



Second Meeting of the AASPG Programme Review and Coordination Committee (PRCC/2)

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PART I – HISTORY OF THE MEETING

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Second meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Aviation System Planning and Implementation Group (AASPG) Programme Review and Coordination Committee (PRCC/2) was held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 24 to 25 September 2026.
- 1.2. The PRCC records the outcomes of its meetings in the form of Conclusions and Decisions with the following significance:
 - a) Conclusions deal with the matters which merit direct attention of States for further actions to be undertaken in accordance with established procedures; and
 - b) Decisions deal with matters of concern only to the AASPG and its subsidiary bodies.

2. Objectives

- 2.1. The objectives of the meeting were to discuss among other matters:
 - the outcomes of the AASPG Sub- Groups meetings and activities as well as the related projects' achievements and challenges;
 - the preparation of the AASPG/2 meeting, its agenda as well as assignment of tasks;
 - the future work programmes and schedule of meetings of AASPG and its Contributory bodies; and
 - the status of Annual Safety and Air Navigation Report.

3. Attendance

- 3.1. The meeting was attended by the core members of the PRCC. The ICAO Regional Directors, Ms. Lucy Mbugua (ESAF) and Mr. Romain Ekoto (WACAF), participated virtually. In attendance were Ms. Paule Assoumou-Koki, AASPG Chairperson; Mr. Fred Bamwesigye, First Vice-Chairperson; Mr. Diaga Basse, Second Vice-Chairperson; and Mr. Seda Protus, Third Vice-Chairperson. The meeting was also attended by the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the AAO, IIM and SMO Sub- Groups, as well as the Deputy Regional Directors and Regional Officers from the ICAO ESAF and WACAF Offices.
- 3.2. The list of participants is provided in *Appendix 1*.

4. Officers and Secretariat

- 4.1. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Paule Assoumou-Koki, Director General of the Cameroon Civil Aviation Authority, and Chairperson of AASPG.
- 4.2. Ms. Lucy Mbugua, Regional Director, ICAO ESAF and Secretary of AASPG, served as the Secretary of the meeting with the support of Mr. Romain Ekoto, Regional Director, ICAO WACAF, Deputy Regional Directors and Regional Officers from ICAO ESAF and WACAF Offices.

5. Working language

- 5.1. The meeting was conducted in English and French with simultaneous interpretation.

6. Opening remarks

- 6.1. On behalf of ICAO, Mr. Romain Ekoto, Regional Director for WACAF Office welcomed participants to the Second Meeting of the Programme Review and Coordination Committee (PRCC) of the AFI Aviation System Planning and Implementation Group (AASPG).
- 6.2. He expressed sincere appreciation to the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the AASPG, as well as to the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of its various contributory bodies, for their leadership, commitment, and contributions towards achieving the Group's objectives. He also commended the Secretariat for its dedication and effective coordination of AASPG activities.
- 6.3. The Chairperson in her opening remarks welcomed participants to the Second Meeting of the PRCC and expressed appreciation to the AASPG Vice-Chairpersons, subgroup Chairpersons and vice-chairpersons, and delegates for attending the PRCC/2 meeting both in person and virtually. She commended the subgroups for the progress achieved since the previous meetings and acknowledged the dedication of their Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and members, noting that their work would form the basis of the Committee's deliberations.
- 6.4. While encouraging active and constructive discussions, she expressed confidence that the outcomes of the meeting would strengthen the work of the AASPG and contribute to a successful AASPG/2 meeting scheduled from 2 to 6 November 2026 in Livingstone, Zambia. Thereafter, the Chairperson declared the Second meeting of the AASPG Programme Review and Coordination Committee (PRCC/2) officially open.

7. Agenda

- 7.1. The meeting adopted the following Agenda:

Agenda Item	Title
1	Adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme of the Meeting
2	Implementation of air navigation goals, targets and indicators, including the priorities set in the regional air navigation plan 2.1. Outcomes of the ninth meeting of Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group Meeting (AAO/SG9) 2.2. Outcomes of the ninth meeting of APIRG Infrastructure and Information Management Sub-Group Meeting (IIM/SG9) 2.3. Outcome of the Second meeting of the Safety Management and Oversight Sub-Group Meeting (SMO/SG2)

	2.4. Update of the AFI ANS Summit
3	AFI ANS Summit
4	The Annual Safety and Air Navigation Report
5	Preparation of the AASPG/2 Meeting 5.1 Finalisation of AASPG/2 Meeting Draft Agenda 5.2 Assignment of responsibilities and timelines for the development of the AASPG/2 Working and Information Papers (WPs and IPs)
6	Review of the PRCC Terms of Reference (ToRs)
7	Future work programmes and schedule of next meetings of AASPG and its contributory bodies.
8	Any other business / Closing

PART II – REPORT ON THE AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda and the Work Programme

- 1.1. Under this agenda item, the meeting reviewed, discussed and adopted the agenda and the work programme proposed by the Secretariat, incorporating the agreed amendments.

