



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Ninth Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-AFI/9)

9 November 2023

Agenda Item 2: Election of the Bureau

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
<p>The term of office of the current Bureau of RASG-AFI will lapse in November 2023 (November 2021 to November 2023) hence, the need to elect new members of the Bureau, who will assume office from November 2023 until November 2025. This paper aims to guide the process of electing the new Bureau members consisting of the Chairperson, First and Second Vice-Chairpersons, all of whom must be designated Representatives of RASG-AFI Member States and a Third Vice-Chairperson, who is an Industry Representative.</p> <p>Action required by the Meeting is at paragraph 3 of this Paper.</p>
<p>REFERENCE: RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook</p>
<p>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): This Working Paper relates to the Safety Strategic Objective of ICAO.</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 During the Seventh Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for the AFI Region (RASG-AFI/7) held virtually on 5 November 2021, the current RASG-AFI Chairperson and three (3) Vice-Chairpersons were elected in line with the RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook.

1.2 The RASG-AFI/7 Meeting elected on 5 November 2021, the following officials for a period of two (2) years ending in November 2023:

Chairperson:	Col. Dokisime Gnana Latta, Director General, Togo CAA
1 st Vice-Chairperson:	Mr. Silas Udahemuka Director General, CAA Rwanda

2nd Vice-Chairperson: Mr. Iswarduth Pokhun,
Director General, CAA Mauritius

3rd Vice-Chairperson: Mr. Mr. Kawai Blessing,
Assistant Director Safety Programs
Africa & Middle East, IATA.

2. DISCUSSIONS

2.1 As per the RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook, unless otherwise determined by special circumstances, the elected Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Group should assume their functions at the end of the term of the current officials and shall serve therefrom for a term of two years.

2.2 Similarly, Representatives of RASG-AFI Member States shall assume their duties and responsibilities of ensuring the normal conduct of business of the Group. These Members should regularly attend all meetings of the Group with the aim of maintaining continuity in the work of the Group during intervals between meetings. Between meetings of the Group, some subjects may be dealt with by correspondence and teleconferencing among appointed Representatives of its Member States and the ICAO Regional Offices. However, if States are to be consulted this should be made through the relevant ICAO Regional Director.

2.3 In accordance with the approved Terms of Reference (TORs), the Chairperson of the RASG-AFI should, inter-alia:

- a) chair the RASG-AFI meetings;
- b) keep focus on high priority items;
- c) ensure agenda items meet objectives to improve safety;
- d) provide leadership for ongoing projects and accomplishments;
- e) promote consensus among the Group members;
- f) coordinate RASG-AFI activities closely with the Secretariat;
- g) Co-Chair the meetings of the APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force; and
- h) promote RASG-AFI and lobby for contributions.

2.4 The current RASG-AFI Bureau having approved the Group's Work Programmes continued to closely monitor their implementation through its Steering Committee (RASC). Progress and outcomes on the implementation of the current programme will be presented to the meeting for its consideration.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

The Meeting is invited to:

3.1 recognise and commend the achievements registered by the current RASG-AFI Bureau during its tenure of office; and

3.2 elect new Bureau members as per the approved provisions and procedures of the Group, who will assume office from 9 November 2023.

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