



## **THIRTEENTH AIR NAVIGATION CONFERENCE**

**Montréal, Canada, 9 to 19 October 2018**

### **COMMITTEE A**

#### **Agenda Item 4: Implementing the global air navigation system and the role of planning and implementation regional groups (PIRGs)**

##### **4.3: Implementing ASBUs for performance improvement**

#### **IMPLEMENTATION OF A PLAN OF ACTION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AVIATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN AFRICA**

(Presented by 54 Contracting States, Members of the African Civil Aviation  
Commission (AFCAC)<sup>2</sup>)

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This paper presents information on the outcomes of the Third ICAO World Aviation Forum (IWAF/3) particularly on the Ministerial Declaration and the framework for aviation infrastructure development in Africa. The paper also highlights the decisions taken by ICAO with regards to the implementation of the plan and proposed future actions.

**Action:** The Conference is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in the paper;
- b) request ICAO, Contracting States, international organizations and industry Partners to support the implementation of the Declaration and the associated projects;
- c) in line with the relevant Decision of the ICAO Council, support the implementation of the said declaration under the Comprehensive Regional Implementation for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan); and
- d) encourage other ICAO regions to consider the lessons learned from IWAF/3 (Abuja, Nigeria, 20 to 22 November 2017) for the development of similar programmes to support effective implementation of the Global Plans.

<sup>1</sup> English and French versions provided by AFCAC.

<sup>2</sup> Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cap Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Cote D'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of The Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Republic of Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome And Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic Of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Declaration and Framework for a plan of action for development of Aviation in Africa was adopted at the Third ICAO World Aviation Forum (IWAF/3) held from 20 to 22 November 2017 in Abuja, Nigeria. The Declaration was prepared within the framework of the Plan of Action 2017-2019 adopted at the 1st Ordinary Session of the AU Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Transport in Lomé, Togo on 17 March 2017 and in consistence with the ICAO “No Country Left Behind” Initiative.

1.2 The Forum was hosted by the Government of Nigeria in collaboration with the African Union Commission (AUC), the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD).

1.3 The ICAO Council was briefed on the outcomes of IWAF/3 at its 213th and 214th Sessions. In its consideration of C-WP/14745 on the subject, the Council concluded (under C-DEC 214/7), amongst other things, that ICAO’s activities and actions under the Declaration and Framework for a Plan of Action for Development of Aviation Infrastructure in Africa be implemented under existing arrangements, especially under the ICAO Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan) as a specific identifiable programme with timelines.

## 2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Third World Aviation Forum (IWAF/3) brought together Ministers, high-level decision-makers, financial institutions and international organizations responsible for transport and infrastructure, finance, economy, tourism and sustainable development to explore the benefits of the aviation sector to the social, economic development and prosperity. The primary objective of IWAF/3 was to develop practical solutions and credible means to tackle the existing and future financing challenges facing aviation infrastructure and capacity development in Member States, especially in Africa, and accelerate the implementation of international civil aviation global standards, policies, and plans.

2.2 The Declaration adopted by the Forum specifically calls on African States and African Regional Economic Communities (RECs), in cooperation and coordination with the African Union Commission (AUC), the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA), the AfDB, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), AFCAC, African Airlines Association (AFRAA) and international partners to, amongst other things:

- a) develop national and/or regional aviation infrastructure programmes and plans and determine strategic infrastructure targets that should be consistent with the ICAO Global Plans, based on robust business cases and gap analyses;
- b) review national legislations and procedures to fulfil States’ safety, security and economic oversight obligations and enhance their oversight capabilities and capacity of regional and sub-regional oversight mechanisms to effectively implement ICAO’s Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs);
- c) actively engage the private sector to effectively participate in African aviation development by providing the necessary incentives, environment and support; create enabling institutional, legal and regulatory frameworks including the implementation of the African Aviation Policy (AFCAP) and the ratification of the ICAO

International Legal instruments, in particular the Cape Town Convention and its Protocol, to encourage investments and foster a communication campaign and engage public as a crucial partner to highlight the benefits of the Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM); and

- d) for ICAO and partners, consistent with their respective mandates, to :
  - 1) provide technical expertise, resources and support for the implementation of the above actions;
  - 2) engage in a resource mobilization campaign towards the realization of aviation infrastructure in Africa;
  - 3) determine, through appropriate gap-analyses, the aviation infrastructure needs of African States towards a single sky with an integrated, interoperable and seamless continental system taking into consideration Regional Plans, regional targets, and existing and future capacity requirements under the ICAO Global Plans; and
  - 4) prepare and incorporate in the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) Work Plan, an aviation infrastructure development plan for Africa and coordinate its implementation.

2.3 The Framework for a Plan of Action meant to implement the Declaration, includes the following five activities and actions for which ICAO is a lead agency, namely to:

- a) complete the aviation infrastructure gap analysis and determine strategic infrastructure targets;
- b) improve financial support to the implementation of the AFI Plan, the AFI SECFAL Plan and Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF);
- c) finalize and promote use of guidance for business case analysis of aviation infrastructure projects and tools;
- d) sensitize States for the ratification of the international legal instruments; and
- e) establish common framework for traffic growth in Africa.

2.4 In its Decision C-DEC 214/7 of 21 June 2018 resulting from consideration of the briefing on the outcomes of IWAF/3, the ICAO Council provided the following strategic direction regarding the follow-up actions:

- a) ICAO's activities and actions under the Declaration and Framework for a Plan of Action for Development of Aviation Infrastructure in Africa be implemented under existing arrangements, especially under the ICAO Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan) as a specific identifiable programme with timelines;

- b) specific metrics and targets related to ICAO activities and actions for the implementation of the Declaration should be developed in the AFI Plan in consultation with relevant stakeholders;
- c) the implementation status of ICAO activities and actions under the Declaration, including the five listed in paragraph 2.4 of the paper and the five follow-up actions listed in paragraph 3.2 thereof, should be reported to the Council on a regular basis as part of the AFI Plan Report;
- d) the role of ICAO's Technical Cooperation and Technical Assistance Programmes should be explored and reported to the Council, focusing on the provision of technical advice on the aviation infrastructure projects and on their quality control so as to ensure alignment with the Global Plans, as well as on the provision of institutional capacity building;
- e) there should be enhanced accountability vis-à-vis the utilization of funds for such projects implemented under ICAO's Technical Cooperation and Technical Assistance Programmes; and
- f) the lessons learned from ICAO World Aviation Forum 2017 (IWAF/3) (Abuja, Nigeria, 20-22 November 2017) should be taken into account to further improve the format and organization of the sessions dedicated to the Latin America and Caribbean region at the forthcoming IWAF/4 (Fortaleza, Brazil, 17-19 September 2018).

### 3. CONCLUSION

3.1 A primary socio-economic benefit of aviation is its ability to promote international trade and tourism, create employment opportunities and expeditiously transport people goods and services across nations and continents, giving it a greater preference and advantage over the other modes of transportation.

3.2 These benefits of aviation can only be optimally realized if adequate infrastructures are in place to support its continuing growth and development. There are currently some gaps between traffic growth and aviation infrastructure development.

3.3 As indicated in paragraph 2.3 above, to achieve timely implementation of the plan of action, the aviation infrastructure gap analysis and the determination of the strategic targets should be carried out as soon as possible in cooperation with all the partners.

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