Follow-up on RASG-AFI/8 Conclusions and Decisions

Conc./Dec. No Strategic Objective	Title of Conc./Dec.	Text of Conclusion / Decisions	Responsibility	Deliverable	Report / Completion Date	Status of Implementation	Action by ANC
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RASG-AFI/8 - Conclusion 8/01	*SSP Implementation in the RASG-AFI Region*	That, to foster the implementation of the State Safety Programme, States to: a) allocate the required resources to meet Regional and Global targets related to SSP implementation; and b) nominate Focal Points and release subject matter experts (SMEs) to support safety management implementation in the region.	**States**	**Allocation of resources** **Nomination of Focal Points**		**On - going** Subject matter experts from States to support AFI Plan SSP Project identified and a collaboration group (Project team) comprising two sub-groups (English and French) have been established. A Share Point platform has been created, SSP generic documents developed by the experts and a validation virtual workshop conducted. Capacity building activities such as workshop on Safety Information Monitoring System and Safety Performance Indicator, Safety Intelligence and Safety Performance management conducted in both ESAF and WACAF Region	
RASG-AFI/8 - Conclusion 8/02	*State Safety Programme and Peer Review Mechanism (SSPRM)*	That, to support the implementation of the Peer Review Mechanism, ICAO Regional Offices to coordinate with States and the stakeholders and guide the SSP Peer Review Mechanism implementation activities.	**ICAO Regional Offices** **States Stakeholders** **SSPRM**	**Activities implemented**		**On - going** The experts in the AFI SSP peer review are also part of the AFI Plan SSP Project and the AFCAC SSP experts WG and are supporting the initiatives by ICAO and AFCAC.	
RASG-AFI/8 - Conclusion 8/03	*Measures to mitigate potential ANS SSCs in the RASG- AFI Region*	That to prevent the occurrence of SSCs, ICAO Regional Offices and RSOOs to conduct appropriate assistance activities in States with potential of SSCs.	**ICAO Regional Offices** **RSOOs**	**Resolution of SSCs**		**On-going**	

			States	**Prevention of potential SSCs**		Three new SSCs have been generated since the last RASG/8 meeting. CAPs that are developed and knowledge from PANS OPS training course held on October 2023 could assist States Technical support provided to the individual states to resolve the SSC, these include assistance in developing CAP, partnership with other stakeholders to source for expertise organisation for the review of IFPs , approval and validation process of the IFP once reviewed.	
RASG-AFI/8 - Conclusion 8/04	*Addressing RVSM airspace safety challenges in the RASG-AFI Region*	That, to improve the aircraft operations in the RVSM airspace, States to: a) Ensure that data related to RVSM approvals for State aircraft are regularly submitted to the relevant RMA as per established requirements; b) Include RVSM approval when registering RVSM capable aircraft; c) Prohibit allocation of FL420 to aircraft by air traffic control personnel, and sensitize pilots and other personnel involved in flight planning on the associated risks; and d) Report on allocation/utilization of FL420 as part of RVSM data to ARMA.	**States** **ARMA** **Secretariat**	**RVSM approvals sent to RMAs** **Registration data for RVSM capable aircraft to mention whether an RVSM approval were given or not** **Allocation/utilization of FL420 to be communicated to ARMA**		**On-going** States continue to provide the data to ARMA and ARMA provided awareness workshops in the year: SAT FP meeting on Virtual workshop scheduled for 7 Nov 23 a) 13 non-RVSM Approved aircraft operated in the AFI RVSM airspace in 2023 b) ARMA website available with forms to be used for reporting. c) Sensitization carried out in various ATM and aviation forums and meetings. d) No further reports received on utilization of FL420.	

RASG-AFI/8 - Conclusion 8/05	*Implementation of USOAP off-site validation and Integrated Validation Activities (IVA) in the RASG-AFI Region*	That, to enhance the continuous monitoring of States' safety performance in the RASG-AFI Region, ICAO to arrange for more USOAP off-site validation and integrated validation activities (IVA) based on CAP progress as documented on the online framework.	ICAO	USOAP CMA annual programme		**In progress** No Off-site validation was started since last RASG/8 meeting and none is planned for 2023 and 2024 ICAO MO is giving priority to USOAP CMA audits and focused audits instead of IVA or ICVM in order to have a new baseline for all States	
RASG-AFI/8 Decision 8/06	*Revision of the RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook*	That, to align the RASG-AFI SSTs functions to the goals and targets of the GASP, the Secretariat to revise the RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook by 31 March 2023, to reflect the Contributory Bodies (SSTs) of the Group as re-structured.	RASG-AFI Secretariat	RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook revised, aligning the functions of SSTs to the goals and targets of the GASP.		**On - going** RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook revised. Its approval process is ongoing	
RASG-AFI/8 - Conclusion 8/07	*Support to RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies*	That to improve the implementation of the GASP goals and targets: a) States and industry nominate Experts to participate in the various activities of the RASG-AFI Safety Support Teams (SSTs); b) Partners to maintain and, to the extent possible, increase support and assistance in the implementation of RASG-AFI SSTs, projects and activities; and c) States to promote and enhance the sharing and exchange of safety information, including responses to the USOAP-CMA Online Framework (OLF), ICAO and AFCAC State Letters.	RASG-AFI Secretariat; States; Industry; RSOOs.	Fully established functional SSTs.		**Accomplished** a) ICAO disseminated a State Letter on nomination of Focal Points for NASPs in February 2023; and registered 91.67% response rate. The focal points are members of the SSTs. ------------------------ **On-going** The Regional Offices are following up with States to ensure that for all SSTs the Subject Matter	

