INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

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

9 November 2023

Agenda Item 8: **Review of the Future Work Programme of the RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies.**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
This Paper presents proposed activities of the RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies for 2024 for review and adoption by the RASG-AFI/9 meeting. Action to be taken by the Meeting is provided at **paragraph 3** of the Paper.
REFERENCE(S): • RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook, Third Edition; • RASG-AFI/8 Report; • RASC/9 meeting Report; • ARC-TF/6 meeting Report.
Related ICAO Strategic Objective: This Working Paper relates to the ICAO Strategic Objective on Aviation Safety.

1. **INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC) was established to guide the work of the Group and to ensure that the Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) identified by the region are implemented in a timely, effective and efficient manner. In this regard, the RASC was mandated, amongst other things, to propose an Annual Work Programme in addition to ensuring that the activities of the Group are properly coordinated.

2. **DISCUSSIONS**

2.1 RASG-AFI activities require RASC to exercise flexibility, at its discretion, on the contents and frequency of its activities whilst considering, the logical chronology and sequence for effective implementation. Therefore, the proposed 2024 activities were developed in view of these objectives.

2.2 The proposed 2024 Activities cover those of the RASC, the Safety Support Teams (SSTs), the Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT), and RASG-AFI meetings. With the development of the Regional Aviation Safety Plan for Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI-RASP 2023-2025 Edition); the key focus areas will include but not limited to the implementation of the Safety Enhancement

Initiatives (SEIs) identified in the AFI-RASP; and the assistance to be provided to States by the Regional Offices and other stakeholders to develop and implement their National Aviation Safety Plans (NASPs) aligned with the AFI-RASP and the GASP.

3.   ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1.   The meeting is invited to:

a)   Review and endorse the proposed activities of the RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies for 2024 as contained in the **Appendix** to this paper; and

b)   Provide further guidance as appropriate.

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Proposed RASG-AFI Work Programme for 2024

RASG CONTRIBUT-ORY BODIES	ACTIVITIES	TARGETS/DATES	LOCATION/ STATES/OTHER STAKEHOLDERS	LEADER
RASG-AFI Steering Committee (**RASC**)	Teleconferences	March, August, and October 2024.	Virtual	RASG-AFI Secretariat/Co-Chairpersons of RASC.
	Tenth Meeting of the RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC/10)	May 2024	In-person, Dakar	RASG-AFI Secretariat/Co-Chairpersons of RASC.
SAFETY SUPPORT TEAMS (**SSTs**)	**Coordinate the implementation of the Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) identified in the AFI-RASP; and provide assistance when necessary.**			
State Safety Oversight System Support Team (**SSO-SST**).	**State Safety Oversight System (SSO)** 1) Conduct sensitization workshops on preparations of States for USOAP CMA activities, including avoidance of SSCs, in coordination with APIRG Sub-groups.	From 24 to 28 June 2024 (WACAF); From 1 to 5 July 2024 (ESAF).	All States	ICAO Regional Offices

	2)	Reactivate the AIG project.	8 – 12 April 2024	**ESAF:** One Workshop	ICAO Regional Offices; Secretaries/Chairperson, SSO-SST
	3)	Provide support to States by conducting the project related activities, including workshops on development of generic materials on AIG for possible adoption/adaptation by States (CE-1 to CE-5).	15 – 19 April 2024	**WACAF:** One Workshop	
Operational Safety Issues Support Team (**OSI-SST**) (see ToRs and Composition).		**Controlled Flight Into Terrain (CFIT)**.	Achieve a continuous reduction of operational safety risks - December 2024.	States; Industry.	OSI-SST Secretaries/Chairperson
	1)	Conduct an awareness workshop on Systems Component Failure Non-powerplant (SCF-NP), which is one of the Regional High Risk Categories of occurrences (R-HRCs).	May 2024	In-person/Virtual	OSI-SST Secretaries/Chairperson in coordination with the Industry (Boeing/Airbus)
	2)	Conduct a CFIT workshop to review the status of implementation of the SEIs identified in the AFI-RASP to mitigate risks related to CFIT occurrence; share safety critical information; and best practices.	October 2024	In-person/Virtual	OSI-SST Secretaries/Chairperson in coordination with the Industry (AFRAA, IATA).
	3)	Conduct a workshop on National Aviation Safety Plan (NASP) to assist States in the development of their NASPs. Encourage States to procure the iPack NASP, to be deployed by ICAO.	Q2 2024	In-person/Virtual	OSI-SST Secretaries/Chairperson
	4)	Coordinate with other existing projects and activities on the development/implementation of the CAPs/Self-assessment on identified CFIT-related PQs (4.093, 4.149, 4.151, 4.153, 4.161, 4.165, 4.171, 4.203, 4.301, 4.434, 4.435).	Continuous		OSI-SST Secretaries/Chairperson

