



AFI AVIATION WEEK

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State of aviation performance in the AFI region – ICAO report

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The sustained implementation of the ICAO Regional Offices' operating plans under the ICAO Business Plan, together with the efforts of States and partners across all ICAO Strategic Goals and High-Priority Enablers, has led to notable improvements in aviation performance across the AFI Region.

This presentation provides **an update on the follow-up to the outcomes of the AFI-DGCA/10 meeting, as well as on the current state of aviation performance in the AFI region between 2021 and 2025. It also provides an update on PIRG and RASG activities.**



Follow-up on the AFI-DGCA/10 meeting

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AFI-DGCA/10 of the Ninth AFI Aviation Week, Libreville, Gabon, 15–19 July 2024.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



- **Significant safety concerns:** Continuous assistance contributed to the successful closure of one SSC and one SSeC.
- **Enhanced regional technical participation:** Increased involvement of State experts in AASPG and its contributory bodies activities.
- **Expanded capacity-building support:** Training and workshops delivered across 21 States.
- **Air Transport Facilitation :** Conduct of the FAL Regional Forum in Yaoundé, Cameroon, on 3 - 4 March 2025 as well as several capacity building activities

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT



- **Senior-level engagement:** Strengthen participation of Directors General of CAAs and industry CEOs in AASPG meetings.
- **Air Transport data reporting:** Improve the provision of statistical and air transport data to ICAO beyond the current 50%.
- **Participation in CORSIA :** Increase State participation beyond the current 54%.
- **Enhance online reporting:** Improve reporting and encourage States to use online tools for reporting ASBU implementation and air navigation deficiencies.



Aviation Performance in the AFI Region

ICAO report



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States Safety Oversight System - Effective Implementation (EI%)

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AFI average EI

61.55%

World average: 70.41%

% EI Increase

▲ 7%

2021-2025

GASP/RASP EI target (75%)

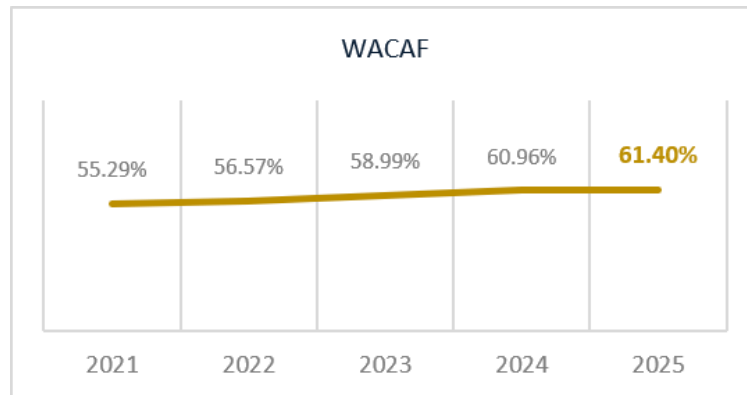
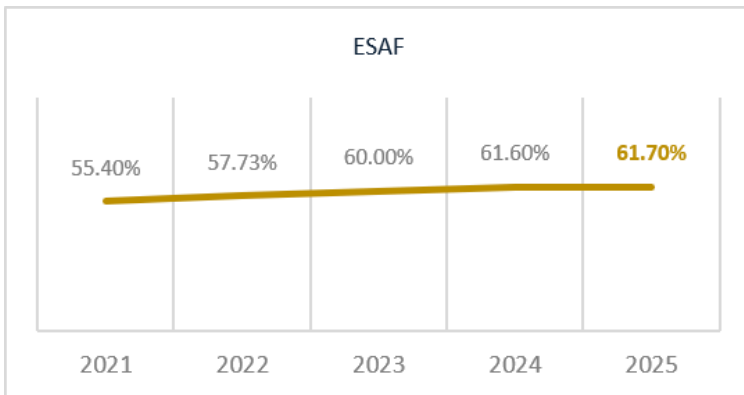
▼ 13.45 %

2021-2025

States EI% above 75%

13 (29%)

