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Subject: Invitation to attend the Eleventh Edition of AFI Aviation Week events, including the following:

- a) *The Eleventh Meeting of the Directors General of Civil Aviation Authorities (AFI-DGCA/11);*
- b) *The AFI Aviation Symposium;*
- c) *The Third Meeting of the Steering Committee of the AFI Plans; and*
- d) *The Donors Dialogue.*

Action required: *Confirm participation and register online by 30 June 2026.*

Sir / Madam,

I have the honour to invite your State/Organization to attend the Eleventh Edition of the AFI Week events, graciously hosted by the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt in **Cairo**, from **27 to 31 July 2026**.

During AFI Aviation Week, important matters relating to the development of civil aviation will be discussed, including the latest developments in aviation, the evolution of aviation performance across all ICAO Strategic Goals in the AFI region, key aviation initiatives across Africa, as well as practical strategies to further strengthen the region's aviation performance.

The Meetings will also review activities of the AFI Plans (AFI Safety Plan, the AFI SECFAL Plan and HRDF), solicit voluntary financial and in-kind contributions in support of priority activities, and strengthen African ownership and sustainable financing of the AFI Plans.

Given the significance of these discussions, the participation of Directors General of Civil Aviation Authorities and Organizations, together with relevant technical experts from their Administrations or Organizations, is strongly encouraged in order to maximize the benefits and outcomes of the events.

Further details on the objectives of the meetings and participation criteria are provided in the **Attachment** to this letter. You are kindly invited to circulate this invitation to the appropriate entities within your State/Organization and to confirm whether your State/Organization intends to participate in the above events by registering online at <https://events.icao.int/event-details?campaignID=909729A8-184E-F111-8147-6045BDCD3FB8> not later than **30 June 2026**.

Additional information on the Work Programmes, the Information Bulletin including a list of recommended hotels, and the meeting documentation will be made available in due course on the events website at <https://www.icao.int/WACAF/afi-week-11>. Kindly note that all events will be conducted in both English and French.

Stakeholders worldwide wishing to take this opportunity to showcase their products and services are invited to contact businessdevelopment@icao.int to obtain the full list of sponsorship and exhibition opportunities.

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For more information on the events, please contact the ICAO Western and Central African Regional Office (Dakar) at icaowacaf@icao.int, with a copy, as appropriate, to your State's corresponding Regional Office, namely the ICAO Eastern and Southern African Regional Office (Nairobi) at icaoesaf@icao.int, the ICAO Europe/North Atlantic Regional Office (Paris) at icaournat@icao.int, and the ICAO Middle East Regional Office (Cairo) at icaomid@icao.int, as applicable.

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



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Attachment: Draft Agenda of the AFI Aviation Week Events

AGENDA OF THE AFI AVIATION WEEK – ELEVENTH EDITION
Cairo, Egypt, 27 - 31 July 2026

Monday 27 July 2026: *Grand Opening & Eleventh Meeting of the Directors General of Civil Aviation Authorities of the Africa-Indian Ocean Region (AFI-DGCA/11)*

Objectives:

Review the latest developments in civil aviation, assess the evolution of aviation performance in the AFI region across all ICAO Strategic Goals, identify regional priorities for 2026–2027, and provide high-level strategic guidance on key sector challenges. The meeting is organized in coordination with AFCAC.

Main Agenda Items:

- State of aviation performance in the AFI region – ICAO and AFCAC reports,
- Progress achieved since the last AFI-DGCA meeting;
- Priority strategic issues requiring collective action;
- Updates from AFI Group including issues related to SL response rate on SARP Development;
- Conclusions.

Expected Outcomes:

- Endorsement of key regional priorities for 2026–2027;
- Policy guidance on priority issues;
- Adoption of conclusions.

Participants:

- Director Generals of Civil Aviation Authorities of the AFI region/Africa, to be accompanied by technical experts as necessary, to take full advantage of the meeting’s deliberations; and
- Invited representatives of international and regional organizations, aviation stakeholders and industry.