Agenda Item 2: Implementation of air navigation goals, targets, and indicators, including the priorities set in the regional air navigation plan

Outcomes of the meetings of the AASPG Sub-Groups

- 2.1. The meeting recognized the implementation of the conclusions and decisions from previous Subgroup meetings and provided guidance to further facilitate the implementation of the outstanding items. The meeting further reviewed the reports of the ninth meetings of the AAO and the IIM Sub-Groups, and the Second meeting of the SMO Sub-Group.
- 2.2. The meeting recognized the work undertaken by the Sub- Groups and discussed the outcomes to be presented to AASPG/2 for consideration.

AAO Sub-Group

- 2.3. The meeting reviewed the status of implementation of the AASPG Conclusions and Decisions applicable to the AAOSG as well as outstanding Conclusions and Decisions of the AAOSG. The meeting appreciated the progress in implementation and called on the Secretariat to monitor the conclusions and Decisions that were in progress and report to AASPG.
- 2.4. The meeting was further informed that under the AAO, IIM and SMO coordination framework, a platform for tracking Conclusions and Decisions, supported by a dashboard for accountability, KPI-based monitoring and reporting had been proposed and was under development. It is anticipated that this would enhance reporting on status of implementation of conclusions and decisions.
- 2.5. The meeting sought clarification on whether the proposed regional frameworks for water

Aerodromes, Advanced Air Mobility and Joint Use Civil Military Aerodromes would align with ICAO guidance material. The meeting was informed that ICAO HQ was working on SARPs and guidance material in some of the areas and that the regional frameworks were proposed to address immediate implementation needs. The meeting further noted that some States in the region were carrying out activities based on practices adopted from other regions, creating a need for harmonized regional guidance. The meeting endorsed the proposed regional frameworks and called on the Secretariat to ensure that the Terms of Reference are clearly defined.

- 2.6. The meeting raised concerns regarding safety when coming up with the dual-monitoring approach using ADS-B and E2GMU for ASE determination. The meeting was informed that safety risk pertaining to the use of ADS-B data for navigation, air traffic management and safety monitoring and assessment was supported by pre-implementation risk analysis contained in ICAO circular 326. The meeting proposed that a dedicated working paper on the subject be presented for consideration by the AASPG/2.
- 2.7. The meeting also reviewed and recommended that the CANSO COMPASS tool to support the ATFM implementation in the region be presented to AASPG for further guidance.
- 2.8. For effective future reporting, the meeting encouraged the Sub-Group to reference any outstanding concerns that may not have been acted upon for effective guidance by the PRCC.

IIM Sub-Group

- 2.9. The meeting reviewed the status of implementation of AASPG conclusions and decisions pertaining to the IIM Sub-Group. Concerns were raised regarding the relatively low completion rate and the large number of actions still in progress. The meeting urged the Secretariat to continue monitoring the progress and update the next AASPG meeting. To strengthen follow-up and improve implementation rates, the meeting proposed holding two annual coordination meetings among the AASPG contributory bodies to review progress, identify challenges, and agree on actions to be taken as appropriate.
- 2.10. The meeting noted progress on the development of the National Air Navigation Plan (NANP), endorsed the NANP template Concept Note, and requested the Secretariat to establish a multi-State/organization Technical Team to accelerate its development.
- 2.11. Additionally, the meeting commended the progress on the Basic Building Blocks (BBBs) monitoring and reporting tool, encouraging its timely finalization.
- 2.12. The meeting also endorsed the revised AFI OPMET Data Exchange Scheme and Procedures Handbook (AODEX-HB) and the Terms of Reference for establishing the AFI Regional OPMET Data Management Technical Team (AROMT). Finally, States were urged to migrate to SADIS API or WIFS API prior to the November 2028 SADIS FTP retirement and to update their SADIS Focal Point details by March 2027.
- 2.13. The meeting welcomed the progress achieved and commended the collaborative efforts undertaken to complete the development of the AFI ATM Master Plan. The meeting recommended the endorsement of the revised AFI ATM Master Plan by the AASPG meeting.

SMO Sub-Group

- 2.14. The Meeting reviewed the report of the SMO Sub- Group, commended the progress achieved, and noted the challenges encountered during the implementation of its activities. The Meeting further emphasized the importance of presenting the implementation status of SMO/SG-related conclusions and decisions in a quantifiable manner, including the percentage of completion and/or the number of conclusions and decisions that have been implemented, are in progress, or remain outstanding.

- 2.15. The meeting emphasized the importance of inclusive stakeholder engagement in the implementation of SMO Sub-Group projects and activities. It was noted that relevant stakeholders should continue to participate through the nomination of subject matter experts, and the Secretariat was encouraged to maintain ongoing engagement with relevant stakeholders throughout the implementation process. The Meeting discussed the draft project documents on Strengthening State Safety Oversight Systems (SSOS) and Safety Data Collection and Processing Systems (SDCPS) and provided guidance for improvements for further submission to the AASPG/2 Meeting's consideration.

