

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

FIRST MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE AFI PLANS

*(VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE, 28 TO 29 MAY 2025)***Agenda Item 3: Report on the status of implementation of the Decisions and Recommendations of the 13th AFI SECFAL PLAN SC Meeting***(Presented by the AFI SECFAL Plan Secretariat)***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This Working Paper presents status of implementation of the Decisions and Recommendations made by the 13th Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan) Steering Committee Meeting, held in Libreville, Gabon, on 17 July 2024.

Action by the SC is proposed under **Paragraph 4**. Details are provided in **Attachment A** appended to this Working Paper.

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.1 The 13th Meeting of the AFI SECFAL Plan Steering Committee (SC) was held on 17 July 2024. The SC made three Decisions and one Recommendation, which required action by the Secretariat and other stakeholders.

1.2 The approval of the revised AFI SECFAL Plan Master Document and Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the Steering Committee (SC) 2024 to 2030 was referred to the Ad hoc Committee formed to work on the AFI Plans governance structure.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 During the period from August 2024 to May 2025, several of the Decisions and Recommendations have been fully implemented and some have their implementation ongoing. Details of implementation status are highlighted in **Attachment A** of this Working Paper. As mandated, the Secretariat will continue to update the SC and chairperson, on the implementation status from time to time.

2.2 During the period, the Ad-hoc Committee completed the task given, with regard to the governance structure of the AFI Plans, namely the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan), Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan) and the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF). A Working paper highlighting the detailed outcomes will be presented during this 28th AFI Plan SC meeting.

2.3 Following the adoption of the governance structure framework of the AFI Plans, the revised AFI SECFAL Plan Programme Master document for the extended period from 2024 to 2030 has been reviewed and aligned with the new governance structure framework and will be presented during the Meeting for approval under WP 03C.

2.4 The report on the status of implementation of the 2025 AFI SECFAL Plan Work Programme is provided in WP 03D, while the current financial status is provided in WP 03B. Additionally, report on the activities of the Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (RASFALG-AFI) and the Progress on the Implementation of the Windhoek Targets are detailed in WP 04.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 The AFI SECFAL Plan secretariat remains focused on completion of the implementation of the yet to be implemented Decisions and Recommendations of the previous Steering Committee meeting. These will be implemented alongside the ongoing activities under the approved the 2025 Work Programme.

4. ACTION BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE

4.1 The Steering Committee is invited to:

- a) Note the information contained in this paper and in particular the implementation of the Recommendations and Decisions as highlighted in **Attachment A** to this Working Paper.
- b) Provide further instruction, guidance and recommendations for the continued implementation of the Plan

ATTACHMENT A:

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 13TH SC MEETING DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Decision/ Recommendation/ Reference	Decision / Recommendation Text	Action Taken/Current Status	Remarks
SC12/Dec 01	a) <i>Noted the information contained in the working paper and in particular the implementation of the Decisions and Recommendations as highlighted in Attachment A and the implementation of Plan Work Programme of August 2023 to December 2024 in Attachment B to the Working Paper.</i>	No action required	No action required
	b) <i>Encouraged the Secretariat to enhance advocacy efforts to establish a sustainable funding mechanism for the Plan and explore potential options to secure long-term financial support including the collaboration and coordination with Regional Safety and Security Oversight Organizations (RSOOs).</i>	The secretariat continued with implementation of resource mobilization for the AFI SECFAL Plan, through presentation of requests to potential donors. To complement these efforts, the Capacity Development and Implementation Bureau of ICAO(CDI) has incorporated the AFI SECFAL Plan resource mobilization in the automatically generated ICAO RMI prospectus. Under the proposed new governance structure of the AFI Plans, the SC and other stakeholders will supplement into the ICAO initiatives on resource mobilization.	Voluntary donations were received from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (USD 75,000), and from Malaysia (USD 50,000), totaling USD 125,000
	c) <i>Appreciated the ICAO ATB/ASF/ISD-SEC for availing funds which support the implementation of the Plan work programme.</i>	No action required	So far, the AFI SECFAL Plan has received 111,731 USD from ICAO NCLB Fund to fund six state specific projects.