Tuesday - Wednesday 28 -29 July 2026: *AFI Aviation Symposium*

Objectives:

Advance key aviation initiatives across Africa through the sharing of best practices, identification of implementation challenges, and development of practical solutions aimed at sustainably improving aviation performance in the AFI region.

Panels and round tables will also examine the future of air transport in the AFI/African region within the framework of the ICAO 2026–2050 Strategic Plan

Main Agenda Items:

- Thematic discussions on ICAO Strategic goals and enablers;
- Preparations for the Air Transport Conference (ATConf/7)
- Project financing and investment
- Challenges related to implementation of API/PNR;
- Emerging threats related to GNSS jamming and spoofing;
- Skills development, innovation;
- Environment and sustainability.

Expected Outcomes:

- Identification of priority solutions;
- Practical recommendations by thematic area;
- Strengthened linkages among States, technical partners and investors.

Participants:

- Director Generals of Civil Aviation Authorities from AFI region/Africa Member States; and
- Representatives from partner States, international and regional organizations, aviation stakeholders and industry.

Tuesday 28 July 2026:
Donors and Partners Dialogue (Parallel session)ⁱ

Objectives:

Solicit voluntary financial and in-kind contributions in support of priority activities under the AFI Safety Plan, the AFI SECFAL Plan and HRDF; strengthen partnerships with States, international organizations and industry stakeholders; reinforce African ownership; and promote sustainable financing of the AFI Plans.

Main Agenda Items:

- Presentation of AFI Plans funding priorities;
- Voluntary financial contributions;
- New partnership initiatives;

Expected Outcomes:

- Announcements of voluntary commitments;
- New partnership opportunities;
- Increased support for priority activities.

Participants:

- AFI Plans Steering Committee Members.
- Director Generals of Civil Aviation Authorities from AFI region/Africa Member States;
- Invited Representatives of other Member States and International/Regional Organizations/Partners.

Wednesday 29 July 2026
Third Meeting of AFI Plans Steering Committee
(Parallel session -restricted participation)ⁱⁱ

Objectives:

Review the progress of the AFI Safety Plan, the AFI SECFAL Plan and HRDF, including implementation of the 2026 work programmes and follow-up to decisions and recommendations of the previous Steering Committee meeting.

The deliberations will contribute to the consolidation of the main outcomes of AFI Aviation Week.

Main Agenda Items:

- Progress report on implementation of the 2026 AFI Plans work programmes;
- Follow-up to decisions and recommendations from the 2nd SC Meeting;
- Review and approval of AFI Safety Plan and AFI SECFAL programme documents;
- Implementation status of OIO recommendations;
- Resource mobilization strategy;

Expected Outcomes:

- Strategic guidance for the AFI Plans;
- Validation of upcoming priorities;
- Strengthened governance and follow-up mechanisms.

Participants:

- AFI Plans Steering Committee Members.
- Invited Representatives of other Member States and International/Regional Organizations/Partners.

Thursday - 30 July 2026
Outcomes and Roadmap of AFI Aviation Week

Objectives:

Present in plenary the main outcomes of the meetings, commitments announced, agreed priorities, and a regional implementation roadmap for 2026–2027.

Main Agenda Items:

- Presentation of key decisions and recommendations;
- Summary of voluntary commitments announced;
- Validation of regional priorities;
- Implementation roadmap and next steps;
- Periodic follow-up mechanism.

Expected Outcomes:

- Adoption of the main outcomes of the 2026 edition;
- Endorsed regional roadmap;
- Clear framework for follow-up and accountability.

Participants:

All Participants.

Friday - 31 July 2026
Cultural ad social programme - OPTIONAL

ⁱ The donors dialogue meeting will be held in parallel with the AFI symposium on Tuesday 28 July 2026

ⁱⁱ The AFI Plans Steering Committee meeting will be held in parallel with the AFI symposium on Wednesday 29 July 2026