Agenda Item 3: AFI ANS Summit

- 3.1. The Meeting was briefed on the status of preparation of the AFI ANS Summit and emphasized that the milestones established by AASPG for the preparation of the AFI ANS Summit remain critical to achieving the objective of convening the Summit in 2027. It was noted that the roadmap and associated timelines had been carefully developed to address significant aviation infrastructure and CNS/ATM challenges across the AFI region and should therefore continue to guide implementation efforts.
- 3.2. However, concerns were raised regarding delays in several activities, particularly the low response rate from States to requests for information required to support project development and analysis. The meeting acknowledged that timely and comprehensive data collection is essential for the preparation of reliable project documentation and informed decision-making.
- 3.3. The meeting was informed that the current delays call for adjustments to the implementation schedule and associated milestones. While maintaining the objective of holding the Summit in 2027, the meeting recognized the need to carefully balance the timely delivery of outputs with the quality and completeness of the work. The PRCC stressed the importance of intensifying follow-up efforts with States to improve data submission rates and support the development of robust and credible project proposals.
- 3.4. Drawing on the experience gained through its "Equip for Safety" initiative, Cameroon proposed supporting the Secretariat in data collection and analysis through a structured platform designed to improve project visibility and readiness.
- 3.5. The meeting agreed to hold a coordination meeting between the Secretariat and the AASPG Chair/Vice-Chairs to review project requirements, stakeholder engagement and implementation schedule. The meeting emphasized the need to intensify follow-up with States and adjust the associated milestones, as necessary, while ensuring the quality and completeness of the expected outputs.
- 3.6. The third Vice-Chairperson of AASPG presented the outcomes of the 5th African Union Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Transport held in Kigali in April 2026, highlighting their relevance to the ANS Summit. He emphasized the importance of aligning AFI ANS Summit related projects with the African Union's aviation infrastructure programme and strengthening coordination among ICAO, AFCAC, the African Union and financing partners.

Agenda Item 4: The Annual Safety and Air Navigation Report

- 4.1. The meeting was updated on the implementation of AASPG/1 Decision 1/32 regarding the AFI Safety and Air Navigation Report. It was noted that the first edition, covering 2025, was almost complete. Delays were due to challenges in obtaining timely contributions from States and organizations, and resource constraints within the editorial team. The Secretariat therefore proposed restructuring the reporting process, simplifying the report format, and assigning the Secretariat a leading and coordinating role in the preparation of the report to facilitate its timely publication.

- 4.2. The meeting was informed that, as a transitional measure, the next report would cover the 2026-2027 period, with the subsequent annual reporting cycle to be governed by an agreed reporting calendar. The revised report structure would focus on high-level information, including regional safety performance, air navigation capacity and efficiency, and key initiatives undertaken by States and organizations. The meeting reviewed and agreed on the reporting restructuring process to be presented for AASPG/2's consideration.

Agenda Item 5: Preparation of AASPG/2 Meeting

- 5.1. The meeting was presented with the proposed agenda for the second AASPG meeting (AASPG/2), to be hosted by Zambia. The meeting acknowledged Zambia's continued preparations to host the meeting.
- 5.2. The Secretariat outlined the proposed agenda comprising nine agenda items. The meeting reviewed the draft agenda for AASPG/2 and provided guidance for its finalization. The meeting subsequently approved the revised draft agenda for AASPG/2 and provided guidance for the preparation of the meeting.
- 5.3. The meeting also agreed to reschedule the first subgroups coordination meeting from December 2026 to January 2027 to ensure two coordination meetings are held during 2027. Members also discussed the possibility of holding the AFI ANS Summit back-to-back with an AASPG meeting to enhance participation and optimize resources. The Secretariat informed the meeting that additional preparatory activities would be required and undertook to review the overall schedule as part of the ongoing refinement of the Summit preparation roadmap.

Agenda Item 6: Review of the PRCC Terms of Reference (ToRs)

- 6.1. The meeting reviewed the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Programme Review and Coordination Committee (PRCC) and its mandate and its composition, with a view to ensuring their continued alignment with AASPG mandate, including its Conclusions and Decisions.
- 6.2. Following its review, the meeting agreed that the existing Terms of Reference remain valid and adequate.

Agenda Item 7: Future work programmes and schedule of next meetings of AASPG and its contributory bodies

- 7.1. The meeting reviewed and discussed the proposed future AASPG work programme, and meetings schedule up to the end of 2027, covering the activities of the AAO/SG, IIM/SG and SMO/SG, the Annual Reporting related activities, the PRCC and the AASPG. The meeting was informed that the programme includes regular coordination meetings, subgroup meetings, validation workshops, updates to regional safety and air navigation plans, monitoring of project deliverables, and support to States in resolving safety and air navigation deficiencies.
- 7.2. The meeting noted the proposed work programme and invited the Secretariat to further refine the schedule, considering States' commitments and the need for efficient coordination of regional activities. Following deliberations, the proposed work programme was endorsed.

Agenda Item 8: Any other business / Closing

- 8.1. In the absence of any other business, the Chairperson concluded the meeting and thanked all the participants for their contribution to the successful conduct of the meeting.

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