



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

First Meeting of the Safety Management and Oversight Sub-Group (SMO/SG 1) of the Africa–Indian Ocean Aviation System Planning and implementation Group (AASPG)

Virtual, from 2 to 5 September 2025

Agenda Item 2: Summary of the outcomes of the meeting on the establishment of the Safety Management and Oversight Sub-Group (SMO/SG)

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY
<p>This Paper presents a summary of the outcomes of the meeting on the establishment of the Safety Management and Oversight Sub-Group (SMO/SG) of the Africa–Indian Ocean Aviation System Planning and implementation Group (AASPG).</p> <p>Action by the meeting is at Paragraph 3 of this Paper.</p>
REFERENCES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report of the meeting on the establishment of the AASPG Safety Management and Oversight Sub-Group (SMO/SG, April 2025). ▪ AASPG Procedural Handbook.
<p>This working document relates to the ICAO Strategic Objective on Safety.</p>

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Meeting on the establishment of the Safety Management and Oversight Sub-Group (SMO/SG) of the Africa–Indian Ocean Aviation System Planning and implementation Group (AASPG) was held from 24 to 25 April 2025 at the Trademark Hotel, in Nairobi, Kenya.
- 1.2 The meeting was attended by fifty (50) participants from fifteen (15) States of the AFI region, eight (8) regional and international organizations and the ICAO ESAF and WACAF Regional Offices.

Attachment**2 DISCUSSION**

- 2.1 The meeting deliberated on seven Agenda Items and formulated two draft Decisions and two Conclusions.
- 2.2 The following States have been designated as core members of the SMO/SG: Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda, Togo and Zambia.
- 2.3 Mr. Lawrence Amukono from the Republic of Kenya and Mr. Kone Klédjomoh Ousmane from the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire have been elected respectively as Chairperson and Vice-chairperson of the SMO Sub-group.
- 2.4 To support the project-based activities of the SMO Sub-Group, States and organizations were invited to nominate qualified subject matter experts to participate in the Project Teams, ensuring that nominees meet the specific requirements of each project.
- 2.5 States were also requested to cooperate by releasing and sponsoring their nominated subject matter experts for participation in the implementation of the SMO/SG projects; and to allocate relevant resources as may be considered necessary.
- 2.6 The meeting also made the following recommendations to States:
 - Expedite the implementation of RASG-AFI/9 Conclusion 9/09 on Accident Investigation Reports and RASG-AFI/10;
 - Effectively implement Conclusion 10/04 on ACAS II (Version 7.1); and
 - Support the efforts of the Collaborative Aviation Safety Improvement Programme (CASIP) in addressing key safety challenges in the following focus areas: Runway Safety; Aeronautical Information Quality; Communication Shortfalls; Safety Leadership and Safety Culture Development; Loss of Separation (TCAS-related); Ground Damage to Aircraft; Wildlife Hazard Management; Rescue and Firefighting Services; and Operations in environments with Significant Safety Concerns (SSCs).
- 2.7 The meeting emphasized the necessity for effective coordination between the sub-groups of the AASPG (IIM, AAO, SMO Sub-Groups). In this respect, the meeting agreed on a list of common areas addressing organizational and operational safety issues such as the timely implementation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs); the integration of new entrants into the aviation ecosystem; runway safety; and safety data collection and sharing.
- 2.8 During the meeting on the establishment of the Safety Management and Oversight Sub-Group (SMO/SG), the group discussed and agreed on the following areas for potential development into projects:

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- a) Strengthening of State safety oversight systems;
 - b) Development and implementation of Regional and National Aviation Safety Plans (AFI-RASP and NASPs);
 - c) Establishment of Safety Data Collection and Processing Systems (SDCPS);
 - d) Safety management;
 - e) Aircraft accident and incident investigation (AIG); and
 - f) Improved monitoring of SMO/SG-related conclusions and decisions.
- 2.9 The meeting requested that the Secretariat, in coordination with SMO/SG members, conduct a comprehensive review of these proposed areas with a goal of proposing corresponding projects, considering regional needs, priorities, and the availability of resources.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
- a) Take note of the information provided in this paper; and
 - b) Urge States, stakeholders and the Secretariat to expedite the implementation of the Decisions, Conclusions and recommendations of the meeting.