**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION**

**Twenty Fourth Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/24)**
**(Virtual Meeting, 01-08 November 2021)**

**Agenda Item 2: Review of the action taken by the APCC/6 on APIRG/23 Conclusions and Decisions**

**Conclusions/Decisions of the APIRG/23rd meeting with linkage to the ARC-TF**

*(Presented by the Secretariat)*


| SUMMARY |
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| This paper presents the outcome of the APIRG/23 meeting with linkage to APCC subject matters as well as outcomes of the APCC/6 Meeting held on 11 October 2021.<br>**Action by the meeting is in paragraph 3** |
| **REFERENCE(S):**<br>▪ Report of the APIRG 23 meeting |
| **Related ICAO Strategic Objective (s): A Safety, B Capacity & Efficiency**<br>**Related ASBU KPIs & B0 Modules** |


## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group Projects Coordination Committee (APCC) was established as APIRG structure at Extra Ordinary meeting held in Zambia in 2014. The main purpose of the APCC is to undertake tasks that had been an increasing challenge including reducing the volume of material for consideration by APIRG meetings to manageable levels, carrying out certain tasks in between the APIRG meetings in order to facilitate continuity and efficiency in implementation, and supporting the required coordination between APIRG and RASG-AFI. The APCC is composed of elected Chairperson and Vice-chairperson, the Secretary of APIRG, elected Sub Group Officials from States and Secretaries of the Sub-Groups. The Group has so far held six meetings.

1.2 The APCC/6 meeting was held virtually on 11 October 2021 to discuss among other items the Performance Framework for Regional Air Navigation Planning and Implementation, outcomes of the AAO/SG4 and the IIM/SG4, the development of APIRG/24 meeting draft agenda, the assignment of responsibilities and timelines for the development of APIRG/24 working and information papers (WPs and IPs), terms of reference (TOR) and composition of the APCC, future work programmes and schedule of next meetings of APIRG and its auxiliary bodies, and Development of the APIRG Annual Air Navigation Report.

## 2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting recognized and appreciated the progress made so far in the coordination and conduct of APCC activities. The meeting received and reviewed the reports of the AAO-SG and the IIM- SG respectively. The meeting further recognized the implementation of some Conclusions and Decisions relating to APIRG and its auxiliary bodies.

2.2 The APCC meeting reviewed the status of implementation of APIRG/23 Conclusions/Decisions, identified those that continue to be valid and actions required by States, regional organizations and ICAO Regional Offices to further facilitate and support their effective implementation.

2.3 The meeting recalled the discussions of the APIRG/23 concerning the mechanisms and opportunities of funding APIRG Projects and the requirements of the African Development Bank (AfDB) for possibilities of funding regional projects which include:

a) Regional approach preferred
b) Involvement of private sector encouraged through PPP
c) Co-financing
d) Projects included in a Master Plan

2.4 The meeting specifically noted one conclusion that required APCC action as follows:

***APIRG/23 Conclusion 23/22: IIM Projects Package for Funding***

**That, in order to facilitate IIM Project funding:**

**a) the Projects Teams expedite the finalization of the projects initiation documentation (Description, Organization, Term of Reference, Business case, Plans, questionnaires, projects inter linkage….) and project cost estimation for consideration by the APCC and APIRG;**
**b) the APCC review the consolidated package of IIM projects for submission to APIRG; and**
**c) the APIRG Chair with the assistance of the Secretariat and AFCAC promote the package of IIM projects to funding organizations**

2.5 The meeting recognized the status of implementation for the initiation of APIRG projects, reviewed the consolidated IIM projects, and directed the secretariat to present the projects to APIRG/24 meeting for approval.

2.6 Regarding the implementation of ASBU Modules in line with the sixth edition of the GANP, the meeting noted the important changes introduced by the sixth edition of the GANP and identified the need for the AFI Region to align the Regional Air navigation Plan to the GANP. In order to incorporate changes introduced by the sixth Edition of the GANP and its impact on the regional and national Plans, the meeting called for AAO and IIM Project Team Coordinators to align projects references to the sixth Edition of the GANP Groups, Threads and Modules by 31 December 2021.

2.7 The meeting discussed and recognized the relevancy of the introduction of Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) in aviation and proposed the incorporation of the RDI in APIRG Work Programme

2.8 The meeting recognized the actions undertaken in line with the APIRG/23 Conclusion 23/28 related to the Development of Volcanic Ash Contingency Plans and the conduct of Volcanic Ash exercises in the AFI Region and considered the proposal of establishing the AFI Volcanic Ash Exercise Steering Group to coordinate the volcanic ash exercise activities in the Region in accordance with the guidance in ICAO Doc 9766 – Handbook on the International Airways Volcano Watch (IAVW, Appendix F). The meeting formulated the following decision accordingly:

**Draft APCC Decision 6/01 – Establishment of the AFI Volcanic Ash exercise Steering Group**

**That, in order to ensure the coordination of the volcanic ash exercise activities in the AFI region, the AFI Volcanic Ash exercise Steering Group is established as per its Terms of reference provided in Appendix.**

2.9 The meeting reviewed and endorsed the proposals of activities of the AAO and IIM Sub-Groups, the APCC and APIRG for the period up to December 2022.

2.10 While discussing the provisions of the membership of APIRG as stated in the APIRG Procedural handbook, the meeting recognized the continuous support of IATA and AFCAC to the APCC activities and agreed to include industry stakeholders in the APCC membership. The meeting therefore agreed on the following draft decision;

**Draft decision APCC 6/02: Membership of APCC**

**That in order to take advantage of the contributions of AFCAC and the industry, the membership of APCC is expanded to AFCAC and IATA as representative of the industry.**

## 3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1. The meeting is invited to:

a) Take note of the information in this paper ; and
b) Endorse the APCC/6 draft Decisions and outcomes of the AAO/SG4 and IIM/SG4 meetings.

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