFI Coordination</p> <p>The meeting will discuss matters related to the coordination between APIRG and RASG-AFI in accordance with the terms of reference of PIRGs and RASGs approved by the ICAO Council.</p> <p>a) Review of the terms of reference of the ARC Task Force</p> <p>The meeting will review the terms of reference of the APIRG and RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force</p> <p>b) APIRG/RASG-AFI/AFI Plan- Common areas and activities</p> <p>The meeting will be presented the update APIRG and RASG-AFI common areas as reviewed by the ARC-TF/3 meeting for consideration and endorsement.</p> <p>c) Coordination of Annual Reporting</p> <p>The meeting will discuss annual reporting requirements and coordination of APIRG and RASG-AFI annual reports.</p> <p>d) Status of Implementation of the AFI Safety and Air Navigation Targets</p> <p>The meeting will also review the status of implementation of the AFI Safety and Air Navigation Targets to be presented by the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC), the States and the Industry.</p>
4	<p>Adoption of the Conclusions and Decisions of the APIRG/23 and RASG-AFI/6 Meetings</p> <p>The meeting will review and endorse the Conclusions and Decisions of the APIRG/23 and RASG-AFI/6 Meetings.</p>
5	<p>Any Other Business (AOB) / Venue and Date of the Next APIRG & RASG-AFI Meetings</p> <p>The Meeting will consider any other matters raised by States, International Organizations and Secretariat that could not be addressed under the preceding agenda items; and agreed on the Venue and Date of the Next APIRG & RASG-AFI Meetings.</p>