INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/24)
(Virtual – 2 to 4 November 2021)

Agenda Item 6: **Review and update of the Handbook and Future Work Programme of the APIRG and its Auxiliary Bodies**

6.2. Future Work Programme of the APIRG and its Auxiliary Bodies

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
This paper presents the proposed future work programmes and meeting plans of APIRG Group structure and its subsidiary bodies for the **period 2021-2022** for discussion. The action by the Meeting is in **paragraph 3**	
Strategic Objectives	This working paper relates to the Strategic Objectives **A, B, D and E**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. It is recalled that APIRG is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of the Regional AFI Air Navigation Plan (eANP, ICAO Doc 7474), as well as the identification and resolution of air navigation deficiencies. It is a planning and coordination mechanism and, while implementation is the responsibility of States, APIRG can play a significant role in supporting the implementation of Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) as well as Regional requirements.

1.2. The terms of reference and working methods of the APIRG have been approved by the Council of ICAO in accordance with Decisions C-DEC 183/9 of 2008 and C-DEC 190/4 of 2010. Amongst others, the Council in establishing the Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASGs) identified the need for coordination between the APIRG and the RASG-AFI.

1.3. This paper proposes future work programmes and meeting plans of APIRG Group structure and its subsidiary bodies, for preliminary discussion by the APCC.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1. The APIRG ToRs state that at each of its meetings, the Group should endeavor to agree on the date, venue and duration of its next meeting. APIRG meetings will be convened in the Regional Offices, to the extent possible, to facilitate proper access by States. Approval to host PIRG meetings outside of the Regional Office must be obtained from the President of the Council. States that offer to host APIRG meetings including its Sub-Groups will be requested to confirm through a formal offer within three (03) months succeeding the last meeting.

2.2. To achieve APIRG objectives the frequency of the meetings will be on an annual basis. However, in order to safeguard coherent and orderly air navigation planning in the interest of States and airspace users in the AFI Region, the Group may determine the need for any additional meeting that may arise.

2.3. The Secretary of the Group shall address a convening letter for a meeting, including the agenda together with explanatory notes normally ninety (90) days prior to the meeting.

2.4. Comments from States/Organizations shall be forwarded to the applicable Regional Office not later than ten (10) working days prior to the meeting. The Secretariat shall prepare a working paper submitting such comments for consideration to the Group.

2.5. Working Papers should be made available to all interested parties as early as practicable, preferably thirty (30) days before the meeting at which they are intended to be considered.

2.6. In this regard, the Secretariat presents proposals for activities of the AAO and IIM Sub-Group, APCC and APIRG for the period up to December 2022 as indicated in the attachment to this paper.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1. The meeting is invited to:

a) Note the information provided in this working paper; and
b) Review, consider and endorse the future work programmes and meetings plan.

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ATTACHMENT

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

A. AAO/SG WORK PROGRAMME

1. Activities - 2021

    a) AANDD Training: November 2021
    b) Finalization of the Project Documents: December 2021
    c) Review of Project Teams activities: December 2021

2. Activities - 2022

    a) Review of Project Teams activities: March 2022
    b) Fifth Meeting of the AAO/SG: July 2022

B. IIM/SG WORK PROGRAMME

1. Activities - 2021

    a) AANDD Training: November 2021
    b) Description of the Projects: December 2021
    c) Projects Planning: December 2021
    d) Linkage between IIM Projects and linkages between IIM and AAO Projects: December 2021

2. Activities - 2022

    a) Project Coordination (Teleconferences, workshops, …): at least quarterly
    b) Final Project Cost Estimation: 1st quarter 2022
    c) Reporting on Project deliverables: at least quarterly
    d) Fifth Meeting of the IIM/SG: July 2022

C. APCC AND APIRG WORK PROGRAMME

1. Activities - 2021

    a) APCC/6 Meeting: 11 October 2021
    b) ARC-TF/4 Meeting: 25 October 2021
    c) APIRG/24 Meeting: 1st to 8 November 2021

2. Activities - 2022

    a) APCC/7 - Review of Projects: April 2022
    b) APCC/8 – Preparation of the APIRG Meeting: September 2022
    c) ARC-TF/5 Meeting: October 2022
    d) APIRG/25 Meeting: November 2022

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