Twenty-second Meeting of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group & Fifth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for the AFI Region
(APIRG/22 and RASG-AFI/5/4)
(Accra, Ghana, 29 July – 02 August 2019)

Agenda Item 2: Coordination between APIRG and RASG- AFI

APIRG-RASG/AFI Joint Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF)

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY
The RASG-AFI and APIRG have agreed to establish a Joint APIRG-RASG/AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF) responsible for coordinating the activities of APIRG and RASG-AFI. This working discusses the coordination between the two groups in accordance with the provisions of the APIRG and RASG-AFI Procedural Handbooks and the terms of reference approved by the ICAO Council for PIRGs and RASGs. It also analyzes the identified common areas of interest where coordination is required in order for the two groups to efficiently and effectively address implementation issues in the AFI Region. **Action by the meeting is at Paragraph 3**:
REFRENCE(S): ▪ RASG-AFI/3 & RASG-AFI/4 Reports ▪ RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook ▪ APIRG/APCC/2 Report
Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): A – *Safety,* **B** – *Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency.*

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In March 2012, the APIRG/18 and RASG-AFI/1 meetings recognized the necessity for close coordination of activities between RASG- AFI and APIRG in order to ensure harmonization and avoid duplication of efforts, in accordance with the terms of reference of these two groups.

1.2 In November 2013, the RASG-AFI/2 meeting identified the need to establish an effective mechanism for the two groups to share and agree on how to deal with real or potential overlapping responsibilities in a timely manner, and accordingly recommended that *APIRG and RASG-AFI share information on the outcomes of their most recent meetings and activities in order to facilitate coordination between the two Groups and among their subsidiary bodies (Conclusion 2/10).*

1.3 In December 2015, the RASG-AFI/3 meeting established a Joint APIRG-RASG/AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF) to be responsible for coordinating the activities of APIRG and RASG-AFI *(Decision 3/15).* In accordance with the RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook, the Joint Coordination Task Force will be a subsidiary body to APIRG and RASG-AFI, intended to strengthen existing arrangements and adequately address the requirements for coordination between the two groups.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The APIRG-RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC) held its first meeting in October 2017, and presented its report to RASG-AFI/4. The report highlighted previous conclusions and decisions taken by the RASG-AFI in order to facilitate coordination between the two Groups and their auxiliary bodies (Conclusion 2/10 refers), and to address common issues such as the implementation of prioritized ASBU Block safety related modules (Conclusion 2/11 refers), provision of support and assistance for the integration and consolidation of RSOOs (Decision 3/11 refers), establishment of a PIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (Decision 3/15 refers) and Synchronization of the work programmes of RASG-AFI and APIRG (Decision 3/16 refers).

2.2 With respect to the establishment of the APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF), the meeting noted the endorsement by the APIRG of its terms of reference as developed by RASG-AF/3, and requested the Secretariat to re-examine and reconcile, in collaboration with the RASC and APIRG Projects Coordination Committee (APCC), the needs of all stakeholders regarding representation in and composition of the ARC-TF.

Membership of the Task Force

2.3 The membership of the ARC-TF includes representatives from APIRG, RASG-AFI, AFCAC and Industry. The ICAO Regional Offices serve as Secretariat and Members provide technical expertise in identifying and analyzing challenges, and providing guidance and recommendations to overcome them and meet the set targets, and improve the air navigation infrastructure within the AFI Region, in line with the GASP and GANP.

2.4 It is proposed that the core membership of the ARC-TF should include representatives from the following stakeholders:

- APIRG
- RASG-AFI
- AFCAC
- Industry: ASECNA, CANSO, ACI, IATA, AFRAA, AIRBUS, BOEING

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Common areas of interest

2.6 The allocation of tasks and areas of common interest between APIRG and RASG-AFI were reviewed by the Fourth Meeting of the APIRG Projects Coordination Committee (APCC/4) (Nairobi, Kenya, 24-25 June 2019), and are summarized in the table provided as **Appendix** to this working paper.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

a) Review and assess the allocations of activities between APIRG and RASG-AFI;
b) Formulate recommendations as necessary in order to ensure harmonization and avoid duplication of efforts, in accordance with the terms of reference of these two regional groups;
c) Agree on the composition of the ARC-TF; and
d) Recommend that the APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF) reviews the identified common issues and aspects thereof to be coordinated, and make proposals as necessary.

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APPENDIX

ALLOCATION OF TASKS AND AREAS OF INTEREST

Task Area	ICAO / Regional References	APIRG		RASG-AFI			
		Airspace & Aerodrome Operations Sub-group (AAO SG)	Infrastructure & Information Mangement Sub-group (IIM SG)	Safety Support Team – Significant Safety Concerns (SST SSC)	Safety Support Team – Fundamentals of Safety Oversight (SST FSO)	Safety Support Team – Accident & Incident Investigation (SST AIG)	Safety Support Team – Emerging Safety Issues (SST ESI) [RWY Safety, CFIT, LOC-I, AIM]
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1. Implementation of Safety Management Systems (SMS)	Annex 19 Doc 9859 Doc 10004 (GASP) Abuja Safety Targets	X			X		
2. English Language Proficiency (ELP)	Annex 1 Doc 9835	X			X		
3. Runway Safety	Annex 14 Doc 9870 Doc 9774 Abuja Safety Targets	X			X		X
4. Unsatisfactory Condition Reports (UCRs)	Annex 11 Doc 4444 Doc 9930	X			X		
5. Airspace contingencies	Annex 11 Annex 6	X			X		
6. Aeronautical Information Management (AIM)	Annex 15	X	X		X		X
7. Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS)	Doc 10019	X	X		X		
8. Cyber-Threats and ANS Resilience	Annex 17 Doc 9985	X	X			X	X
9. Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBUs) – Safety Modules	Doc 9750 GANP AFI ANS Tragets	X	X		X		X
10. Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs)	Annex 19 Doc 9734 Abuja Safety Targets	X	X	X	X	X	
11. RVSM safety monitoring	Annex 6 Annex 11 Doc 9574	X			X		

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12. Implementation of Quality Management Systems (QMS)	Annex 3 Annex 15 AFI ANS Targets		X				
13. Civil - Military coordination	Annex 11 Cir 330 Doc 9750 (GANP)	X					
14. Search and Rescue (SAR)	Annex 12 AFI ANS Targets	X					
15. Safety issues directly related to flight operations	Annex 2 Annex 6 Annex 11 Annex 10 Annex 14	X	X	X	X		X
16. Accidents and Incidents Analysis	Annex 13 Annex 11 Doc 9930 AFI ANS Targets	X				X	X
17. State Safety Programmes (SSP)	Annex 19 Doc 10004 (GASP)			X	X	X	X

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