2026 preliminary results



73 % of audited States remain below the **75% EI GASP target**

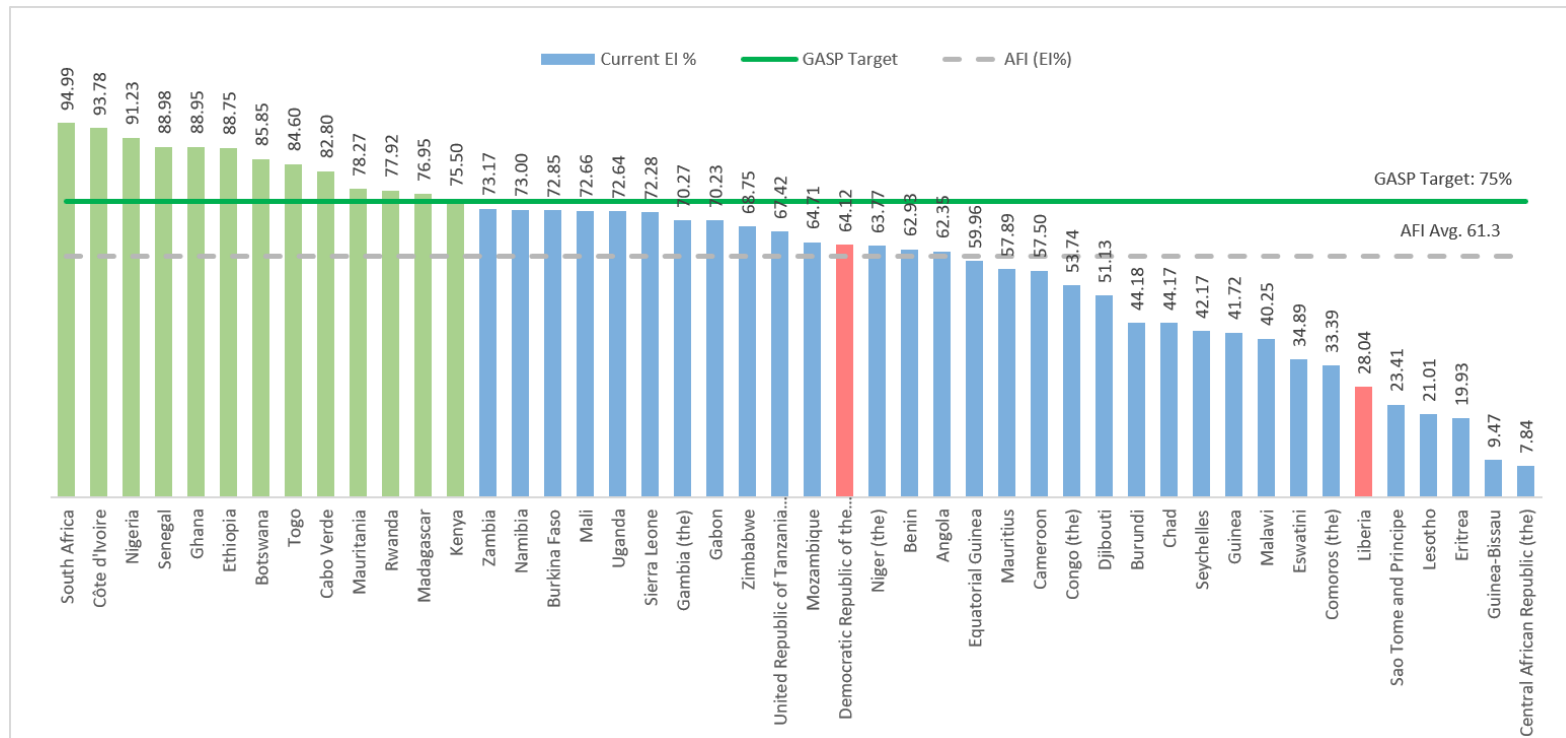
Note: 2 ESAF States not yet audited (Somalia and South Sudan)



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States Safety Oversight System - Effective Implementation (EI%)

9



13 States EI% >75%

2 States with SSCs

Source: USOAP-CMA OLF and for Nigeria, São Tomé e Príncipe and South Africa the preliminary 2026 USOAP-CMA results



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Significant Safety Concern (SSCs)

10

Unresolved SSCs

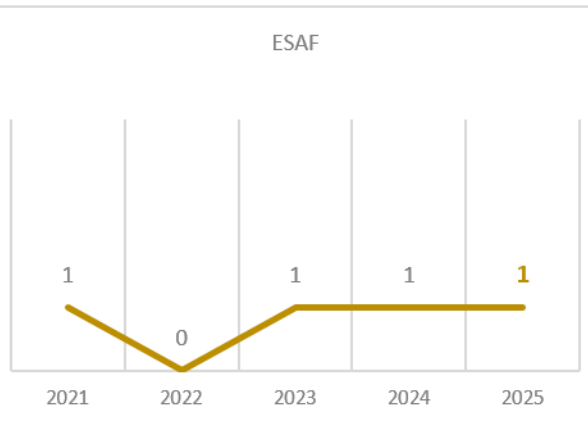
4 SSCs

Area: ANS

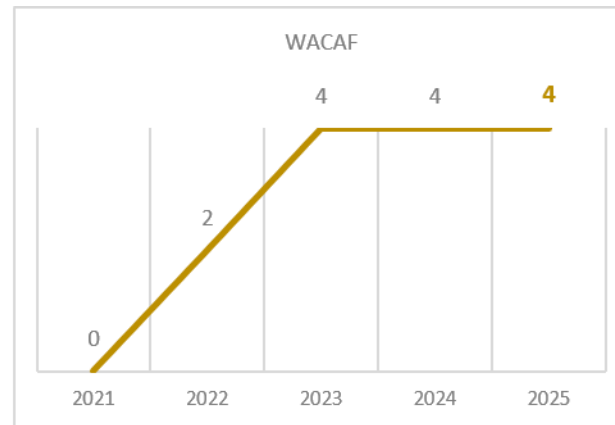
Unresolved SSCs

2 States

ESAF



WACAF



- By the end of 2025, five SSCs related to **Instrument Flight Procedures (IFP) design, validations and oversight, and Flight Inspection of Navigational Aids** in **three States**
- Two new preliminary SSCs in PEL and ANS identified in 2025 and 2026 during USOAP-CMA audits were resolved before their publication.
- As of **July 2026**, **one SSC has been resolved**



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States Safety Program (SSP)

