2ND REGIONAL AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION GROUP (RASFG-AFI)

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By

Chairperson of RASFG-AFI

The Second Meeting of the Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group for Africa and the Indian Ocean Region (RASFG-AFI) was held here in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea from 23 to 24 June, 2016.

The meeting was convened according to the approved Terms of Reference of the RASFG-AFI.

Thirty-three (33) participants from 14 States, AFCAC and ICAO attended the meeting.

- approval of the RASFG-AFI Terms of Reference (TORs)
- work program for 2016 by the 2nd Steering Committee meeting.
- outcomes along with associated targets of the Ministerial Conference on Aviation Security and Facilitation held in Windhoek, Namibia

Objectives and benefits of Designation

- Objectives of Designation of Experts by States
- for the purpose of identification of security and facilitation issues,
- to deliver technical inputs and recommendations for the resolution of deficiencies to the SC of SECFAL Plan
- to provide Assistance to States for resolving operational deficiencies and increase EI of States' security oversight system.

- Questionnaire developed based on the RASFG-AFI Work Program
- for the purpose of identifying areas of need in aviation security and facilitation.
- responses from States, would help the RASFG-AFI and AFI-SECFAL Steering Committee for assistance activities.
- AFCAC and the European Civil Aviation Commission, (ECAC) planned activities at regional levels.

- Outcomes of needs analysis carried out by ICAO on AVSEC and FAL training

- need for closer (sub) regional cooperation in the field of training and the use of e-Learning and blended learning

Recommendations:

- 1. AFCAC to initiate coordination with the 6 African States still using non-machine readable passports to speed up the process of compliance.

- 2. AFCAC and ICAO Secretariats to specifically follow-up with the remaining 4 States yet to respond to non-machine readable passports.

- 3. RASFG-AFI yearly work plans to be aligned with the SECFAL targets adopted by the Windhoek Ministerial Declaration. (April 2016)

Recommendations: Cont'd

- 4. A 6thFocus Area and its dedicated Group should be established under the RASFG-AFI, to deal with aviation security and facilitation training.

- 5. AFCAC to intensify more follow up with States for the purpose of increasing the level of response to State letters relating to the "Designation of Experts of the RASFG-AFI" as well as to the Questionnaire. AFCAC to request States to designate a focal person within Member States for this and or similar matters.

- 6. AFCAC to propose to the CASE project Steering Group to consider use of African experts by the CASE project for the delivery of workshops and Assistance missions.

Recommendations: Cont'd

- 7. AFCAC in collaboration with ICAO to review instructions of the forms relating to designation of experts for a better understanding by States.

- 8. SECFAL Plan SC to consider the establishment of a Pilot Project with regard to blended learning and/or e-learning.

- 9. ICAO to consider the development of Training Packages on Facilitation.

The Steering Committee is invited to:

- a) Note the outcomes of the meeting and consider the recommendations made.
- b) Direct RASFG-AFI to align its yearly work plans with the SECFAL targets adopted by the Windhoek Ministerial Declaration (April 2016).
- c) Member States to increasing the level of response to State letters relating to the “Designation of Experts of the RASFG-AFI” as well as to the Questionnaire.
- d) AFCAC to request States to designate a focal person within Member States for this and similar matters.
- e) A 6thFocus Area and its dedicated Group should be established under the RASFG-AFI, to deal with aviation security and facilitation training.
- f) Consider the establishment of a Pilot Project with regard to blended learning and/or e-learning.
- g) Request ICAO to consider the development of Training Packages on Facilitation.