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	d) <i>Directed the Secretariat to focus effort on prevention of potential new SSeCs and the removal of the existing SSeCs.</i>	• State-specific projects were conducted for the States to assist in the resolution of SSeCs; • High level mission planned for the States; • New/potential SSeCs successfully mitigated; and • Currently 6 States with SSeCs.	Ongoing activity
	e) <i>Encouraged collaboration between ICAO and Partners to deal with the new and emerging threats to civil aviation including the insider threat, cybersecurity, the use of drones/unmanned aerial vehicles, and the use of improvised explosive devices.</i>	The Secretariat continued to enhance cooperation, collaboration and coordination with EU, ACI, AUC, AFRAA, IATA, RECs RSOOs, UNOCT, INTERPOL, other Partners and donors through sharing of information and program and participation in activities of mutual interest Partners.	Ongoing activity
	f) <i>Directed the secretariat when drawing priority areas to consider risk assessment and threat landscape and also the result of the USAP CMA audits.</i>	The Secretariat continues to prioritize based on risk assessment, threat landscape and States' need base on the USAP CMA results.	Ongoing activity
	g) <i>Encouraged the Secretariat to consider a gap analysis on infrastructure for AVSEC/FAL to inform decision making, moving forward.</i>	?? No update on this?	
SC12/Dec 02	a) <i>Noted the information contained in the Working Paper, in particular the revised Plan Programme Master Document for the extended period from 2024 to 2030 contained in Attachment A and the progress made in the review.</i>	No action required	

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	<i>b) The revised Plan Programme Master document for the extended period from 2024 to 2030 will be scrutinized and approved by the newly established Ad-hoc Committee.</i>	The Ad-hoc Committee finalized the work on the AFI SECFAL Programme Master document	In progress - The AFI SECFAL Programme document to be presented to ICAO Council
	<i>c) Directed the Secretariat to refer elements touching on the Plan governance to the Ad-hoc Committee for deliberations and guidance, after incorporation and finalization of the revised Master document; and</i>	The Ad-hoc Committee finalized the work on the AFI Plans governance, which was approved by the AFI Pan, AFI SEC FAL SCs and HRDF Management Committee (6 th May extraordinary SC Meeting).	In progress - The AFI Plans governance document to be presented to ICAO Council.
	<i>d) Directed the Secretariat to take into consideration the threat landscape when drawing the areas of priority of the 2024-2030 Work Programme.</i>	The 2024-2030 Work Programme is based on criteria including threat landscape.	Completed
SC12/Dec 03	<i>a) Noted the information contained in the Working Paper, in particular the activities, projects and budget for the year 2025, as contained in Attachment A and presented in the Working Paper;</i>	No action required	No action required
	<i>b) Approved in principle, the activities, projects and budget of the AFI SECFAL Plan for 2025, as contained in Appendix A.</i>	• The implementation of the 2025 Work Programme is ongoing with some activities completed, on track and pending; and • Six State specific projects are being conducted under NCLB fund.	Ongoing activity
	<i>c) Noted the limited funds available in the AFI SECFAL Plan account, and encouraged that stronger resource mobilization strategies be explored by the SC and the Plan secretariat.</i>	The Secretariat continues soliciting funding from donors under the Resource Mobilization Strategy.	Ongoing activity
	<i>d) Directed that all governance related issues to be referred to the Ad-hoc Committee for further deliberation and guidance.</i>	The Ad-hoc Committee finalized the work on the AFI Plans governance.	In progress - The AFI Plans governance document to be presented to ICAO Council.

Decision/ Recommendation/ Reference	Decision / Recommendation Text	Action Taken/Current Status	Remarks
SC12/Rec 01	a) <i>Commended the efforts made by AFCAC to support AFI States through SAATM Project in the implementation of Windhoek Targets.</i>	No action required	
	b) <i>Urged AFI States to make use of the AFCAC Cooperative Experts Scheme to support in the implementation of aviation security and facilitation in the region.</i>	AFI CES involved in the technical assistance provided to States	Ongoing activity
	c) <i>Noted with appreciation the assistance provided by UNOCT towards the establishment and implementation of Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) systems, through its Counter-Terrorism Travel Programme (CTTP).</i>	UNOCT has continued to support AFI States towards the establishment and implementation of Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) systems, through its Counter-Terrorism Travel Programme (CTTP).	Ongoing activity
	d) <i>Appreciated the work undertaken by the US TSA to support AFI States and requested the TSA's continued support, engagement and collaboration with the AFI SECFAL Plan.</i>	Coordination and collaboration between the Plan and TSA are ongoing.	Ongoing activity
	e) <i>Urged the AFI States to take advantage of the above opportunities to improve the implementation of aviation security and facilitation SARPs in Africa.</i>	AFI States' participation in the partners' activities is increasing.	Ongoing activity