11

% States **NOT** completed SA

85%

GASP target 3.1

Avg. SSP Implementation

58%

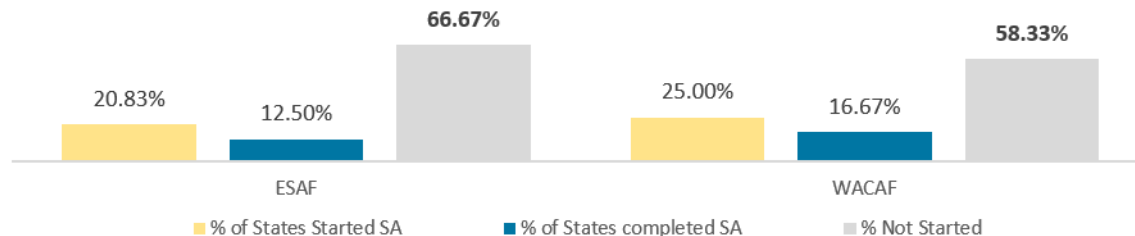
GASP target 3.2

2021-2025

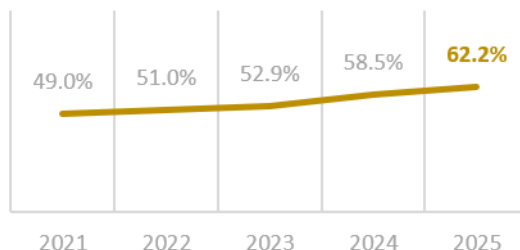
▲ 13.6%

AFI-Region

SSP Self-Assessment (SA)



ESAF - SSP



WACAF - SSP



- **Slow Progress** towards Implementation of SSP (58%)
- Only **13% (3)** ESAF States and **17% (4)** WACAF States completed the USOAP-CMA SSP Self-Assessment.
- States to conduct the **USOAP-CMA Self-Assessment by December 2026 (GASP Target 3.1)**



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International Aerodrome certification

12

Avg. Aerodrome Certified

46%

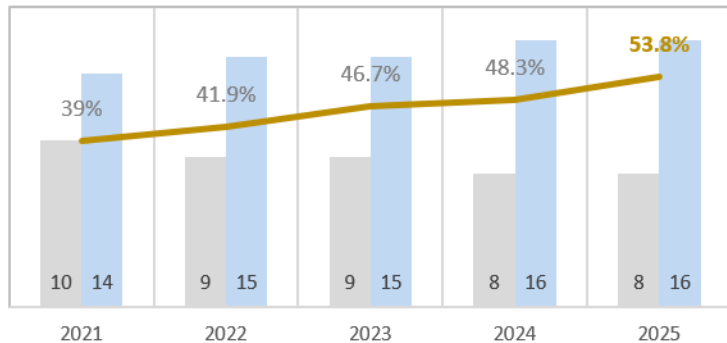
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Avg. Increase 2021-2025

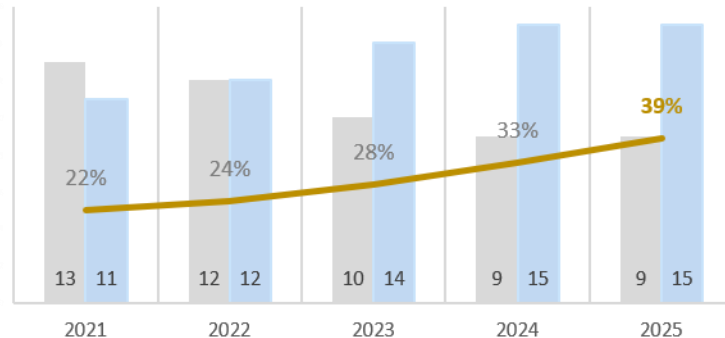
▲ 16%

AFI Region

ESAF



WACAF



■ # not started/or no aerodrome certified

■ # with at least one aerodrome certified

— % of certified aerodromes



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Performance Based Navigation (PBN) Implementation

13

National PBN
Implementation Plan

85%

AFI Region

Airports with PBN SID

41.1%

AFI Region

Airports with PBN STAR

54.9%

AFI Region

Airports APV (Baro VNAV)

62.4%

AFI Region

Airports with RNP APCH

84.85%

AFI Region

Airports with CCO/CDO

18.4%

AFI Region

LNAV

NPIS

PANS-OPS

RNP APPCH

SID

STARs

Lateral Navigation

National PBN Implementation Plan

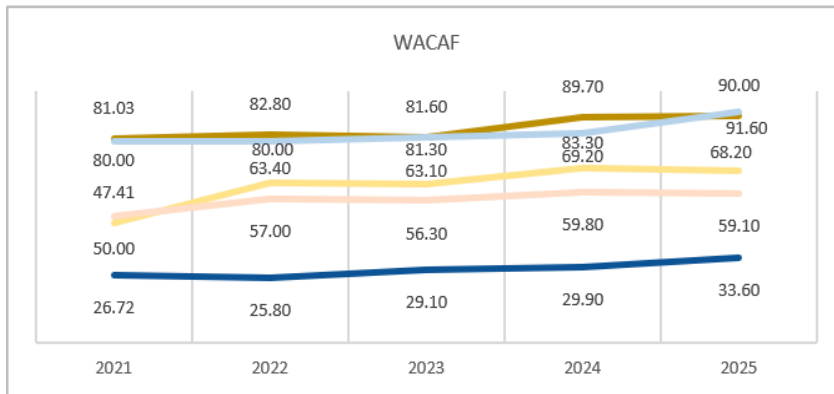
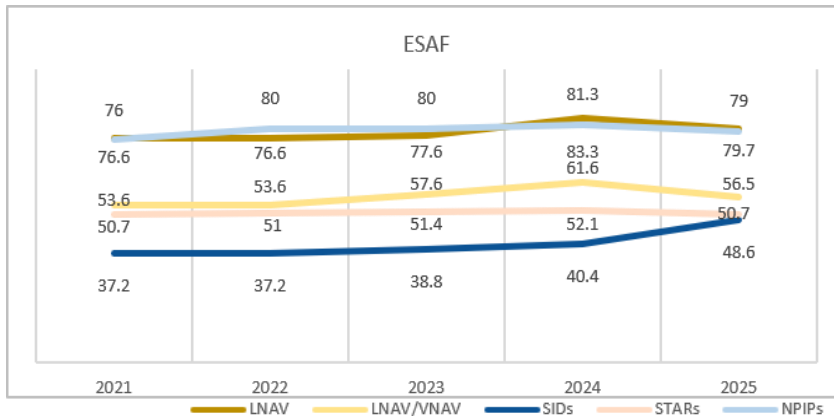
Procedures for Air Navigation Services –