						Experts (SMEs) are duly nominated. --------------------------------- **On-going** b) Airbus had promised to contribute USD10,000.00 (Ten Thousand United States Dollars) towards the conduct of the AFI-RASP Validation Workshop, (yet to be released) Boeing contributed USD10,000.00 towards the conduct of the CFIT Workshop. Boeing contributed around USD 5,000 to the LOC-I and UPRT Workshop These contributions are appreciated. Other partners are encouraged to emulate Airbus and Boeing. **On-going** c) States continue to update their data on the USOAP CMA OLF. However, there is room for improvement. States' response rate to ICAO State Letters has shown considerable improvement (91.67% response rate for NASP Focal Points). Also, States are slow to report on progress	

						made relating to initiatives by the SSTs **On-going**	
RASG-AFI/8 Conclusion 8/08	*Implementation of Safety enhancement initiatives (SEIs) to improve safety in RASG-AFI Region*	That, in order to improve aviation safety in the RASG-AFI Region, States and stakeholders allocate sufficient resources to enable effective safety oversight and to enhance measures to mitigate contributing factors to G-HRC accidents and incidents.	**States** **Stakeholders**	**Autonomous authorities** **Resources allocated**		**On-going** Airbus contributed USD10,000.00 (Ten Thousand United States Dollars) towards the conduct of the AFI-RASP Validation Workshop. Boeing contributed USD10,000.00 (Ten Thousand United States Dollars) towards the conduct of the CFIT Workshop. Boeing contributed around USD 5,000 to the LOC-I and UPRT Workshop	
RASG-AFI/8 - Conclusion 8/09	*Serious Incident/Occurrence Reporting & Investigation and analysis by States*	That, to enhance safety performance of the RASG-AFI Region through reduction of serious incidents/occurrences, States/ANSPs/RSOOs implement timely investigation as well as periodic analysis of all reported incidents.	**States** **ANSPs** **RSOOs**	**Timely investigations** **Systematic analysis of all incidents**		**On-going** The disparities between ICAO and industry data show that a systematic reporting of occurrences is not done	
RASG-AFI/8 Conclusion 8/10	*State Safety Programme Peer Review Mechanism*	That to enhance the implementation of the SSP, States and other stakeholders are encouraged to support the development and implementation of the SSP Peer Review Mechanism and provide a progress report and lessons learned to the RASG-AFI. Safety initiatives undertaken by URSAC.	**States** **Stakeholders**	**SSPPRM activities implemented**		**Ongoing** The experts in the AFI SSP peer review are also part of the AFI Plan SSP Project and the AFCAC SSP experts WG and are supporting the initiatives by ICAO and AFCAC**.**	
RASG-AFI/8 - Conclusion 8/11	*State Safety Programme Implementation Assessments (SSPIAs) in the AFI States*	That to embark in preparation for the State Safety Programme Implementation Assessments (SSPIAs): a) States to establish and implement strategic actions aimed at ensuring adequate preparation for the SSPIAs including creating seamless interaction between State	**States** **RSOOs** **RAIOs**	**SSPIAs activities**		**Not started** Nevertheless, the Regional Offices have started the conduct of some missions towards sensitizing States on this area. In this respect,	

		Authorities and service providers in the implementation of State Safety Programme (SSP) and Safety Management System (SMS); and b) States, RSOOs, RAIOs, partners and industries are encouraged to collaborate and c) cooperate in preparation for the ICAO SSPIAs.				a mission to Djibouti was conducted. However, some States have yet to establish an effective safety oversight system	
RASG-AFI/8 - Conclusion 8/12	*Establishment and Strengthening of RAIOs*	That to increase States' performance in AIG: a) Support to be provided to States in the establishment of an independent, effective, and efficient AIG with adequate resources, including funding and qualified personnel, for the carrying out of accident and serious incident investigations; and b) States are encouraged to enter a regional/bilateral agreement by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) for cooperation and work towards common policy, regulation, and procedures for realization of establishing RAIOs with effective institutional framework.	**States Stakeholders Partners**	**Establishment/ Stregthening of RAIOs**		**On-going** a) The Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation (AIG) Systems Enhancement Project is under review to identify and prioritize States needs. On-going b) The ICAO/EASA second forum on Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOO) for Global Aviation Safety held in Nairobi, Kenya (10-12 October) discussed harmonization on establishment and operationalization of AFI RSOOs and RAIO and agreed to conduct a feasibility study to revise the AFI RSOOs/RAIO Strategic Plan to be submitted to Ministers responsible for adoption. a) The WACAF Office is coordinating with APAC Office on the possibility to acquire for States of an oversight monitoring tool developed jointly with Bangladesh CAA which was presented	

