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**Agenda Item 6: Any Other Business**

**FUTURE DIRECTION OF AAITF**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

**SUMMARY**

This paper presents information on the history and progress of AAITF, and proposes changes under consideration by the Secretariat.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 AAITF originated in the Asia/Pacific AIS Automation Task Force (AATF), which held nine meetings in the period from 1994 to 2002, when it was suspended by APANPIRG due to completion of its work programme.

1.2 AATF was reactivated and re-named by APANPIRG in 2005, and held its first meeting as the AIS Implementation Task Force (AITF/1) in March 2006.

1.3 Following a review by AITF/3 in 2008 of the group's terms of reference, it was re-formed as the AIS-AIM Implementation Task Force (AAITF/4, February 2009).

1.4 A total of 34 meetings of the AATF, AITF and AAITF have been held since the inception of AATF in 1994.

1.5 Future direction of AAITF was discussed at AAITF/18 (19-23 June 2023, Bangkok, Thailand) based on the WP/17 provided by the secretariat.

1.6 Noting the very slow progress in AIS/AIM implementation and deficiency resolution, the Secretariat proposed at the AAITF/18 that consideration be given to holding AAITF meetings once per two years. However, recognising the critical importance of AIS to the safety and regularity of aviation, the meeting did not support a reduction in the frequency of AAITF meetings.

**2. DISCUSSION**

AIS/AIM Implementation Status

2.1 **Tables 1** summarizes reported AIS/AIM implementation status from AAITF/14 (2019) to AAITF/20.

**Table 1:** Implementation of Phases 1 and 2 of Regional AIM Capability

<b>Regional Implementation Status: Phases 1 and 2 of Regional AIM Capability (Asia/Pacific Regional Plan for Collaborative AIM)</b>							
<i>Note 1: Asia/Pacific Regional Plan for Collaborative AIM, first published in 2018, included the expectation of implementation of Phase I of Regional AIM Capability immediately, and Phase II by November 2019.</i>							
AAITF YEAR	14 2019	15 2020	16 2021	17 2022	18 2023	19 2024	20 2025
%	45%	45%	48%	50%	51%	53%	54%

2.2 **Tables 1** highlight continuing poor overall regional performance in the implementation of regional performance expectations, including those from Phase 1 of both the Roadmap and Regional AIM Plan, which relate to ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPS) published in Annexes to the Convention for decades.

#### APANPIRG ATM and Airspace Safety Deficiencies

2.3 **Table 2** summarizes AIS-related Deficiencies recorded by APANPIRG from 2016 to 2024, and the proposed deficiencies for 2025 as reported in WP/04 to this meeting.

**Table 2:** AIS-related APANPIRG Deficiencies 2016 - 2025

<b>AIS-related APANPIRG ATM and Airspace Safety Deficiencies (Number of Administrations)</b>										
YEAR	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
WGS/84	13	12	12	11	10	10	9	8	8	8
AIP Format	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
AIS Quality Management	22	23	23	22	20	20	20	20	18	18*
* One State have submitted information to support withdrawal of the AIS QM Deficiency										

2.4 These deficiencies also relate to SARPS that have been in place for decades. While WGS-84 implementation has shown some improvement, it remains less than ideal. The number of Administrations having deficiencies recorded for AIS quality management is deeply concerning. In this regard, it appears that AAITF activity only has a minor impact.

#### Working Papers and Information Papers Submitted to AAITF Meetings

2.5 **Table 3** shows the numbers of Working Papers and Information Papers submitted to AAITF meetings from 2016 to 2025.

**Table 3:** Working Papers and Information Papers Submitted to AAITF Meetings.

<b>Working Papers and Information Papers Submitted to AAITF Meetings 2014 - 2023</b>										
<b>AAITF # YEAR</b>	11 2016	12 2017	13 2018	14 2019	15 2020	16 2021	17 2022	18 2023	19 2024	20 2025
<b>State WPs</b>	3	3	5	7	3	3	3	2	6	9
<b>Secretariat WPs</b>	9	13	11	17	15	13	10	10	18	12
<b>State IPs</b>	3	3	16	12	4	9	7	6	7	10
<b>Secretariat IPs</b>	2	1	1	1	2	3	2	1	1	3
<b>IO WP/IP/SP</b>	-	2	-	2	1	1	2	5	2	3
<b>Total Papers</b>	17	22	33	39	25	29	24	23	34	37

#### Future Direction

2.6 The following discussion was held at the AAITF/18 to improve the AAITF work.

- *AAITF should develop a systematic programme of workshops, in collaboration with participating Administrations and industry partners;*
- *AAITF should engage in planning and facilitating other regional activities such as AIM Go-Teams, familiarization visits, training opportunities, and other similar direct support and assistance activities;*
  - *Direct support and assistance activities would require the identification of champion States to commit to;*
    - *Provision of fully funded experts to join direct support and assistance activities; or*
    - *Release of experts to join direct support and assistance activities; and*
    - *Remote technical specialist support for such activities.*
- *Future AAITF meetings may be reduced to three or four days from the current five.*

2.7 In light of the discussions held at AAITF/18, the Secretariat proposes the following for the consideration of the meeting and seeks participants' views:

- a) That AAITF/21 be shortened from four days to three days.
- b) That a two-day training course on Aeronautical Information Quality Management (ICAO Training) be organised in conjunction with AAITF/21 in 2026, subject to budget allocation.
- c) That AIM Go-Teams be planned for implementation in 2026, subject to budget allocation.

### **3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note generally poor progress in:
  - i) regional AIS/AIM implementation; and
  - ii) resolution of APANPIRG ATM and Airspace Safety Deficiencies in the AIS/AIM field;
- b) note the overall level of State engagement in AAITF meetings;
- c) discuss the future direction of AAITF; and
- d) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

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