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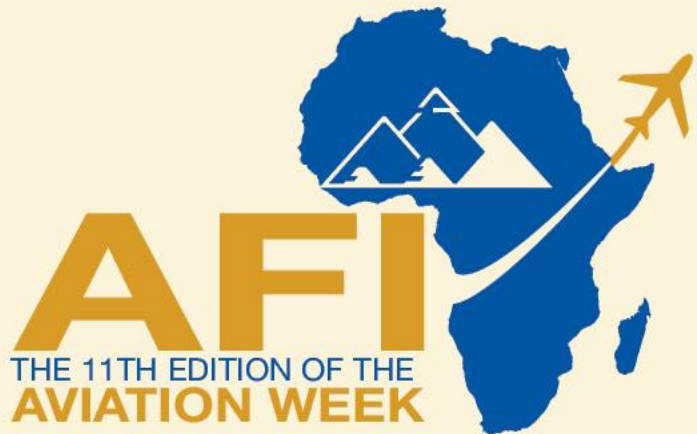
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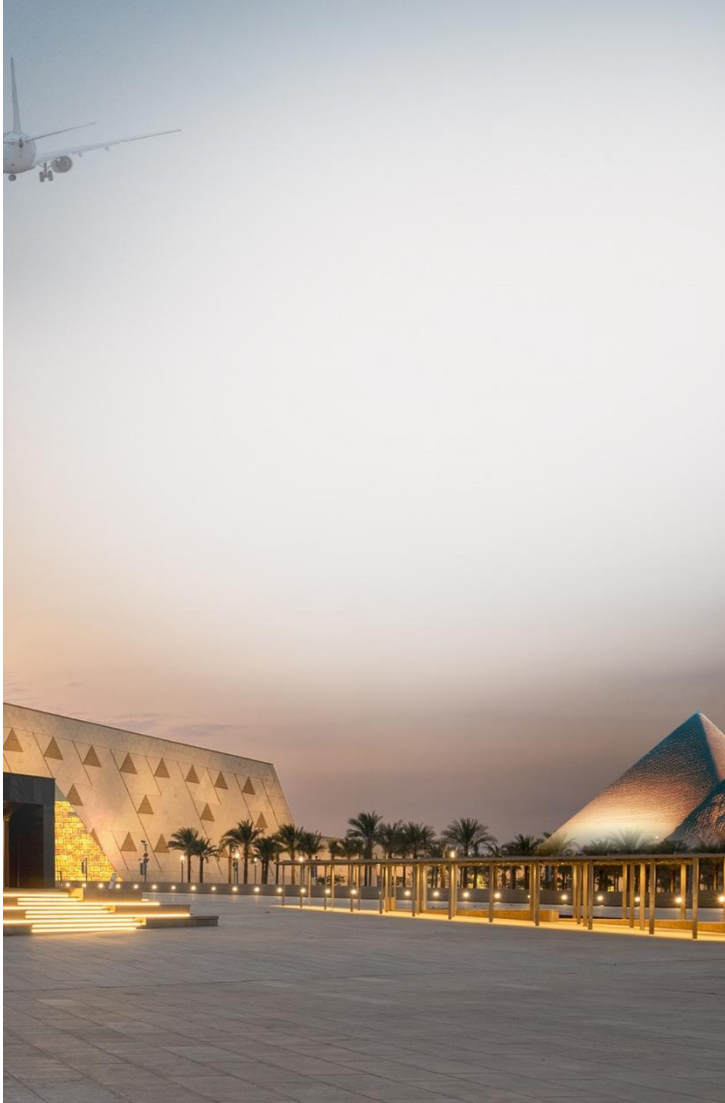
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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION OF THE AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN REGION (AFI-DGCA/11)

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Overview

Recommendations

- **Agenda Item 2:** Global and Regional Developments
- **Agenda Item 3:** State of aviation performance in the AFI region – ICAO report
- **Agenda Item 4:** AFCAC Progress Report from the last DGCA meeting
- **Agenda Item 5:** Updates including issues related to States Letters response rate on SARP development (AFI Group)

Agenda Item 2: Global and Regional Developments

Global and Regional Perspectives

Summary of discussions

- The Meeting welcomed and expressed support for ICAO's strategic priorities for the AFI Region.

