



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 1: Adoption of the Draft Agenda and Work Programme, and Election of the Bureau

1.2 Election of AASPG Officials

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
This paper calls for the election of Officials of the AASPG in accordance with Part II, paragraph 2.3 and Part III, paragraph 3.9 of the AASPG Procedural Handbook.	
The action by the Meeting is in paragraph 3 .	
REFERENCE(S): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AASPG Procedural Handbook 	
Strategic Objectives:	This working paper relates to the Strategic Objectives A, B, C and E .

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The AASPG Procedural Handbook makes provisions for the election of Officials of the Group to ensure continuity of its work.

1.2 This working paper invites the meeting to proceed with the election of the Officials to administer the work of the Group, in coordination with the Secretariat as per the provisions of the Procedural Handbook.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Part II, paragraph 3.3 of the AASPG Procedural Handbook provides that the AASPG shall be administered as follows:

- by a **Chairperson** elected from the representatives designated by Member States of the Group, preferably the Directors General of Civil Aviation Authorities. A **First and Second Vice-Chairperson** shall be elected from the said representatives, preferably Directors General of Civil Aviation Authorities. A **Third Vice-Chairperson** shall also be elected from

the industry, preferably a Chief Executive Officer of a Service Provider or a recognized Industry Organization; and

- *by a Secretary designated by the Secretary General of ICAO. In the execution of his/her duties the Secretary will be supported by the ICAO Regional Offices in the AFI Region. The ICAO Regional Director(s) will serve as the Secretary of the AASPG. Wherever two Regional Directors are involved, they will periodically rotate on a biennial basis in serving as Secretary of the AASPG to balance the Regional Offices responsibilities and involvement in the group. The Secretary of the AASPG will establish the date, methodology and procedure to be applied for the rotation.*

2.2 Part III, paragraph 3.9, of the Procedural Handbook further provides that, *in order to ensure the necessary continuity in the work of the Group and unless otherwise determined by special circumstances, the Chairperson, the First Vice-Chairperson the Second Vice-Chairperson and the Third Chairperson of the AASPG should assume their functions at the end of the meeting at which they are elected and serve for at least three calendar years or two meetings of AASPG, whichever occurs latest.*

2.3 The meeting may recall that the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/27) and Tenth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for the Africa-Indian Ocean Region (RASG-AFI/10) Joint Session, held on 4 November 2024 in east London, South Africa, agreed on the following transitional arrangements:

- *The first meeting of the AASPG to be convened by the former secretary of APIRG who should ensure its secretariat; The said meeting should ensure continuity of business from APIRG and RASG-AFI to the new Group; It would be chaired by the former Chairperson of APIRG assisted by the former Chairperson of RASG-AFI;*
- ***The first meeting of the AASPG should elect its Chair and Vice-chairs** who will take over business of the Group at the closure of the meeting. The former RASG-AFI Secretary will ensure the Secretariat of the new group after this first meeting; and*
- *The APIRG and RASG-AFI should cease existence after the first meeting of the AASPG and the relevant outstanding matters of the so terminated Groups should be taken over by the AASPG.*

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is therefore invited to:

- a. Take note of the provisions of the AASPG Procedural Handbook regarding the election of Officials; and
- b. Elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons to facilitate the business of the Group.

--- END ---