						during the Safety Performance Management and Safety Intelligence workshop held in Dakar from 11-15 September 2023	
RASG-AFI/8 – Decision 8/13	*Harmonizing Mitigation Strategies and Measures*	That, in order to improve aviation safety and reduce the rate of accidents and serious incidents in the RASG-AFI Region, AFCAC: a) in coordination with ICAO Regional Offices and with the support of RSOOs, to develop a harmonized method of sharing, consolidating and analyzing safety occurrences to identify common risks and formulate effective mitigation measures for the region; and b) identify safety risk trends in the region and share them with States.	**AFCAC ICAO Regional Offices RSOOs**	**Safety risks analysis** **Mitigation measures**		Not **started**	
RASG-AFI/8 - Conclusion 8/14	*RASG-AFI Projects and Critical Activities*	That, for the effective and efficient implementation of projects and critical activities, the Secretariat to establish a working group that will: a) identify data and information to be shared and its format; b) develop guidance on how to share data and information; c) develop or identify a platform (database) to be used for data and information sharing; and d) develop guidelines on the use of the shared data and information.	**RASG-AFI Secretariat**	**Establishment of a working group**		Not started	
RASG-AFI/8 - Conclusion 8/15:	*Collaboration and implementation safety oversight and safety management activities*	That, to foster collaboration and support in the implementation of the Critical Elements of a State safety oversight system and management of safety system, a) States to release inspectors and subject matter experts (SMEs) to assist other States during certification approval processes and provide OJT opportunities; and	**States AFCAC RSOOs RAIOS**			Being achieved	

		b) States, AFCAC, RSOOs, RAIOs and industry partners to cooperate and provide more resources, training, guidance, and technical assistance to States.				(green)	
RASG-AFI/8 - Conclusion 8/16	*Safety Oversight and Management Tools*	Taking into consideration the various challenges facing States in compliance with the requirements of the State Safety Oversight system: a) AFCAC, in coordination with ICAO Regional Offices and relevant stakeholders, to identify a viable civil aviation management tool that can be used by the States to plan, monitor and report on safety oversight activities, to facilitate a harmonized approach for implementation of the requirements in the region; b) States to make a joint initiative for a common automation solution to leverage on costs and take advantage of the economies of scale to support the state safety oversight functions across the continent; and c) States that have developed automated tools to avail them through a cooperation scheme to fast-track automation of the SSO systems across the continent.	**AFCAC Regional Offices States**	**Civil aviation management tool**		**On-going** AFCAC has made a request for proposal with support of AfDB. Terms of reference for the tool are to be established. AFCAC has not yet coordinated with the Regional Offices and States States with automated tools have not yet make them available through cooperation schemes	
RASG-AFI/8 - Conclusion 8/17	*Recommendations on actions or enhancements that would require consideration by the ICAO Headquarters*	That, to assist the region in enhancing implementation activities, ICAO to: a) Increase USOAP CMA activities, including audits, ICVMs, off-site and integrated validation activities (IVAs), taking into account, among others, CAP implementation progress as reflected on the online framework (USOAP CMA OLF), in order to enhance the continuous monitoring of States' safety performance and providing assistance as appropriate in the RASG-AFI Region; b) Enhance provision of reliable and up-to-date safety data/information and tools, including on the ICAO web portals and iSTARS applications;	**ICAO**	**USOAP CMA yearly programme/act ivities**		a) **Not started** Little progress has been noted for CAP completion in most States. Also, there are still some CAPs that have not yet been submitted. ICAO is training more auditors to sustain the USOAP activities. It should be noted that the USOAP CMA OLF is also dedicated to monitoring remotely States performance and on-site activities are undertaken on a necessity base.	

		c) Continue provision of support to the Regions and States in developing their Regional Aviation Safety Plans (RASPs) and National Aviation Safety Plans (NASPs), respectively, through workshops. d) Assist in continuous mobilization of resources to support the effective implementation of the AFI Plan during the extended period (up to 2030); and e) Consider capacity building of the region on the SSP Implementation Assessment (SSPIA) Protocol Questions (PQs) and training of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in the region on conduct of the assessments.				---------------------------------- **b) On-going** Consolidated database for each Regional Office are being developed ---------------------------------- c) Accomplished ICAO HQ supported the AFI-RASP Validation Workshop, which was conducted virtually from 2 to 5 October 2023. The workshop attracted 201 participants from States, RSOOs and the Industry. ---------------------------------- d)**On-going** **On-going** the Regional Offices have started the conduct of some missions towards sensitizing States on this area, like Djibouti.	