



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AVIATION SAFETY IN AFRICA (AFI PLAN)

Libreville, Gabon, 16 - 17 July 2024

Agenda Item 3: - Follow up actions on the Decisions and Recommendations of the 26th AFI Plan Steering Committee meeting & Status of Implementation of the 2023/24 AFI Plan Work Programme

(Presented by AFI Plan Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper presents information on the status of implementation of the Decisions and Recommendations of the 26th Meeting of the AFI Plan Steering Committee held in Nairobi, Kenya on 24 August 2023, as well as the implementation status of the 2023/24 AFI Plan Work Programme.

Action: *The Steering Committee is invited to:*

- a) Note the information contained in this paper;
- b) Provide further guidance for the continued implementation of the Decisions and Recommendations of its 26th meeting, following review of their status of implementation (column 7 of **Attachment A**); and
- c) Provide further guidance for the continued implementation of the 2023/24 AFI Plan Work Programme considering its status of implementation in Attachment B.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The AFI Plan Steering Committee at its 26th meeting took Decisions and Recommendations on the annual 2022/23 Work Programme activities and projects implemented within the framework of the Plan.

1.2 This paper summarizes the progress made in the implementation of the above-mentioned Decisions and Recommendations and the 2023/24 AFI Plan Work Programme since September 2023.

2. SUMMARY OF IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS SINCE SEPTEMBER 2023

2.1 The 26th meeting of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan) Steering Committee (SC) was held in Nairobi, Kenya, on 24th August 2023 during the annual Aviation Week Events hosted by the Government of the Republic of Kenya. During this meeting the work programme of the 2023/24 presented and approved by the SC.

2.2 The list of Decisions and Recommendations of the 26th meeting of the AFI Plan Steering Committee (SC/26) along with an update on actions undertaken and/or required from this meeting are attached herewith as Attachment A. Similarly, the progress made so far in implementing the 2023/24 AFI Plan Work Programme since the last meeting of the SC is presented as Attachment B to this paper.

2.3 In accordance with the OIO recommendation the Governance Structure of the programme, the ROST terms of reference and the monitoring mechanism revised have been developed. The ROST terms of reference and the monitoring mechanism will be presented to this 27th SC meeting for consideration. The Governance Structure of the programme is still under coordination with the AFI Group and will be presented to the next meeting.

2.4 In accordance with the recommendations of the 2nd African and Indian Ocean (AFI) Regional Safety Oversight Organization (RSOOs) forum held on 12 October 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya, a consultant engaged in collaboration with European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) to conduct feasibility study of the AFI RSOO strategy and roadmap addressing issues related to establishment, membership and funding.

2.5 In line with target set by the AFI Plan Steering Committee during its 26th meeting, the implementation of the projects under the Plan in the areas of aerodrome certification, air navigation service providers (ANSPs) peer review, State safety programme (SSP) implementation, fundamentals of safety oversight (FSO) and aeronautical information management (AIM), is progressing and assistance to targeted States is ongoing to improve in critical areas hence enhancing aviation safety oversight capacity in the region. The detail performance of each project provided in the Attachment B to this working paper.

2.6 The Regional Office Safety Teams (ROST) conducted activities aimed at assisting States in improving their safety oversight capabilities including the implementation of their USOAP Corrective Action Plans (CAPs). Accordingly, since the 26th SC meeting assistance have been provided to 11 States (Benin, Burundi, Comoros, DRC, Djibouti, Guinea, Liberia, Namibia, South Sudan and Zambia). The increased assistance and engagement with States over the years resulted in a corresponding improvement in effective implementation (EI) of the critical elements of a State's safety oversight system in Africa. Accordingly, States in Africa EIs above 60% increased from 18 to 20 while the number of States achieved more than 75% as per the GASP target EI increased from 12 to 14.

2.7 Continuous High-level engagements with African States including those countries with low EIs and slow progress in the implementation of their ICAO Plans of Action, is

important. Several high-level missions were conducted in these States to secure high level commitment in addressing issues. In this regard, several side meetings have been scheduled by ICAO to meet with the delegations from such States during this 9th AFI Aviation Week in Libreville, Gabon.

2.8 The support from the partners, aimed at assisting African States in improving the level of implementation of ICAO safety standards, is on-going. The meeting will be provided with more information on the various initiatives during the session on Presentations by Partners.

2.9 The Aviation Infrastructure Gap analysis have been progressing as per the plan agreed in Casablanca, Morocco during the 1st Technical Working Group Workshop. ICAO designed the assessment questionnaire and relevant tools required for data gathering, coordinate the data information gathering, conduct the data/information analysis and is drafting gap analysis report with technical recommendations. Accordingly, the interim report presented to the 2nd Working Group meeting held from 25 to 28 June 2024 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The long-term traffic forecast report conducted by ATNS also presented and considered by the workshop.

2.10 In accordance with the 2023/24 work programme and in collaboration with GAT the GSI OPS course is being conducting at the East African school of Aviation from 1st to 18 July 2024. 15 candidates from 13 States are participating in this course. Coordination is ongoing for the delivering of the GSI AIR and PEL course in the third and fourth quarter of 2024.

2.11 ICAO coordinated and convened a series of meetings with AFCAC and AFI Group and agreed on the next steps to kick start HRDF capacity building activities implementation for the benefit of Member States. Accordingly, training activities were proposed by AFCAC and ICAO to the HRDF Management Committee.

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