Aircraft Operations

RNP Approach

Standard Instrument Departure

Standard Arrival Routes





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Aircraft Accident and incidents

14

AFI Region Accident rate

3.88

Per million departures

ESAF Accident rate in 2025

1.29 (▼ 2.56)

Departures (millions): 774521

WACAF Accident rate in 2025

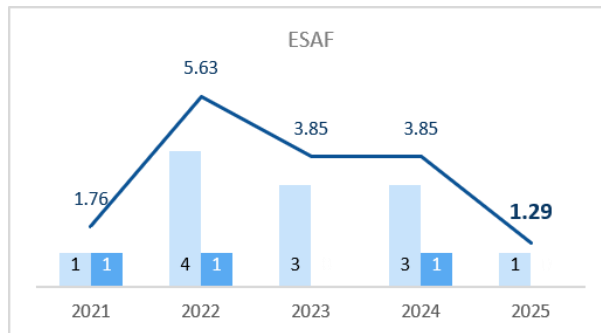
11.65 (▲ 9.55)

Departures (millions): 257407

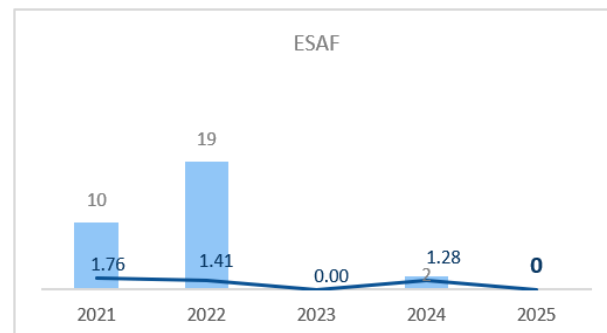
AFI Region Fatal Accident rate

0

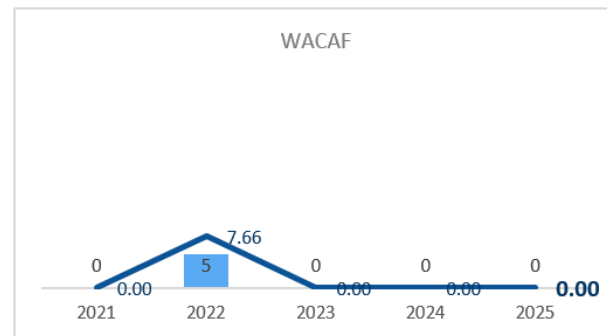
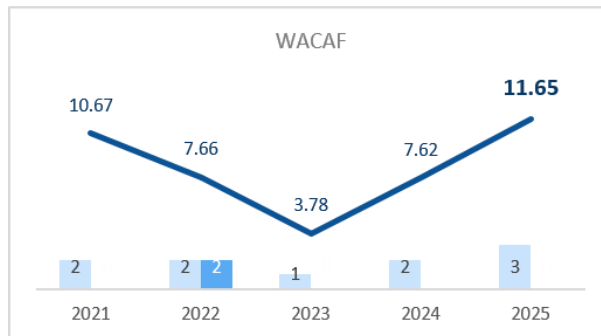
2025



Accidents Fatal Accidents Accidents Rate %



Fatalities Fatal accident rate %

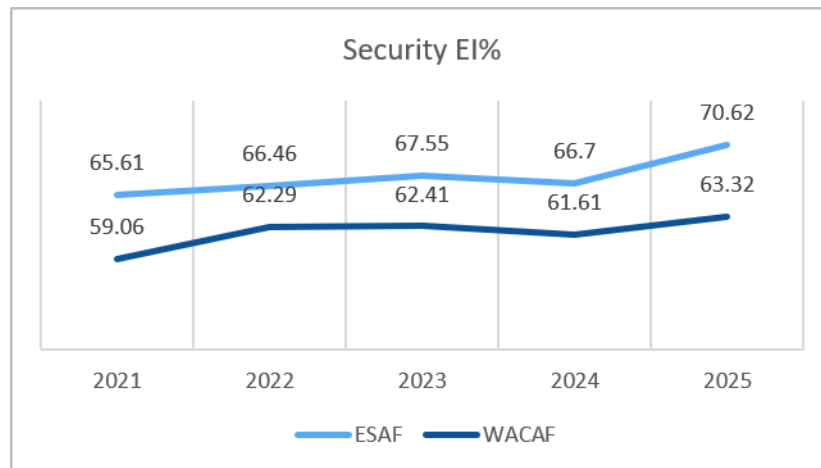




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States Security Oversight System - Effective Implementation

