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First Meeting of the Africa - Indian Ocean Aviation System Planning and Implementation Group (AASPG/1)

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Agenda Item 3: AASPG Coordination

3.3. Common areas and activities of the AASPG Sub-Groups and AFI Plan

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
This working paper presents the areas of common interest and overlapping activities among the AASPG Sub-Groups—AAO/SG, IIM/SG, and SMO/SG—and their alignment with the AFI Plan. It also proposes the review and realignment of these common areas to enhance coordination, efficiency, and avoid duplication of efforts.	
Action by the Meeting in paragraph 3	
Strategic Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A – Safety • B - Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The meeting may recall that the organizational structure of the newly established Africa-Indian Ocean Aviation System Planning and Implementation Group (AASPG), was formally endorsed through Decision EO/01 of the Extraordinary Meeting of APIRG and RASG-AFI held on 19 July 2024 in Libreville, Gabon.

1.2 The AASPG contributory bodies are as follows:

- **The Programme Review and Coordination Committee (PRCC):** Coordinates planning, implementation, and safety activities while facilitating AASPG sessions and collaboration with other regional and international aviation groups;
- **The Infrastructure and Information Management Sub-Group (IIM/SG):** Supports the implementation of ICAO SARPs in CNS, AIM, and MET;
- **The Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group (AAO/SG):** Oversees ICAO SARPs implementation in AOP, ATM, and SAR; and
- **The Safety Management and Oversight Sub-Group (SMO/SG):** Ensures compliance with ICAO SARPs in safety management and oversight.

- 1.3 The meeting may also recall that the updated list of common areas between the former APIRG and RASG-AFI and the AFI Plans was endorsed during the APIRG/27 and RASG-AFI/10 joint session.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1. With the implementation of the AASPG structure, consideration is necessary to reassess and realign the common areas and activities among the AASPG contributory bodies and the AFI Plans, in order to ensure consistency, synergy and efficiency. This will also prevent duplication and potential overlaps in responsibilities.
- 2.2 Appendix A to this paper provides a detailed mapping of common areas of work and shared activities between the AAO/SG, IIM/SG, SMO/SG, and the AFI Plans. The matrix aims to facilitate better coordination, joint planning, and integrated reporting under the AASPG framework.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
- a) Take note of the information provided in this paper; and
 - b) Review and endorse the proposed list of common areas and activities presented in Appendix A; and
 - c) Propose additional areas or mechanisms for coordination between the AAO, IIM, and SMO Sub-Groups and the AFI Plans, to enhance alignment and efficiency under the AASPG framework.

Appendix A
AAO/IIM/SMO Sub-Groups and AFI Plans
Common areas and activities

Task Area	ICAO / Regional References	Airspace & Aerodrome Operations Sub-group (AAO/SG)	Infrastructure & Information Management-group (IIM/SG)	Safety Management and Oversight Subgroup (SMO/SG)	AFI Plans
2	3	4	5	6	7
1. Fundamentals of Safety Oversight	Annex 19 Doc 10004 (GASP) AFI-RASP			X	X
2. State Safety Programmes (SSP)	Annex 19 Doc 10004 (GASP) AFI-RASP			X	X
3. Implementati on of Safety Management Systems (SMS)	Annex 19 Doc 9859 Doc 10004 (GASP)	X	X	X	
4. Implementati on of Quality Management Systems (QMS) for MET and AIS	Annex 3 Annex 15 AFI ANS Targets		X	X	
5. Civil-Military coordination	Annex 11 Cir 330 Doc 9750 (GANP)	X		X	
6. Search and Rescue (SAR)	Annex 12 AFI ANS Targets	X		X	
7. Aerodrome Certification	Annex 14 Doc. 9981 Doc.9774 AFI-RASP	X		X	X

8.	Publication of NASP	Doc 10004 (GASP) AFI -RASP	X	X	X	X
9.	SSCs	All Safety and Air Navigation related Annexes	X	X	X	X
10.	Basic Building Blocks (BBBs)	Doc 9750 GANP Doc 7474 ANP	X	X	X	
11.	English Language Proficiency (ELP)	Annex 1 Doc 9835	X		X	
12.	Accidents and Incidents Analysis	Annex 13 Annex 11 Doc 9930 AFI ANS Targets	X	X	X	
13.	Unsatisfactory Condition Reports (UCRs)	Annex 11 Doc 4444 Doc 9930	X	X	X	
14.	Airspace contingencies	Annex 11 Annex 6	X	X	X	
15.	Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)	Doc 10019 AFI-RASP	X	X	X	
16.	Cyber-Threats and ANS Resilience	Annex 17 Doc 9985 AFI-RASP	X	X	X	
17.	Controlled Flight into Terrain (CFIT)	GASP (2023 – 2025) AFI -RASP (2023- 2025)	X	X	X	
18.	Loss of Control In-Flight (LOC-I)	GASP (2023 – 2025) AFI -RASP (2023- 2025)	X	X	X	
19.	Mid-Air Collision (MAC)	GASP (2023 – 2025) AFI -RASP (2023- 2025)	X	X	X	

20. Runway Excursion (RE)	GASP (2023 – 2025) AFI -RASP (2023- 2025)	X		X	X
21. Runway Incursion (RI)	GASP (2023 – 2025) AFI -RASP (2023- 2025)	X		X	X
22. Safety issues directly related to flight operations	Annex 1 Annex 2 Annex 6 Annex 11 Annex 10 Annex 14	X	X	X	
23. Air Navigation Deficiencies Management		X	X	X	
24. Aerodrome and airspace ATS events analysis	Annex 11 Annex 14	X	X	X	
25. Development of single AASPG Annual Report		X	X	X	
26. Emerging Air Navigation issues that may pose threat to civil aviation	Annex 11	X	X	X	
27. Integration of new entrants in Air Traffic Management	Annex 11	X	X	X	
28. Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBUs) –	Doc 9750 GANP AFI ANS Targets	X	X		

Safety Modules					
29. RVSM Safety Monitoring	Annex 6 Annex 11 Doc 9574	X		X	