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TWENTY-SECOND AFI PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING *Kampala, Uganda, 15 May 2019*

Agenda Item 5: AFI CIS Status Report – 2018

(Presented by AFCAC)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the AFI CIS status report for year 2018. AFCAC, through the AFI-CIS Program, supports AFI States to enhance their effective implementation of ICAO Standards & Recommended Practises (SARPs).

REFERENCE(S):

Abuja Declaration on Aviation safety in Africa
Revised Abuja Safety Targets incorporating AFI ANS Performance Indicators
GASP
Doc 10004, Global Aviation Safety Plan (GANP)

1. Introduction

The AFI-CIS is one of the key outreach programmes initiated by AFCAC with technical support from ICAO. The scheme was launched in year 2012 and consists of a pool of qualified inspectors, selected from AFCAC member States. The main objectives of the AFI CIS program are:

- to assist AFI States to resolve safety oversight deficiencies and in particular significant safety concerns (SSCs);
- to improve effective implementation (EI) of the critical elements of AFI States' safety oversight system;

AFCAC, through the AFI-CIS Program, supported AFI States to enhance their effective implementation of ICAO Standards & Recommended Practises (SARPs). This program has proved to be an effective tool to resolve identified deficiencies within a reasonable time period.

The Scheme provides African States with an opportunity to share the limited human resources as they collaboratively promote aviation safety. Since its inception in year 2012, twenty-eight (28) assistance missions were conducted, which contributed to the resolution of SSCs and increase of EI.

2. 2018 Performance

The scheduled annual AFI-CIS program could not be implemented as planned because there were no requests from States assumed to be resource constarints to finance technical assistance missions by recipient States. However, AFCAC received only one request from Senegal and conducted the third follow-up assistance mission. Other missions planned for 2018 were re-scheduled to 2019 especially in targeted States with EI below 30% and aligned with the support program under the implementation of the Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM).

To support the establishment of SAATM and its sustainability, the African Development Bank(AfDB) and AFCAC signed Aide Memoire aimed at financing AFI-CIS missions for States party to SAATM and with EI below 30% and 60% respectively.

3. Main challenges:

Challenges encountered during the year under review included:

- Each AFI CIS mission costs about US\$ 10,000 per week and most States find it a challenge to fund such missions;
- As the scheme is available upon request, States are not requesting for technical assistance in order to benefit from the AFI-CIS missions.

4. Conclusion

Beginning 2019, AFCAC in collaboration with ICAO, planned to assist all AFI States below 30% EI to reach 60% or better. AFI-CIS program will be used as the supporting tool to achieve this goal. Costs of each mission to beneficiary States will either be borne by the AFI Plan - Fundamentals of Safety Oversight (FSO) and international partners including African Development Bank and World Bank Group, which are very committed to support the sustainable development of air transport under the SAATM.

There are 11 beneficiary States that have so far been identified and their average EI is 17.71%. AFCAC, in the spirit of “No Country Left Behind” (NCLB), endeavors to bring these States up to 60% EI or better by end of 2020.

Furthermore AFCAC plans to identify and train new AFI-CIS inspectors to ensure that there is fair geographical coverage of qualified inspectors. OJT for certification/surveillance of new generation aircraft/helicopters and/or new airport facilities with modern CNS/ATM equipment will be provided.

Finally, in order to ensure standardization and quality of AFI-CIS missions, AFCAC planned to identify and deploy suitable AFI-CIS Toolkit to be used by CIS inspectors during missions.

5. Action required

The meeting is invited to :

- a) Note the information provided,
- b) Encourage the African States to designate suitable Inspectors to join the Scheme,
- c) Urge African States to request for assistance through AFI-CIS missions,
- d) Request ICAO to harmonize its technical missions with that of AFCAC, avail financial resources pledged by Partners to Africa for enhancement of the use of Inspectors from the AFI-CIS.