15



2025

66.97 %

AFI Region Security EI%

2021-2025

▲ 4.6%



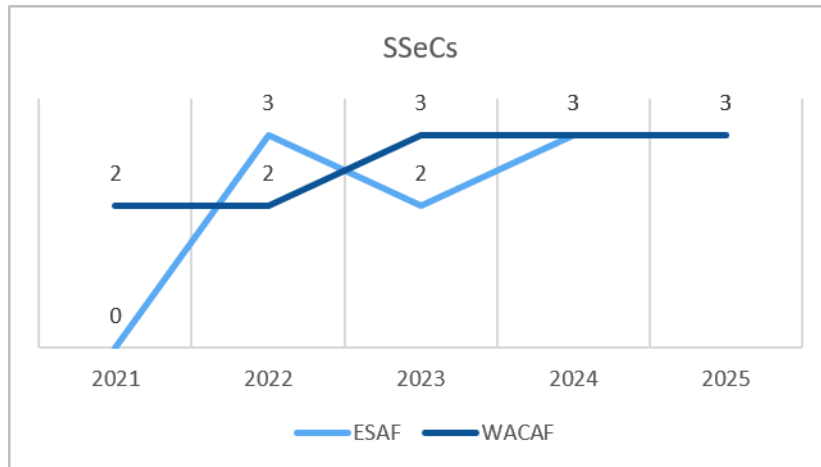
- Only **31 % (17 States)** have EI% > 75 %, meeting the GAsEP aspirational targets of 75 per cent of EI.



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States Significant Security Concerns (SSeCs)

16



SSeCs

6 States

AFI Region Security EI%

2021-2025

▲ 4.6%



- The number of States in the AFI region with Significant Security Concerns (SSeCs) **increased from 2 States in 2021 to 6 States in 2025.**
- Two preliminary SSeCs identified in two States during 2026 USOAP CMA audits were resolved before publication.



Environmental Protection

Aviation is
Environmentally
Sustainable

States volunteer to CORSIA

54%

AFI Region

Action Plan-CO2 Emissions
reduction

83%

AFI Region

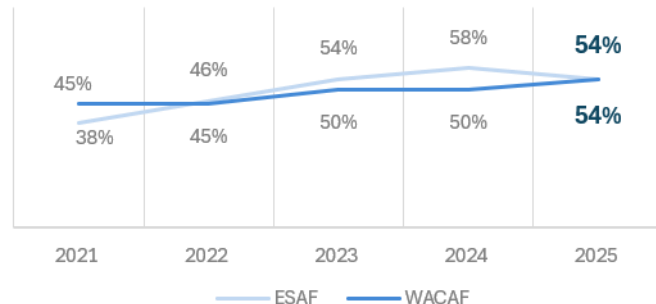
ACT-SAF – Partner States

75%

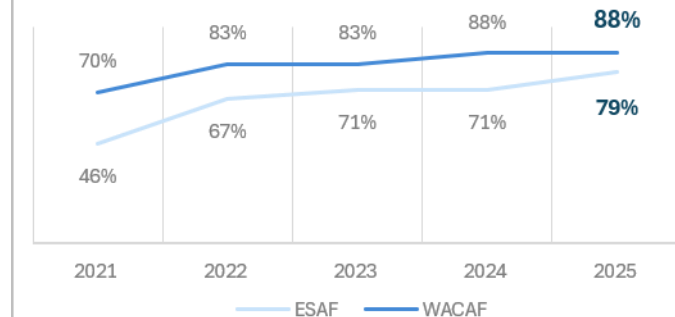
AFI Region



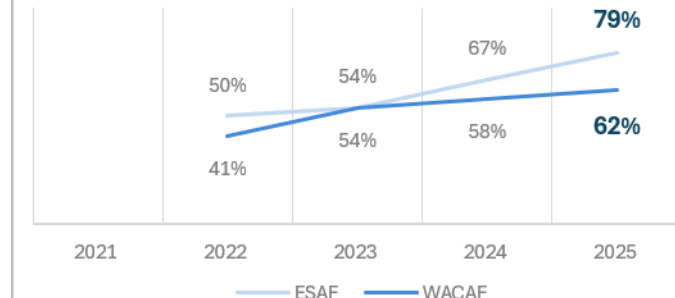
% of States that volunteer to join CORSIA