_____ **Loss of Control In-flight (LOC-I)** 1) Conduct annual LOC-I workshop to review the status of implementation of the SEIs identified to mitigate risks related to LOC-I occurrence; share safety critical information; and best practices.	Q3 2024	All States; and to be held in a chosen host RASG-AFI State	OSI-SST Secretaries/Chairperson in coordination with LOC-I Champion State
2) Review the status of implementation of the LOC-I 5-year Plan; and re-strategise if not on track.	Annual review	All States	OSI-SST Secretaries/Chairperson in coordination with LOC-I Champion State

Missed Air Collision (MAC) through implementation of the relevant project.	Achieve a continuous reduction in Missed Air Collision occurrences in the RASG-AFI Region - 50% by December 2024.	All States.	OSI-SST Members; RASG-AFI States.
1) Conduct specific coordination meetings for States involved to address coordination failure issues with the aim to reduce the high level of LHD reports.	1) Quarter 1(Q1) of 2024.	1) On-site Coordination meeting for the States that interface the ESAF and MID ICAO regions at the MID RO or ESAF RO	Regional Offices, RASG-AFI States
2) Conduct at least two workshops on RVSM related issues.	2) Quarter 2 for ESAF States and Quarter 3 for WACAF States	2) Virtual workshops	ARMA and Regional Offices
3) Follow-up with States through State letters on RVSM approvals and usage of FL420.	3) Quarter 1 of 2024	3) SL issued and follow-up with identified States throughout the year.	Regional Offices
	• 1 Dec 2023 – 31 Dec 2024	• Follow-up with State Focal Points from identified States throughout the year to encourage reporting and investigation.	OSI-SST Members; RASG-AFI States.

	Runway Safety related issues (**Runway Excursions** and **Incursions**)	Achieve continuous reduction in Runway Excursions and incursions in States - December 2024.	All States	OSI-SST Members; RASG-AFI States. RSOOs,
	1) Conduct annual workshops on Runway Safety to raise awareness on importance of runway safety programs in States to reduce Runway related incidents.	1 Runway Safety workshop in English in May 2024 and in French in September 2024		ICAO, RASG-AFI, RSOO
	2) Conduct 4 Runway Safety Go Team activities	2 RST Go team activity in ESAF and 2 Go team activity in WACAF.		ICAO, RASG-AFI, RSOO
State Safety Programme Support Team (**SSP – SST**) (see ToRs and Composition).	**State Safety Programme (SSP)**			
	1) SSP-SST coordination meeting to review the Terms of Reference (TOR) and establish a mechanism for collecting State specific needs on SSP implementation.	March 2024	Remote/in-person	SSP-SST Chairperson/Secretaries; RSOOs/RAIOs; Organisations/ICAO
	2) Establish the SSP – SST Work Program and submit to RASC for approval	Q2 2024	RSOOs/RAIOs; Organisations/ICAO	SSP-SST Chairperson/Secretaries; RSOOs/RAIOs; Organisations/ICAO
	3) Conduct workshop on validation of SSP implementation/documentation and tools.	Q2 2024		SSP-SST Chairperson/Secretaries; RSOOs/RAIOs; Organisations/ICAO

All Safety Support Teams	**Coordination and Monitoring** All SSTs to coordinate and monitor the implementation of the SEIs identified in the Regional Aviation Safety Plan (AFI-RASP); and monitor the implementation of the SEIs identified in the National Aviation Safety Plans (NASPs) by States. Provide reports on progress to the RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC).	Continuous	On-site and remote.	SSTs Secretaries/Chairpersons; ICAO Regional Offices (ESAF/WACAF); RASG-AFI States.
Annual Safety Report Team (**ASRT**)	Tenth Meeting of the Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT) – To draft the 10th Edition of the RASG-AFI Annual Safety Report via correspondences/teleconferences. Physical meeting of the members of the ASRT to collate and compile the draft Report.	May 2024	Via electronic means/physical meeting to be held in Dakar, Senegal.	ASRT members
Safety Support Teams (SSTs)	Conduct a sensitization workshop on AFI-RASP	18 – 22 March 2024	In-person/Virtual	Secretariat/Chairpersons of the SSTs.
RASG-AFI Plenary Meeting	10th Meeting of the RASG-AFI (RASG-AFI/10)	November 2024	Dates and venue to be determined (TBD)	RASG-AFI Secretariat in coordination with the Chairperson and the host State.

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