

International Civil Aviation Organization

Fifteenth Meeting of the Asia/Pacific Air Traffic Flow Management Steering Group (ATFM/SG/15)

Bangkok, Thailand, 28 April – 02 May 2025

Agenda Item 8: Review of the Task List

TERMS OF REFERENCE AND TASK LIST

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the ATFM/SG Terms of Reference, ATFM Information Requirements Small Working Group (ATFM/IR/SWG) Terms of Reference, and Task List for review and update by the meeting.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The ATFM Information Requirements Small Working Group (ATFM/IR/SWG) Terms of Reference (TOR) and Task List are presented for review and update by the meeting

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 The ATFM/SG Terms of Reference (TOR) were updated by the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Asia/Pacific Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APANPIRG/32, December 2021 to include Airport Collaborative Decision Making (A-CDM) related tasks. A copy of the TOR is appended as **Attachment A**. Any amendment proposed by the meeting will require that a supporting Draft Decision is formulated, for consideration by the ATM Sub-Group of APANPIRG (ATM/SG) at its next meeting in August 2025.
- 2.2 The ATFM/IR/SWG TOR were updated by the Thirteenth Meeting of the Asia/Pacific Air Traffic Flow Management Steering Group (ATFM/SG/13, April 2023), following the *Decision ATFM/SG/13-1: Update Terms of Reference of ATFM Information Requirements Small Working Group.* A copy of the TOR is provided at **Attachment B**.
- 2.3 The Task List as updated by ATFM/SG/14 is provided at **Attachment B**, for update by the meeting. The Task List has been rationalized to remove historical tasks that were closed or completed prior to ATFM/SG/15. Previous Task Lists retaining the historical information remain available in earlier meeting reports.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
 - a) review the ATFM/SG TOR and the ATFM/IR/SWG TOR;
 - b) urge A-CDM experts to participate in the ATFM/IR/SWG;
 - c) update the Task List.

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(last updated ATFM/SG/14, 26 April 2024)

ACTION ITEM	DESCRIPTION	TIME FRAME	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	STATUS	REMARKS
9/5	Missing DEP messages follow-up multi-State analysis	24 July 2020 ATM/SG/9 30 September 2022 (POC) October (data gathering) APANPIRG/33 (by 31 Oct) ATM/SG/11	Australia, China, India, Japan, Mongolia, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Viet Nam, Cambodia	Open Closed	To be coordinated/confirmed, depending on level of traffic recovery post-COVID-19 pandemic POC confirmation ATFM/SG/12 report para. 4.39 and 4.43 2023 data collection will be tentatively in June 2023
9/9	Analysis of MET requirements to support Non-ASBU elements of Seamless ANS Plan	ATFM/SG/12 ATFM/SG/13 ATFM/SG/15	Secretariat/MET R WG Chair	Open	Updated ATFM/SG/11 To be discussed by MET/R WG/9 MET/R WG/41 13— to consider in context of 20223 update of Seamless ANS Plan
11/1	APA-CDM/TF Action Item 5/2 - included in ATFM/SG Task List pending APANPIRG decision on re-assignment of responsibility for A-CDM. Develop joint operational procedure guidance for the integration of ATFM and A-CDM operations, focusing the integration between A-CDM and "cross-	ATFM/SG/12 ATFM/SG/13 ATM/SG/10 (CANSO) ATFM/SG/14	(APA-CDM/TF/6) ATFM/IR/SWG to lead China, Hong Kong China, India, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Group of Experts, CANSO	In progress	Included at ATFM/SG/11 APA-CDM/TF/6 WP/03 Task to be carried out by the APANPIRG technical body assigned ongoing responsibility for oversight of A-CDM.

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	border" ATFM in collaboration with Experts from ATFM/SG and SWIM TF				CANSO provides a paper ATM/SG/10
12/3	Register the Asia/Pacific Bi-Weekly Web Conference (AMNAC) to share the ATFM-related information through the MS Teams	Ongoing	Administrations willing to join	Open	ATFM/SG/12 report para. 4.29 invitation extended to some States outside of AMNAC ATFM/SG/13 report para. 4.13
					ATFM/SG/14 report para 4.80
12/4	CTO compliance window follow-up (lessons learned from other Regions)	ATFM/SG/13 Ongoing	Secretariat	Open	ATFM/SG/12 report para. 4.73
12/6	Explore what seasonal meteorological conditions information (airport and airspace) are required during ATFM strategic phase in coordination with AUs	MET/R WG/12 (22 26 May 2023) MET/R WG/13	ATFM/IR/SWG	Open Closed	ATFM/SG/12 report para. 5.3 Hong Kong China provides a presentation to MET/ATM seminar in May 2023
12/10	Provide a FAQ to assist States in reviewing their ATFM implementation	ATFM/SG/13	New Zealand, Hong Kong China, Thailand and Singapore	Open Closed	ATFM/SG/12 report para. 4.16
13/1	Report on the progress of CTO trials	ATFM/SG/14 Ongoing	Japan	Open	ATFM/SG/13 report para. 4.53 ATFM/SG/14 report para 4.89
13/2	Report on the progress of multi- constraints resolution	ATFM/SG/14 Ongoing	China , Hong Kong China, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand	Open	ATFM/SG/13 report para. 4.71
13/3	Support the workshop on capacity assessment, and consider to include ATFM-related USOAP PQs	Nov 2023 2024 (tentative)	Secretariat, China, Thailand, Singapore, Japan, Hong Kong China, ROK, Pakistan, USA, India, Malaysia, Philippines, IATA and CANSO	Open	ATFM/SG/13 report para. 7.5
13/5	Draft Regional A-CDM Implementation monitoring and reporting scheme	ATFM/SG/14 ATM/SG/12	ATFM/IR/SWG	Open	ATFM/SG/13 report para. 6.6

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					ATFM/SG/14 report para 6.19
13/7	Update MET/R WG ad-hoc group member list (ATFM experts)	MET/R WG/12	MET/R WG ad-hoc group member	Open	ATFM/SG/13 report para. 2.4
13/8	Provide feedback and additional use cases for APAC User Requirements for SWIM-based MET Information Services Supporting ATFM to MET R/WG adhoc group	MET/R WG/13	Secretariat, All administrations	Open	ATFM/SG/13 report para. 2.4
14/1	APAC Region ATFM Implementation Status report analysis – Show Phase IIIA and IIIB elements status separately	ATM/SG/12 ATFM/SG/15	Secretariat, All Administrations	Open	ATFM/SG/14 report para 4.6
14/2	Air Traffic Flow over Bay of Bengal – Status Update	ATM/SG/12	Singapore, Malaysia, India, IATA	Open	ATFM/SG/14 report para 4.23
14/3	Provide recommendations and share experiences on ATM contingency	ICAO APAC/MID ATM Contingency Planning Workshop	All Administrations	Open	ATFM/SG/14 report para 7.9