



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

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

Libreville, Gabon, 3 - 7 November 2025

Agenda Item 3 - AASPG Coordination

Update on the transitional arrangements for the AASPG

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
<p>The paper recalls the previous deliberations of APIRG and RASG-AFI meetings on the transition from the two groups to the newly established Africa - Indian Ocean Aviation System Planning and Implementation Group (AASPG) and provide an update on the status of the transitional arrangements.</p> <p>Action by the Meeting is provided in paragraph 3</p>	
REFERENCE(S)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ APIRG & RASG-AFI 2024 Extraordinary meeting Report ▪ APIRG/27 & RASG-AFI/10 Joint meetings Report
<i>Strategic Objective</i>	<i>A – Safety, B – Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency, D – Economic Development of Air Transport, and E – Environmental Protection.</i>

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Extraordinary Meeting of the Africa – Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG) and the Regional Aviation Safety Group for Africa – Indian Ocean (RASG-AFI) held on 19 July 2024 in Libreville, Gabon, endorsed the merging of APIRG and RASG-AFI into the single body named as the *Africa – Indian Ocean Aviation System Planning and Implementation Group* (AASPG). The meeting tasked the Secretariat with finalizing the procedural handbook of the AASPG.
- 1.2 Subsequently, the joint sessions of the Twenty-seventh Meeting of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/27) and the Tenth Meeting of the AFI Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-AFI/10), held from 4 to 8 November 2024 in East London, South Africa, endorsed the First edition of the AASPG Procedural Handbook.
- 1.3 During these joint sessions, APIRG/27 & RASG-AFI/10 also adopted Decision 6/03 on transitional arrangements between APIRG and RASG-AFI groups and the newly established AASPG.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1. The joint sessions of APIRG/27 & RASG-AFI/10 meeting formulated the Decision 6/03:

That, to ensure a smooth transition from the APIRG and RASG-AFI groups to the AASPG, The transitional arrangements between APIRG and RASG-AFI Groups and the new AASPG are endorsed as follows:

- a) The Secretariat shall submit the establishment of AASPG, as a replacement to the APIRG and RASG-AFI, to the ICAO Council for endorsement by December 2025;*
- b) APIRG, RASG-AFI, and their contributory bodies will continue their activities until the operationalization of the AASPG;*
- c) The IIM and AAO sub-groups under APIRG will report to AASPG through the PRCC. The new SMO sub-group will hold its first meetings by August 2025 and report to AASPG through the PRCC;*
- d) The APIRG Secretary will convene and provide secretariat support for the first AASPG meeting, chaired by APIRG's Chairperson with the support of the RASG-AFI Chairperson;*
- e) AASPG will elect its Chair and Vice-Chairs at its first meeting; and the RASG-AFI Secretary will take over the Secretariat of AASPG; and*
- f) The APIRG and the RASG-AFI will be formally dissolved, and outstanding issues be transferred to the AASPG at its first meeting.*

2.2. Progress made in implementing the above Decision is summarized below:

- a) The report of the APIRG/27 & RASG-AFI/10 was presented to the ANC Working Group of the Whole for Strategic Review and Planning (AN-WG/SRP) in March 2025, for subsequent consideration of the ICAO Council.
- b) The Safety Management and Oversight Sub-Group (SMO/SG) of AASPG was formally established and held its inaugural meeting from 24 to 25 April 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya followed by its first meeting held virtually from 2 to 4 September 2025. Meanwhile, the Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group (AAO/SG) and the Infrastructure and Information Management Sub-group (IIM/SG) continued their activities, holding their eighth meetings from 14 to 18 July 2025 in Dakar, Senegal and from 4 to 8 August 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya respectively.
- c) The three Sub-groups reported to the First Meeting of the Programme Review and Coordination Committee (PRCC/1), held from 11 to 12 September 2025 in Dakar, Senegal.
- d) The secretary of APIRG assumed the secretariat functions of the AASPG, including the convening of its first meeting and the execution of other Secretariat tasks. The former APIRG Chairperson currently coordinates AASPG activities, including chairing its related meetings.

2.3. The meeting may wish to note that all the contributory bodies of the AASPG have now been established and are effectively carrying out their respective activities. Accordingly, the meeting may consider the Group to be fully operational and provide guidance on any further actions required.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to :

- a) Note the information contained in this paper; and
- b) Provide further guidance as appropriate.