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## AFI AVIATION WEEK EVENTS – 8<sup>th</sup> EDITION Outcomes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the AFI Plan SC.

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# **Outcomes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the AFI Plan Steering Committee (AFI Plan SC/26)**

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- **Recommendations and Actions by the meeting**

### Introduction:

- African Ministers responsible for aviation consented to the development of a Strategic Plan and Roadmap for strengthening Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs) in Africa, in line with the 2017 Ezulwini Declaration.
- Study conducted, and a strategy developed under the AFI Plan framework.
- The proposed strategy and roadmap presented to States and partners during a validation workshop in November 2021.

# Introduction (Cont'd.)

- Outcomes and recommendations submitted to the 25th meeting of the AFI Plan Steering Committee in May 2022,
  - a) ICAO in collaboration with the AUC, AFCAC, EASA and other key Partners to organize a High-level Forum as a follow up to the Ezulwini Declaration to establish a continental common understanding and synergy in the implementation of the AFI RSOOs Strategic Plan; and
  - b) Report of the ICAO AFI Plan study and the proposed Strategic Plan and roadmap have been forwarded by the Secretariat of the AFI Plan to the African Ministers in charge of civil aviation on 26 April 2022 for their consideration;

# Discussions

- Presently, there are **Six** RSOOs and **One** RAIO in the AFI Region.
- Two main concerns identified as risks that could impede the implementation of the AFI RSOO strategic plan:
  - 1) Funding; and
  - 2) Configuration.

### a) Funding

- Most existing RSOOs rely mostly on external sources in the form of direct contributions from Member States, community organizations, and grants from partners and donors. The RSOO study provided **four** possible scenarios and options for strengthening of the financial sustainability of AFI RSOOs.

### b) Configuration

- To streamline and optimize the number of RSOOs and RAIO in the AFI region the study developed different options to be considered as well as funding and capacity building measures proposed for their strengthening and sustainability.

### **NB.**

- *The Strategic Plan and Roadmap for implementation are provided as an Appendix to the Working Paper.*
- *Table 3 to AFI Plan RSOO Study - Summary Assessment of proposed Configuration options for AFI RSOOs/RAIOs.*



- Consultation with EASA to conduct a follow up study through the EU-ASA project is ongoing.
  - The follow-up study will intend to focus on an in-depth analysis of the different options with the objective to narrow down the choices to facilitate the decision-makers' final adoption of the AFI RSOO Strategic plan, prior to subsequent endorsement by the Ministers responsible for civil aviation in Africa; and
  - their recommendations towards the implementation of the strategic plan and its associated roadmap.
  
- To this effect the terms of reference (ToRs) of the follow-up study is being drafted and expected to be finalized in the fourth quarter of 2023.

# Actions by the Meeting

The Steering Committee is invited to:

- 1) Provide guidance on RSOO configuration and sustainable funding options;
- 2) Encourage the proposed follow up feasibility study with EASA; and
- 3) Encourage States to align their strategies for better use of the RSOOs.



Thank You!