% of States with Action Plan-CO2 Emissions reduction



ACT-SAF Partner States





Basic Building Blocks (BBBs) – Oversight Implementation

18

Overall BBBs implementation

55%

AFI Region

Overall BBBs implementation

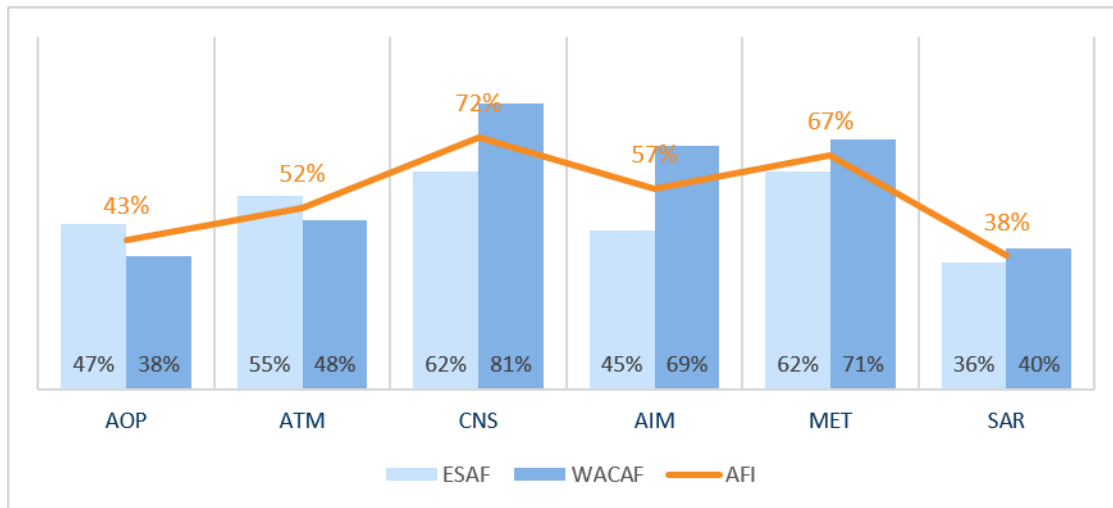
51%

ESAF Region

Overall BBBs implementation

58%

WACAF Region



- **Key BBB implementation challenges:** limited resources, capacity gaps, and weak regional coordination.
- **Key enablers** for BBB implementation: collaborative project management, regional harmonization, capacity building, and stronger technical and financial partnerships.



Air Navigation Deficiencies

19

Notification received

48

AFI Region

Rejected Notifications

29 (60%)

AFI Region

Confirmed Preliminary Deficiencies

9 (19%)

AFI Region

Resolved Deficiencies

2

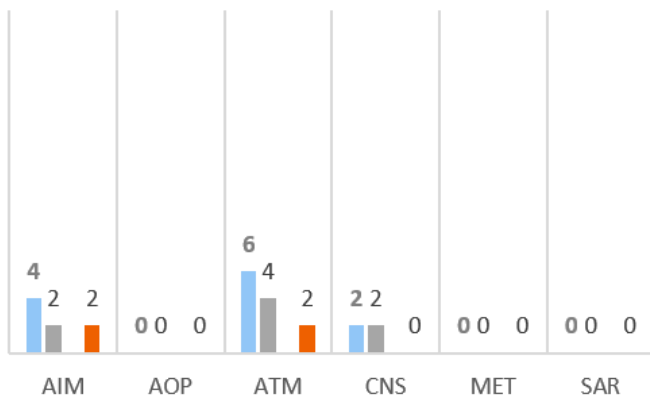
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Pending Information

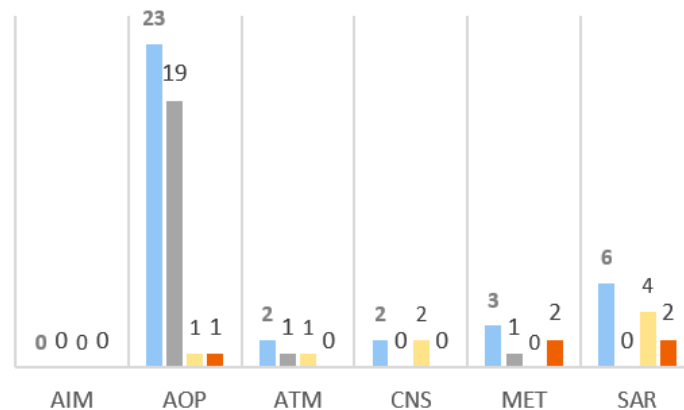
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AFI Region

ESAF



WACAF



■ # of notifications ■ # of rejected notifications ■ # of pending further information ■ Preliminary deficiencies (Deficiencies confirmed by the Committee)



Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBUs) Implementation

20

Overall ASBUs implementation

44%

AFI Region

Overall ASBUs implementation

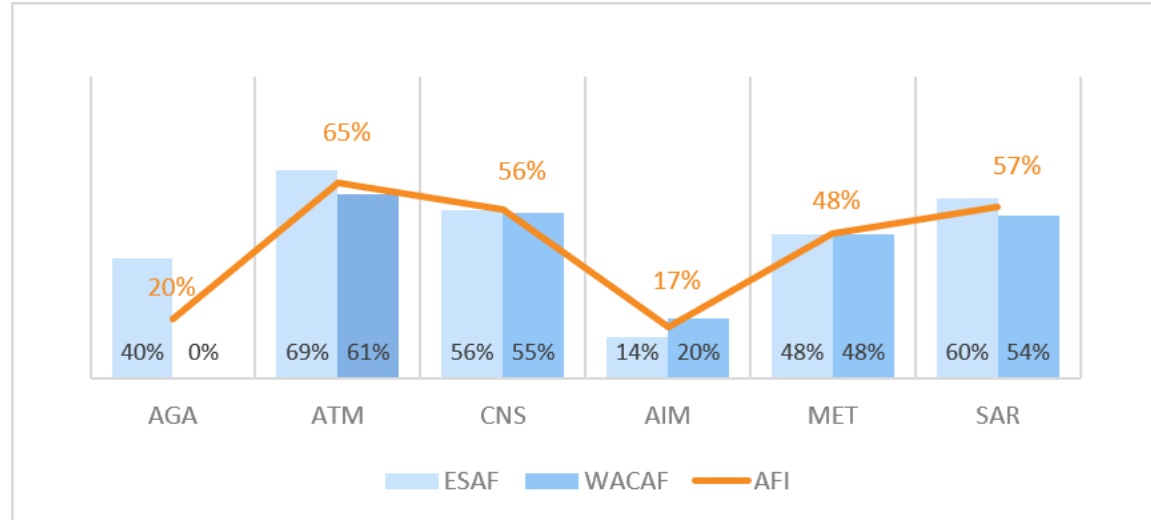
48%

ESAF Region

Overall ASBUs implementation

40%

WACAF Region



- **Key ASBU implementation challenges:** Insufficient State reporting, limited use of the online tools, insufficient technical capacity within States
- **Key enablers for ASBU implementation:** Designate and train ASBU focal points, regular reporting through the online tools, strengthen coordination among States, ANSPs and industry, targeted technical assistance, integrate ASBU elements into national aviation plans



