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Subject: AFI User Preferred Routes Laboratory workshop and Sixth Meeting of the AFI Free Route Airspace Project Management Team, Dakar, Senegal, from 22 to 26 September 2025.

Action required: Please confirm your participation preferably by 12 September 2025

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to refer to the APIRG/22 Conclusion 22/36 on the implementation of the AFI Free Route Airspace (FRA) and the APIRG 26 Conclusion 26/09 encouraging States to support the User Preferred Routes (UPR) Trials in support of FRA implementation in the AFI airspace.

You may recall that in the past two years, the ongoing UPR trials have been conducted using five regional airlines (Ethiopian Airlines, Kenya Airways, EgyptAir, Royal Maroc and Rwandair). The trials have since matured enough to move to operational UPR.

To evaluate the benefits gained in the last batch of UPR trials, address the challenges encountered and map the way forward for the coming year, ICAO in collaboration with AFRAA, CANSO and IATA have scheduled a workshop for the FRA/UPR focal points and managers.

Accordingly, I am pleased to invite you to the Sixth Meeting of the AFI FRA PMT and the AFI UPR trials Laboratory workshop to be held back-to-back from 22 to 26 September 2025 in Dakar, Senegal.

Please note that the target group for the workshop and the project team meeting are the technical experts involved in the implementation of FRA and UPR at the regional and State levels whose details are attached to this letter.

You are kindly invited to confirm your attendance to the Regional Office at icaowacaf@icao.int, with copy to stchanda@icao.int, preferably not later than **12 September 2025**.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Romain Ekoto
Regional Director

Attachments:

- List of expected FRA/UPR Stakeholders
- Provisional Agenda
- Information bulletin