



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

**NINETEENTH AFI PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**(Gaborone, Botswana 23 May 2017)**

**Agenda Item 1: Review of the Status of Implementation of AFI Plan Projects**

*(Presented by AFI Plan Secretariat)*

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This paper presents information related to the implementation of the AFI Plan projects approved in May 2016 and the progress made since the 18th Steering Committee meeting held on 30 November 2016 in Montreal, Canada.

***Action:** The Steering Committee is invited to:*

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

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1. The Steering Committee at its 17<sup>th</sup> meeting had reviewed a number of Project Proposals presented by the AFI Plan Secretariat and approved funding for projects related to Aerodrome Certification, ANSP Peer Review, SSP Implementation and Search and Rescue (SAR) organization.

1.2. This paper presents the status of progress made in the implementation of these projects since their approval by the AFI Plan Steering Committee including the progress made following the 18<sup>th</sup> steering Committee meeting.

## **2. AFI PLAN PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS – SUMMARY REPORT**

2.1 During its 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Steering Committee reviewed the progress made in the implementation the AFI Plan projects and noted with satisfaction that the four (4) AFI Plan projects approved at its 17<sup>th</sup> meeting had been initiated and were progressing. Accordingly, the Steering Committee requested the AFI Plan Secretariat to incorporate the projects in its 2017 work programme and continue coordinating and monitoring implementation of these projects.

### **Aerodrome Certification**

2.2 The aerodrome certification project designed to support 16 African states to certify at least one of their International aerodromes was launched in August 2016 in both ESAF and WACAF Regions. In accordance with the project schedule, meetings with Directors General, CEO of Airports of the beneficiary States as well as donor States were conducted to sensitize them on the importance of the project and the required support from the beneficiary States. Following the high level meeting three workshops on aerodrome certification were conducted in Accra, Lomé and Nairobi for the benefit of Regulatory and airport personnel of both supporting and beneficiary States.

2.3 In accordance with the outcomes of the workshop, beneficiary States prepared and submitted their action plans to the two Regional Offices. Most States are progressing in the implementation of their plans, although some are behind schedule. Implementation assistance and progress monitoring missions were conducted by the project team in Cote d’Ivoire, Mali, Niger, Botswana, Mozambique, Rwanda, Swaziland and Zambia. In the remaining months of 2017, the project experts will continue to monitor and assist States on-site to assess the final preparedness made by States prior to the certification inspection.

## **SSP Implementation**

2.4 The implementations of the State Safety Programme (SSP) project also started by informing the 24 beneficiary States of their eligibility for the project and requesting them to nominate national focal points. The concerned States were urged to demonstrate commitment and cooperate in order to ensure the project's success. While most States responded to the request, replies are still awaited from Morocco, Nigeria, Sudan and Tunisia.

2.5 So far, SSP Gap Analysis and Implementation assistance missions have been conducted to Cote D'ivoire, Cameroon, Gambia and Togo. During these missions, assistance was provided in the conduct of a detailed SSP gap analysis on the basis of the 55 Gap Analysis Questions contained in ICAO Doc. 9859 Appendix 7 and in line with the iSTARS tool provided by ICAO in support of the development of implementation of the SSP Plans by States

## **Search and Rescue Organization**

2.6 In accordance with the project schedule of the Search and Rescue (SAR) a workshop was conducted in Nairobi for the beneficiary and supporting States. The workshop has successfully provided the participants with essential information and knowledge on the objective and scope of the project. Subsequently assistance mission were conducted to seven beneficiary States (Botswana, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia (FISS) and Uganda) in collaboration with SAR experts from the supporting States (Kenya, South Africa and Uganda). On the basis of the information obtained through the survey questionnaire, the gap analysis on status of SAR implementation in WACAF region has been completed.

2.7 In a broader context of SAR in Africa and without limiting to the project scope, the Regional Offices established a Technical Experts Team. The project team provided support for the High Level SAR Conference (HLSC) which was jointly organized by AFCAC and ICAO, in Lomé, from 10 to 12 April 2017 resulting in a Declaration and Plan of Action for the improvement of SAR services in Africa. Following the HLCS, a number of States have started implementation of the Plan of Action and have requested the support of ICAO to facilitate collaboration with other States for the signing of SAR Agreements. In line with this, Cote d'Ivoire has sent a model SAR agreement to Ghana, Mali, Guinea, Liberia and Burkina

Faso and invited them to have a consultative meeting in Abidjan for its review and signature. The AFI Plan Steering Committee may wish to encourage States to emulate this example.

### **Air Navigation Service Providers Peer Review**

2.8 During the 39<sup>th</sup> session of the ICAO Assembly a working Paper A39-WP456 presented by ASECNA on behalf of ANSPs. The Assembly was informed that the African Air Navigation Services Providers (ANSPs) Peer Review Programme was launched in February 2015 by the ICAO Council President. The Assembly was also informed of the aim of this initiative which is to establish a regional framework of cooperation and peer review mechanism to improve air navigation operational performance in Africa, and some ANSPs have initiated trials and drawn useful lessons.

2.9 The Terms of reference of the ANSP Peer Review Programme Coordination Team of Executives have been established in June 2015. Immediately following on the 18<sup>th</sup> AFI Plan SC meeting an AFI ANSPs Coordination Meeting chaired by ICAO Council President was held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 in Montreal, and formulated recommendations concerning the way forward.

2.10 A successful follow up meeting on these recommendations was held in Freetown, Sierra Leone 3-5 May, developed and endorsed a Programme Reference Manual as well as a Cooperation Framework and a Roadmap for 2017-2018, to govern the implementation of the African ANSP Peer Review Programme, among other cooperation activities in the areas of air navigation services.

## **3 Conclusion**

3.1 Since the 18<sup>th</sup> SC meeting there has been encouraging progress in implementing the AFI Plan funded projects. Considering the progress made so far, preparation of additional projects indicated in the 2017 work programme has been going on and should be ready for submission to the Steering Committee at its 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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