COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION IN AFRICA (AFI SECFAL PLAN)

THIRD AFI SECFAL PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
(Malabo, Equatorial Guinea 1 July 2016)

(Presented by AFI SECFAL Plan Secretariat)

Agenda Item 2: Outcomes of the first Aviation Security and Facilitation Symposium, held on 27 June 2016, Malabo, Equatorial Guinea

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This discussion paper provides the AFI SECFAL Steering Committee Meeting with information on the report on the Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Symposium held on 27 June 2016 in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea during the ICAO AFI Week.

Action: *The meeting is invited to:*

a) Adopt the report on the Aviation Security and Facilitation Symposium and consider integrating its recommendations into the AFI SECFAL Plan Work Programme;
b) Instruct the Secretariat to develop a Collaborative Implementation Plan (CIP) to monitor the outcomes of the symposium; and
c) Give Direction as may be necessary on modalities and structure of future aviation Security and Facilitation symposiums.

BACKGROUND

The First Aviation Security and Facilitation symposium was the first in a series of the AFI Aviation week events held in Malabo Equatorial on 27th June 2017, with an agenda of various topics in five sessions. A summary of the outcomes has been developed for consideration for consideration by the AFI SECFAL Steering Committee and a Collaborative Implementation programme will be developed accordingly.

Session 1: PERFORMANCE OF AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION IN AFRICA

The meeting:

1) Calls upon States to give priority to ICAO annual USAP –CMA audits and develop their Corrective Action Plan (CAP) within the required timeline and implement the recommendations of the audit in a timely manner;

2) Recommend ICAO, in the framework of the AFI SECFAL Plan, to consider availing some components of USAP audit results for the purposes of analyses of States' needs and challenges;

3) Urged African States to increase interstate cooperation and collaboration , including sharing information on success stories in the implementation of aviation security and facilitation related SARPs and USAP – CMA corrective action plans, towards enhancing the desired level of performance in the region;

4) Call upon the AFI SECFAL Plan Steering Committee to establish an Action Plan to implement the Windhoek 2016 Ministerial Declaration and Targets to enhance aviation security and facilitation in Africa.

5) Call upon African States, Partner States, organizations and industry to coordinate their activities towards effective implementation of aviation security and facilitation requirements within the AFI SECFAL Framework.

6) Urged African States to enhance their respective and joint commitments to the implementation of the Windhoek Declaration and associated Security and Facilitation targets and encouraged all stakeholders to create increased awareness on the objectives and activities and support to AFI SECFAL Plan.

Session 2: AVIATION SECURITY THREAT AND RISK ASSESSMENTS SUPPORTING AFRICAN CAPABILITY

The Meeting:

1) Urged States to develop and implement national Risk assessment tools ; and consider to use the ICAO Risk context statement as a reference;

2) Called upon AFCAC and ICAO, to conduct Regional Workshops on Risk Management in collaboration with IATA and other partners;

3) Called upon ICAO to update and review its guidance material to assist States in Capacity building to effectively mitigate New and Emerging threats, particularly the ones arising from Insider Threats;

4) Urged States to enforce background checks on a continuous basis as one way of mitigating risks of insider threats and establish and implement behavioral detection and/or other forms of profiling.

Session 3: INITIATIVES TO ADDRESSING CHALLENGES RELATED TO AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION.

The Meeting:

1) Urged States to support the AU's effort to establish a continental Protocol on Free Movement of Persons and take necessary measures to allow as a starting point at least the issuance of visa on arrival;

2) Urged States to consider Cargo Security as a critical issue for aviation Security and Facilitation and join or to support the Joint UNODC-WCO-ICAO Cargo Container programme (CCP)-Air in order to promote its expansion in the AFI region;

3) Harnessing of synergies should be done to integrate ASIP into AFI SECFAL Plan work programme activities.

Session 4: TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING IN AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION IN THE AFI REGION

The Meeting:

1) Requested ICAO to develop further guidance material on the use of ELearning and encouraged States, Regional organizations, stakeholders and ASTC's to develop and use E-Learning and blended learning in AVSEC and FAL training;

2) Urged ICAO to consider facilitating access to training provided under TRAINAIR Plus Programme through a revised charging policy, in the spirit of expanding on the level of attendance to training courses;

3) Encouraged ASTCs to consider adopting best practices such as those from the ACI SMART Security program.

The meeting is invited to:

a) Adopt the summary of the outcome of the Aviation Security and Facilitation Symposium;
b) Direct the Secretariat to develop a Collaborative Implementation Plan (CIP) to monitor the outcomes of the symposium; and
c) Provide guidance as may be necessary regarding improvement of future aviation Security and Facilitation symposiums activities.

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