Recommendations

States and Organizations to:

- Strengthen regional cooperation and accelerate the implementation of national and regional aviation plans.
- Ensure a strong and coordinated African contribution to ATConf/7 and the next ICAO Assembly.

International Air Law Programme

Summary of discussions

- The meeting discussed universal adherence to international air law treaties by States and presented ICAO legal studies thus the importance of State support and feedback.

Recommendations

- a) African States to expedite the ratification of international air law treaties which they have not yet ratified
- b) States to actively support ICAO legal studies by providing timely responses to survey on legal issues related to global satellite systems and services and upcoming survey on cyber threats .
- c) States to timely register and regularly update aeronautical agreements and arrangements in ICAO's WAGMAR platform.

Agenda Item 3: State of aviation performance in the AFI region – ICAO report

State of aviation performance in the AFI region – ICAO report

Summary of discussions

- The meeting reviewed aviation performance in the AFI region, acknowledged progress between 2021 and 2025, identified key implementation gaps below ICAO targets, and agreed on actions to address them.

Recommendations

States to:

- a) Strengthen their political commitment and adequate resource allocation to accelerate progress towards the GASP and GAsEP targets.
- b) Accelerate air navigation modernization through the implementation of ICAO BBBs, ASBUs and digital transformation initiatives, while strengthening the reporting and resolution of air navigation deficiencies.
- c) Enhance collaboration among States, regional organizations, industry and development partners to mobilize resources and accelerate the implementation of ICAO SARPs and regional initiatives



Agenda Item 3: State of aviation performance in the AFI region – ICAO report

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Global Aeronautical Distress Safety System - ELT-DT's capabilities

Summary of discussions

The meeting was presented the Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System (GADSS) and Emergency Locator Transmitter-Distress Tracking (ELT-DT), which is part of the COSPAS SARSAT satellite-aided search and rescue programme, as mandated by ICAO and IMO. The meeting stressed the Importance to register ELTs and EPIRBs in general and specifically to comply with international standards.

Recommendations

States to

- a) Accelerate national implementation and oversight of GADSS requirements through timely registration of ELT-DT beacons, establishment of 24/7 COSPAS-SARSAT SPOCs, subscription of RCC/RSC, ATSU to the LADR, continuous monitoring and timely resolution of ELT DT non-distress.
- b) Enhance SAR capacity through trainings, workshops outreach and regional cooperation.

Agenda Item 4: AFCAC Progress Report from the last DGCA meeting

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AFCAC Progress report

Summary of discussions

- The Meeting noted progress in the implementation of SAATM and developments in air transport sustainability, including the adoption of the Continental Aviation Infrastructure Project Pipelines to advance priority aviation infrastructure projects.

Recommendations

States:

- Are encouraged to submit priority aviation infrastructure projects under the five Continental Project Pipelines endorsed by the AU STC to facilitate feasibility studies and financing.
- To accelerate SAATM implementation by removing remaining BASA restrictions on fifth freedom rights, capacity and designation, while expanding intra-African connectivity towards the 30% target by 2027.
- Accelerate the implementation of the Abuja and Windhoek Targets.
- Take advantage of capacity building opportunities across all areas.

Agenda Item 5: Updates including issues related to States Letters response rate on SARP development (AFI Group)

Responses to ICAO States letters

Summary of discussions

- The meeting discussed the challenges States face in responding to ICAO State Letters, including their impact on fulfilling obligations under the Chicago Convention and the limited number of responses informing ICAO decisions.

Recommendations

States are:

- Encouraged to strengthen regional collaboration through RSOOs to improve understanding of proposed SARPs and support the preparation of substantive responses to ICAO State Letters.
- Requested to report to the ICAO Regional Offices the challenges they face in responding to ICAO State Letters, to support the development of a consolidated regional report for the ICAO Council.

Thank You

