



**COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AVIATION
SAFETY IN AFRICA (AFI PLAN)**

**EIGHTEENTH AFI PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
(Montreal, Canada 30 November 2016)**

**Agenda Item 1:- Review of the Progress Report on the implementation of the AFI
Plan since the seventeenth meeting of the Steering Committee and
Status of Implementation of the 2016 Work Programme**

(Presented by AFI Plan Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper presents information on the implementation of the Decisions and Recommendations of the 17th AFI Plan Steering Committee meeting held on 30 June 2016 in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea and the status of implementation of the 2016 work programme.

Action: The Steering Committee is invited to:

- a) Note the information contained in the paper;
- b) Note the related information contained in Discussion Papers **02, 04 ,05** and relevant Presentations;
- c) Provide further instructions and guidance for the continued implementation of the Decisions and Recommendations of its 17th meeting, considering the status of implementation (column 7 of **Attachment A**); and
- d) Provide further instructions and guidance for the continued implementation of the 2016 Work Programme in line with Column 5 of **Attachment B**.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Steering Committee at its 17th meeting had reviewed the actions taken since its sixteenth meeting on the implementation of the AFI Plan and, in so doing, took some additional Decisions and made Recommendations on the 2016 Work Programme.

1.2 This paper summarizes the progress made in the implementation of the Decisions and Recommendations of the 17th meeting of the AFI Plan Steering Committee and provides the status of implementation of the 2016 Work Programme.

2. SUMMARY OF PROGRESS: JUNE 2016 – NOVEMBER 2016

2.1 The list of Decisions and Recommendations of the 17th meeting of the AFI Plan Steering Committee (SC/17) along with an update on actions since undertaken, as well as actions required from this meeting are attached herewith as **Attachment A**. Similarly, the status of implementation of the 2016 Work Programme is presented as **Attachment B** to this Discussion Paper.

2.2 Following the endorsement of the air navigation service (ANS) targets by the 17th SC meeting, AFCAC has been coordinating with the African Union Commission (AUC) on means to secure high level endorsement and commitment by African States towards their adoption as Continental targets as is the case for the Abuja Safety Targets of 2012.

2.3 With regards to Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs) and Regional Accident and Incident Investigation Organizations (RAIOs), efforts towards the establishment and/or operationalization of such entities in the region are still continuing. In support of this endeavour and based on the decisions and recommendations of the SC/16 meeting, the AFI Plan Secretariat together with EASA have initially planned to hold a joint Global RSOO meeting in the AFI region with the involvement of AFI RSOOs/RAIOs, in the 4th quarter of 2017. However, this meeting has since been rescheduled and it is now planned to be held in Swaziland in March 2017.

2.4 During the SC/17 meeting, AFCAC presented a report on the progress made by its member States in the implementation of the Abuja Safety Targets. While noting the progress made in achieving the targets and the improvement of the information provided in the report, the SC requested AFCAC, with the support of the AFI Plan Secretariat, RSOOs, Industry and other partners to effectively continue the evaluation and thereafter report the progress made to its next meeting. To this effect, AFCAC will make a presentation to this meeting on the progress made in implementation of the Abuja safety targets.

2.5 On the basis of the recommendation of the SC/17 meeting, the 17th AFCAC Technical Committee meeting, held 7 – 8 November 2016, recommended the updating and revision of the Abuja Safety Targets in accordance with the new emerging issues and bearing in mind that deadlines for all of these would expire by the end of 2017.

2.6 The SC/16 and 17 meetings decided that the recommendations of the evaluation of the AFI Plan conducted in 2015 by ICAO EAO be followed up and implemented. One of the key recommendations of the evaluation was that the programme be continued beyond 2016 at least for the next triennium in order to build on the results achieved so far and to ensure their sustainability. In accordance with the said recommendation, a working paper requesting for continuation of the AFI Plan activities beyond 2016 was prepared and presented to Council and subsequently the 39th Assembly Session. The Assembly agreed to further support efforts towards the improvement of aviation safety in Africa and therefore approved the continuation of the programme beyond 2016.

2.7 Furthermore, the AFI Plan Secretariat also acted on the other EAO recommendations including the updating of the AFI Plan programme document and the revision of the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Regional Office Safety Team (ROST). The proposed updated document and the draft revised ROST TORs are presented as an Attachment to DP4 for consideration and approval.

2.8 The AFI Plan Secretariat continues to support the AATO on the basis of the relevant Decision of the 17th Steering Committee meeting. Accordingly, support and guidance were provided during the AATO Council meeting. In addition, the AFI Plan Secretariat, GAT and ESAF RO participated actively at the 2nd Annual General Assembly of the Organization.

2.9 AATO will brief this meeting on the progress made with respect to the training needs roadmap for Africa.

2.10 The support from the United States Department of Transportation Safe Skies for Africa (SSFA) Program and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), as well as the EU project for “Support to the Improvement of Aviation Safety in Africa” (SIASA) aimed at assisting African States in improving the level of implementation of ICAO safety standards, is on-going.

2.11 The Secretariat continued to collaborate with ICAO-endorsed Aviation Training Centres such as the Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) Academy in Johannesburg, South Africa; the East African School of Aviation (EASA), Nairobi, Kenya; Ecole Africaine de la Météorologie et de l' Aviation Civile (EAMAC), Niamey, Niger and Ecole Régionale de la Navigation Aérienne et de Management (ERNAM), Dakar, Senegal, in the preparations, organization and delivery of essential aviation safety training courses to member States. These training centres have been conducting ICAO Government Safety Inspector (GSI) courses on Personnel licencing, Airworthiness of aircraft and Aircraft operations as well as Inspector courses on Air Traffic Management, Communications, Navigation and Surveillance and Meteorology.

2.12 An essential component of the 2016 AFI Plan work programme is the delivery of assistance to States through the ROST and AFI CIS missions under the frame work of the State specific ICAO Plans of Action. This aspect is presented in greater detail in DP6, under Agenda item 4.

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