Aviation Delivers
Seamless, Accessible and
Reliable Mobility for All

National Air Transport Facilitation Programme and Committee (NATFP/NATFC)

21

NATFP/ NATFC

77%

AFI Region

ESAF	19 States	Namibia, Botswana, Eswatini, South Africa, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Mauritius, Djibouti, Angola, Somalia, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Seychelles, Namibia, Burundi, Madagascar
WACAF	18 States	Benin, Burkina Faso, Congo, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, DRC, Gabon, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Gambia, Ghana, Nigeria, Sao Tome, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo

States that joined the ICAO PKD

PKD

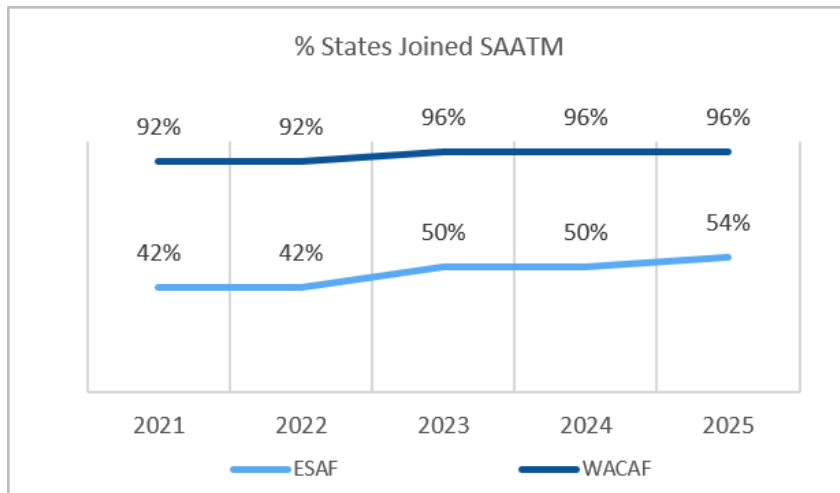
42%

AFI Region

ESAF	13 States	Botswana, Kenya, Lesotho, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia, Angola, Malawi and Mozambique
WACAF	7 States	Benin, Cameroun, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria and Togo

Air Transport Liberalization in Africa: SAATM Implementation

22



% States Joined SAATM

75% (▲ 8%)

AFI Region 2021-2025

States Joined

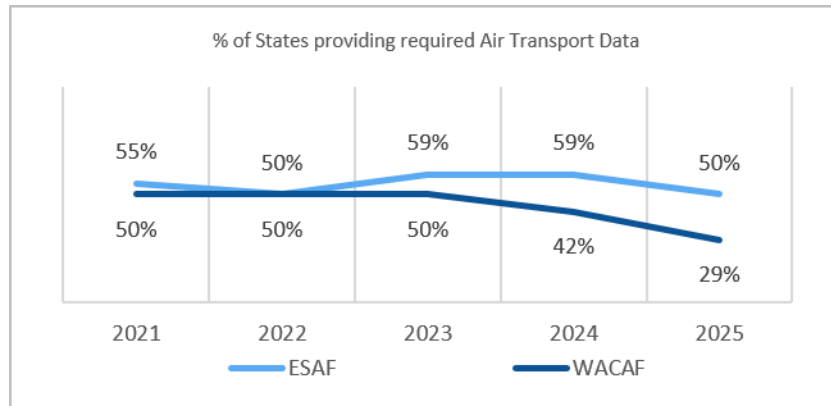
2 additional states

2021-2025



ESAF: 13 States	Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi,, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe
WACAF: 23 States	Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo Republic, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo.

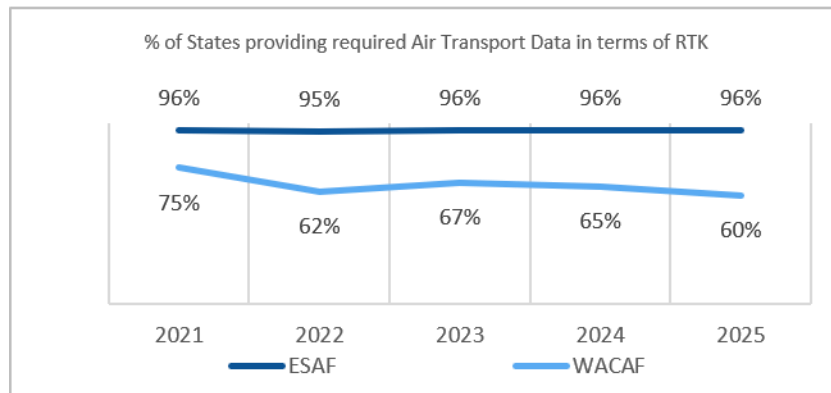
Status of State Reporting of Air Transport Statistics



% States providing Air Transport Data

40% (▼13%)

