

*ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFI PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE
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TO THE
FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE
COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AVIATION SAFETY IN
AFRICA (AFI PLAN)
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Mr. Secretary General

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

Members of the Steering Committee of the AFI Plan

- I would first like to thank you for the massive participation in this 14th meeting of the Steering Committee of the AFI Plan. In particular, I warmly welcome the Steering Committee Members who travelled to Montreal; the Secretary General of AFCAC, the Delegations of FAA, European Union, France, the DGCA of the Singapore CAA, the chairperson of the APIRG, the chairperson of the RASG and others.
- Thank you also to the distinguished Council Members and the Representatives to ICAO and all our partners for attending this meeting and for their permanent commitment for the improvement of Aviation Safety in Africa.
- To refresh our memory, let's recall the objectives of the AFI Plan. The Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (known as AFI Plan) was developed by ICAO to enhance aviation safety in Africa.
- To implement the objectives of the AFI Plan, three focus areas have been established by the Steering Committee:
 - 1 Enabling States to establish and maintain a sustainable safety oversight system (infra-structure and capacity building)
 - 2 Assisting States to resolve identified deficiencies within a reasonable time; and
 - 3 Enhancing the aviation safety culture of African aviation service providers.

- In addition, the AFI Plan focus areas have been aligned with the Aviation safety targets for Africa adopted during the Ministerial Conference on Aviation Safety held in Abuja, Nigeria in July 2012.
- Many results have been achieved so far in the implementation of the AFI Plan as mentioned earlier by the Chef de Cabinet of the Secretary General. Let me take this opportunity to thank on your behalf the President of the ICAO Council, the Secretary General of ICAO and his team for their continued and efficient efforts that led to the success of the AFI Plan and the achievement of those well appreciated results.
- I would like to take this opportunity to particularly congratulate and thank Mr. Meshesha Belayneh for his valuable efforts in his capacity as Secretary of the AFI Plan for almost 4 years.
- Dear Meshesha, thank you very much and be assured that the AFI Plan still needs your experience and your wise advice. Please give him a round of applause.
- Also congratulations to Mr. Mam Sait Jallow, the new secretary of the AFI Plan. In fact he is not new, very familiar with the AFI Plan. Thank you to the Regional Directors WACAF and ESAF, Messrs. Mam Sait Jallow and Prosper Zo'o Minto'o as well as Eyob Estifanos, the Associate Regional Officer in ESAF Office. Thank you all for your efforts.
- Let me also take this opportunity to inform you that Mozambique has volunteered to host our next meeting of the Steering Committee, as well as the Regional Safety Symposium. These meetings are scheduled to take place from 18th to 20th May 2015.
- The Secretary General of ICAO has accepted the offer and preparations for the events have already begun in coordination with Mozambique. (All of you please be ready to travel to Mozambique in May 2015).
- As we have our Colleague the Representative of Mozambique to ICAO here, please join me in thanking Mozambique for offering to host our next meetings.
- This fourteenth Meeting of the AFI Steering Committee will consider several items on its Agenda. This includes the Progress Report on the implementation of the AFI Plan since the thirteenth meeting of the Steering Committee. Also the Status of Implementation of the Collaborative Implementation Programme developed

following the Symposium on Aviation Safety in Africa, held in Dakar in May 2014, and that most of you had attended.

- In addition to these important Items on the Agenda, as you have noticed, we have many other issues to cover. But I'm very confident that we will achieve the objectives of this meeting in the dedicated time, I mean one day.
- In order to focus our discussion, let me propose to you the following plan:
 - After the adoption of the Agenda
 - The Secretary of the AFI Plan and the other Speakers will present us the DPs; while doing so, I invite them to go directly to the main points of the subject.
 - After the presentation of a DP, we will go through the paper and then straight to the Executive Summary to review the Actions required.

THANK YOU!