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Agenda Item 4: Implementation of safety and air navigation goals, targets and indicators, including priorities set in the Regional Aviation Safety and Air Navigation Plans

AFI ANSP Peer Review Programme: Progress update and official launch

(Presented by CANSO and ASECNA)

SUMMARY	
This paper provides an update on the implementation of the AFI ANSP Peer Review Programme, including progress achieved since AASPG/1, governance arrangements, the successful conduct of the Peer Reviewers Training Workshop held in Dar es Salaam, preparations for the first pilot review, and planned future activities. The paper also supports the official launch of the Programme during AASPG/2. Action by the Meeting at **Paragraph 3.**	
Strategic Goals	Every Flight is Safe and Secure Aviation Delivers Seamless, Accessible, and Reliable Mobility for All No Country Left Behind

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The AFI ANSP Peer Review Programme was established to promote continuous improvement in the provision of air navigation services through a voluntary, collaborative and non-punitive peer review mechanism among AFI region Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs).

1.2 AASPG/1 was informed of the progress achieved in relaunching and operationalizing the Programme, including the update of programme documentation, incorporation of the CANSO Standards of Excellence (SoE), alignment with ICAO requirements and preparations for peer reviewer training.

1.3 This paper presents the progress achieved since AASPG/1 and supports the official launch of the AFI ANSP Peer Review Programme during AASPG/2.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Background and Evolution of the Programme

2.1.1 The AFI ANSP Peer Review Programme originated from the coordination meeting of African Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs) convened by ICAO in Montreal on 4 February 2015 under the “No Country Left Behind” initiative.

2.1.2 Since its establishment, the Programme has undergone several phases of development, including the adoption of governance arrangements, development of programme

documentation, conduct of pilot reviews, integration of the CANSO Standards of Excellence (SoE) and updates of programme tools to align with ICAO requirements.

2.1.3 Following its relaunch by African ANSPs in 2022, activities focused on strengthening the programme framework, updating supporting documentation and preparing for operational implementation.

2.1.4 The principal milestones achieved since the establishment of the Programme are presented in Appendix A.

2.2 Governance Structure and Management Arrangements

2.2.1 The Programme is implemented through a collaborative framework involving participating Africans ANSPs, CANSO and ICAO Regional Offices.

2.2.2 Following the AFI Peer Reviewers Training Workshop conducted in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, from 23 to 26 March 2026, an Interim Management Team was established to support the initial implementation phase of the Programme and preparations for the first pilot review.

2.2.3 CANSO Africa is currently coordinating the confirmation of Management Team members with participating organizations.

2.2.4 Discussions are ongoing regarding the formalization of governance arrangements and their alignment with the AFI ANSP Steering Group to support the long-term implementation of the Programme.

2.3 Key Achievements to date

2.3.1 Significant progress has been achieved in the operationalization of the AFI ANSP Peer Review Programme, including the successful conduct of the AFI Peer Reviewers Training Workshop held in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, from 23 to 26 March 2026. The workshop trained forty-six (46) peer reviewers from across the AFI region and established an initial pool of qualified reviewers to support programme implementation.

2.3.2 Other achievements include the :

- integration of the CANSO Standards of Excellence into the Programme framework;
- update of programme documentation and review tools to align with ICAO requirements and the latest USOAP CMA Protocol Questions;
- translation of programme documentation into French;
- establishment of an Interim Management Team to support the transition to operational implementation; and
- expression of interest by Aeroportos de Moçambique to host the pilot review, and the willingness of ASECNA and KCAA to have their experts participate in the pilot review.

2.4 Upcoming Activities

2.4.1 The Programme is now entering the implementation phase.

2.4.2 Preparations for the first pilot peer review are underway in coordination with Mozambique. Discussions are ongoing regarding the scope, implementation arrangements and timeline for the review. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is also being developed to support the conduct of the exercise. A second Peer Reviewers Training Workshop is planned for the first half of 2027 to expand the pool of qualified peer reviewers and respond to the strong interest expressed by AFI ANSPs. Discussions regarding hosting arrangements are

currently ongoing.

2.4.3 The Programme has now reached a level of maturity that supports its transition from the development phase to operational implementation. In this regard, AASPG/2 provides an appropriate opportunity for the formal launch of the AFI ANSP Peer Review Programme.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

a) note the progress achieved in the implementation of the AFI ANSP Peer Review Programme;
b) endorse the official launch of the AFI ANSP Peer Review Programme; and
c) encourage AFI ANSPs to actively participate in future peer reviews and peer reviewer training activities.

APPENDIX A: AFI ANSP Peer Review Programme – Key Milestones

