



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

### TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE AFI PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

#### Agenda Item 5: Proposed 2025 AFI Plan Programme Activities and Budget

(Presented by the AFI Plan Secretariat)

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper presents the AFI Plan work programme activities and budget for the year 2025.

*Action: The Steering Committee is invited to:*

- a) Note the information contained in the paper. and
- b) Consider and approve the 2025 AFI Plan work Programme and budget.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This paper presents the proposed 2025 work programme and budget under the AFI Plan. The programme was developed considering the status of implementation of the work programme approved by the 26<sup>th</sup> SC meeting in August 2023 and targets set to achieve by the end of 2024. The work programme also takes into consideration the proposed initiatives and targets set in the Programme Document of the AFI Plan for 2025 -2030.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF PROGRESS MADE IN 2023-24

2.1 During its 26<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 24 August 2023; the Steering Committee reviewed the progress made in the implementation of the programme of activities that have been conducted under the AFI Plan for the year 2022/23. Since then, further progress has been made as discussed under Agenda Item 1 as presented the secretariat.

#### 3. SUMMARY OF 2025 WORK PROGRAMME

3.1 The formulation of the 2025 AFI Plan work programme considers the key objectives and targets set in the proposed updated AFI Plan programme for 2025-2030. In this context it considers the progress made in achieving the annual targets set relating to the removal of all Significant Safety Concerns (SSCs), increase of EIs, certification of international aerodromes and implementation of various projects designed under the AFI Plan. The details of the activities, the associated budget, and the specific targets to be achieved by the end of 2025

including the available funds from unearmarked contributions, are provided as Attachment A to this Discussion Paper.

3.2 Direct assistance to States targeting enhancing the capacity of safety oversight in the region are to be maintained with continued remote and onsite support by the Regional Office Safety Teams (ROSTs). In this regard, the AFI Plan proposed project for specific States with low effective implementation so that targeted support would be provided to enhance their safety oversight capacity. Assistance delivery by AFI-CIS, CDI Projects, RSOOs and other partner programmes will also be conducted within the framework of the specific ICAO plans of action formulated for a particular State, coordinated through the AFI Plan and annual ICAO Regional Offices, AFCAC, RSOOs, RECs and other partners planning meeting.

3.3 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. The finalization, approval and implementation of the RSOO strategy and feasibility study will be conducted during the remaining period of 2024 and 2025.

3.4 Considering the various initiatives and plans in the region aimed at developing and building capacity of aviation professionals, it was imperative that priority be given to the development of a comprehensive data base on aviation professionals related to ICAO Strategic Objectives, as well as to develop a gap analysis and a forecast of the needs of the aviation sector in Africa. Safety Inspector Courses are currently provided to States in the year 2024. This and additional courses will be provided in 2025 to enhance the qualified safety personnel of States in the region.

3.5 The 2025-2030 AFI Plan Programme continues to consider a project approach hence proposed key project based on the needs of the States in the region. Accordingly, project activities under Aerodrome certification, State Safety Programme (SSP) establishment, Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs) Peer Review Programme, Aeronautical Information Management (AIM), Search and Rescue (SAR) proposed for the consideration of the Steering Committee in the year 2025 as presented in Attachment A.

3.6 ICAO Assembly adopted a Resolution A41-27 (Appendix C-Airports and air navigation services economics, Section II. Aviation infrastructure management and financing), requesting the Council to continue to conduct and support relevant follow up work to implement the IWAF/3 Declaration and Framework for a Plan of Action for Development of Aviation Infrastructure in Africa under existing arrangements, within the framework of the ICAO AFI Plan. In accordance with the decision of the AFI Plan SC the infrastructure gap analysis in Africa has been progressing in collaboration with the African Union Commission, African Civil Aviation Commission, Regional Economic Communities, and other relevant Organizations. The Plan will continue coordinating this activity in 2024/25 with the various stakeholders to finalize the remaining part the work to finalize the infrastructure gap analysis.

3.9 The AFI Plan, as part of its activities of 2025 will also continue to serve as a coordination platform for the programmes, projects and initiatives of partners.

3.10 The status of the AFI Plan fund balance from unearmarked contributions **on 30 June 2024 is 483,735 CAD**. The required budget to cover the various activities including the projects for the year 2025 is about USD 1,487,900.00 as presented in the Attachment A. The proposed budget takes in to consideration the implementation of the recommendations of the OIO evaluation hence improved planning, implementation and monitoring mechanisms that enhances the programme implementation capacity during the year 2025.

-END-