



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

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

Agenda Item 3:- Review of the Status of Implementation of the ICAO Plans of Action for States under the review of MARB includes priority States.

(Presented by AFI Plan Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper presents information related to the progress made in the implementation of the ICAO Plans of Action aimed at assisting States under review by the Monitoring and Assistance Review Board (MARB) including priority States.

Action: The Steering Committee is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in the paper and its attachment;
- b) note progress made in the implementation of the ICAO Plans of Action; and
- c) provide further guidance and instruction for the effective implementation of the ICAO Plans of Action in line with proposals in column 8 (Action required from the meeting) of Attachment A

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Steering Committee, at its 17th meeting, was provided with information on the development and implementation status of the ICAO Plans of Action as at 30 June, 2016.

1.2 As required in the ICAO Plans of Action, collaboration is ongoing between ICAO and AFCAC on the implementation of the AFI Cooperative Inspectorate Scheme (AFI-CIS), as well as RSOOs and COSCAPs, to provide assistance to African States in addressing safety deficiencies identified through the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP).

1.3 This Discussion Paper highlights the progress further made since the 17th AFI Plan Steering Committee meeting in the development, presentation, acceptance and implementation of the ICAO Plans of Action for States under the review of the MARB and

other priority States. The paper also highlights the USOAP Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) activities, including Comprehensive System Approach (CSA) audits and ICAO Coordinated Validation Missions (ICVMs), Off-site validations and Integrated Validation Activities (IVAs) that have already taken place in 2016 or are scheduled to be conducted during the year 2017.

2. SUMMARY OF PROGRESS: JUNE - NOVEMBER 2016

2.1 The number of States that have accepted the ICAO Plan of Action and those that have signed AFI-CIS MoU with AFCAC remain the same since the last meeting. So far thirty-two (32) ICAO Plans of Action are being implemented in 13 ESAF and 19 WACAF States while AFCAC has signed the AFI-CIS MOU with a total of 36 member States. The update on the status of implementation of ICAO Plans of Action including AFI-CIS interventions is provided in **Attachment A** to this Discussion Paper.

2.2 The Regional Office Safety Teams (ROSTs) have been active in assisting States in the implementation of their Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) prepared in response to deficiencies identified by ICAO USOAP Audits. Accordingly, since the 17th SC meeting ROST missions were conducted to four States (namely; Angola, Malawi, Lesotho and Mozambique) in the ESAF region and five States (namely; Benin, Chad Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea) in WACAF region. During the period under review, State officials, Directors General and/or multidisciplinary teams from States also visited the WACAF and ESAF offices to discuss and work on the effective implementation of their CAPs so as to improve their EIs. The Details of the Activities are indicated in Attachment A. In addition to these, AFCAC conducted one AFI-CIS assistance missions to Malawi, Sao Tome and Principe and Senegal.

2.3 Most of the ICAO Plans of Action now have the Abuja Safety Targets incorporated in them and for those States whose implementation timelines have elapsed; revised Plans were developed, presented and accepted by the concerned States. Since the last meeting the Plan of Action for Central African Republic was revised and submitted to the State for acceptance.

2.4 During the period, 2015/2016, an increased number of States in both ESAF and WACAF regions notably Botswana, Benin, Cameroon, Congo, Chad, Mali, Niger, Equatorial Guinea, DRC, Malawi, Rwanda, Mozambique, Togo and Zambia have each shown good progress in improving their EI levels as determined through the various USOAP CMA Activities based on updates provided on the USOAP CMA Online framework (OLF).

2.5 Considering the progress made in the improvement of their safety oversight systems, five States (Botswana, Cameroon, Madagascar, Mali and Niger) received the ICAO Council President Award/Certificate during the opening ceremonies of the 39th Session of the ICAO Assembly for their major achievements in safety oversight.

2.6 However, despite the efforts being made by the Regional Offices some States such as Djibouti, Eritrea, Guinea Bissau and Lesotho continue to register either minimal progress in the implementation of the original and revised ICAO Plans of Action and/or in updating progress in the implementation of their Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) on the OLF, as required.

2.7 Since the 17th SC meeting the outstanding significant safety concerns (SSCs) in the AFI region remain unchanged i.e. 4 States (Angola Djibouti, Eritrea and Malawi). However, a recent ROST assistance mission conducted in Angola indicated that there is a high probability of resolving the SSC in the not too distant future.

2.8 High-level engagements continued with African States including those countries with low EIs and slow progress in the implementation of their ICAO Plans of Action. In this regard, since the 17th SC meeting the Secretary General of ICAO attended the opening of the recently concluded AFI DGCA/6 meeting in Brazzaville, Congo and held discussions with the country's Prime Minister, Minister of Transport, DG ANAC-Congo and other senior Government officials.

2.9 ICAO Technical Cooperation Bureau (TCB) assistance projects identified in various phases of the ICAO Plans of Action, have been initiated, implemented, and/or are currently under consideration in the following States: Benin, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Mozambique, Rwanda, Swaziland and Uganda. In the case of Burundi, CASSOA, the East African Community RSOO, has been engaged in providing assistance to the State. In Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia, EU/EASA assistance projects have been on-going in addition to assistance to some of the Central African States. The African Development Bank (AfDB) has also been assisting Sao Tome and Principe in capacity building.

2.10 The USOAP activity plan released by CMO on 17th June 2016 has identified priority States tentatively scheduled for a USOAP activity; an Audit, ICVM and/or Off-site Validation in 2017. The 2017 plan lists the following ESAF States: Kenya, Seychelles, United Republic of Tanzania and South Africa; while in the WACAF region: Burkina Faso, Gambia, Guinea Bissau and Senegal are listed. In addition to the scheduled activity plan of CMO, a number of cost-recovery ICVMs are to be expected, as States are eager to receive official validation of their implementation progress. Regional Offices will also plan additional off-site validations and IVAs in consultation with priority States targeted for 60% EI by the end of 2017.

2.11 With respect to the three key AFI Plan goals targeted for December 2016 i.e. 60 % EI for 70 % of the States, zero SSCs and certification of at least 45% of international Airports, the situation as at 30th November 2016 is as follows;

- Twenty-five States (48.08 % of African States) have attained 60% EI (i.e. eleven States (47.83 % WACAF) and ten States (45.45% ESAF)
- A total of four (4) SSCs remain unresolved and
- A total of 23 % International Airports have been certified.

The Regional Offices will continue to conduct ROST missions to assist and provide guidance to States scheduled for USOAP CMA activities as well as to implement the 2017 work program.

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