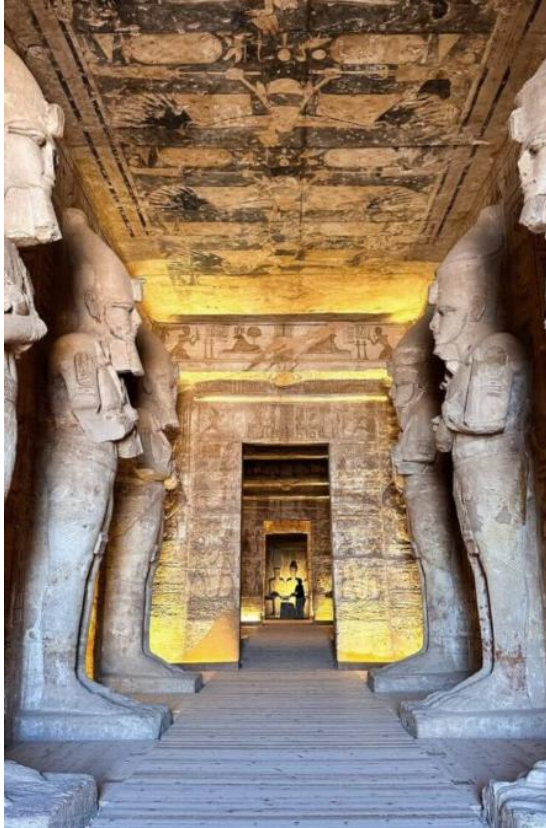
AFI Region 2021-2025



% States providing Air Transport Data in terms of RTK

78% (▼8%)

AFI Region 2021-2025



Reporting on PIRG and RASG Activities

Establishment and Operationalization of AASPG

19 July 2024 - Libreville, Gabon



AASPG Structure Endorsed

Extraordinary Meeting of APIRG and RASG-AFI

Organizational structure of the merged AASPG endorsed, replacing APIRG and RASG-AFI;

4–8 November 2024 - East London, South Africa



AASPG Procedural Handbook endorsed and Transition agreed

APIRG/27 & RASG-AFI/10 meeting

AASPG Procedural Handbook endorsed by APIRG/27 and RASG-AFI/10 and transitional arrangements agreed to ensure continuity of APIRG, RASG-AFI and contributory body activities.

3-7 November 2025 - Libreville, Gabon



Transition Progress considered

AASPG/1 meeting

The meeting acknowledged that the Group is now fully functional, with all contributory bodies effectively carrying out their assigned activities.

Deliberations included the following:

- Full operational UPR deployment in WACAF, effective on October 30, 2025.
- Validation of the roadmap for the trials of the UPR in ESAF, as well as the transition to full FRA implementation in ESAF FIRs;
- Roadmap for the seamless air navigation system in the AFI region;
- Endorsement of the AFI SAR generic documentation and the updated AFI SAR Plan;
- Expansion of the SAT Mandate to incorporate the AIS, MET and SAR areas in the scope of activities;
- Enhancement of the governance of the ARMA mission;
- Improvement of the GNSS RFI Risk Management;
- Effective reporting on the implementation of the Basic Building Blocks (BBBs) and ASBUs;
- Support to States in the development of National Air Navigation Plans;
- Development and implementation of SSP and NASP;
- Implementation of the 2024 integrated set of protocols questions including SSP; and
- Establishment of a pool of aircraft accident investigators.

Safety Oversight and Safety Management



- **SSC Resolution**
 - Targeted technical support to States with Significant Safety Concerns
- **Safety Oversight and Safety Management**
 - Support States in improving their safety oversight systems
 - Support States in developing and implementing SSP and NASP
- **Aerodrome Certification**
 - Support States in aerodromes certification activities

Air Navigation & Infrastructure



- **Regional Plan**
 - Operationalize Regional Air Navigation Plan, including BBBs and ASBU elements, through specific projects and regional initiatives
- **Seamless Systems**
 - Foster the implementation of a seamless air navigation system in the region
- **Cyber Resilience**
 - Increased cyber security and resilience awareness

Strategic Partnerships & Governance



- **Institutional Alignment**
 - Enhance coordination with AFCAC, RSOOs, industry Partners and other Stakeholders in providing support to States
- **Political Endorsement**
 - Endorsement of the AFI RSOO Strategy and Roadmap by the Ministers under AU auspice

- The APIRG/27 & RASG-AFI/10 and the AASPG/1 meetings were updated on the outcomes of the APIRG/26 & RASG-AFI/9 and APIRG/27 & RASG-AFI/10 reports to the Air Navigation Commission and the ICAO Council; as well as the progress made in the coordination of the Annual Safety and Air Navigation Reports.
- Considerable efforts were deployed by the APIRG & RASG-AFI and AASPG Chairpersons (Directors General of Cameroon, Senegal and Uganda CAAs; and IATA Representative) and Secretaries of the Groups, which enabled successful coordination of regional Groups activities and the submission of related reports to the ANC and the ICAO Council.



Actions by the meeting

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The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the progress achieved and the remaining challenges in the implementation of regional safety, air navigation, security, facilitation, air transport and environmental priorities.
- b) encourage States to strengthen institutional and technical capacity and allocate adequate human and financial resources to the effective implementation of ICAO SARPs.
- c) Urge States to take timely corrective action to prevent and resolve Significant Safety Concerns and Significant Security Concerns.
- d) Encourage States to strengthen their participation in AASPG and its contributory bodies, in particular the regional Projects and related implementation initiatives.
- e) Encourage States to accelerate the development and implementation of State Safety Programmes, in accordance with Annex 19 and the relevant GASP targets
- f) Encourage States' participation in CORSIA, ACT-SAF and to develop quantified SAPs that will support the monitoring of emissions towards the achievement of the LTAG.
- g) Encourage States to nominate and maintain appropriate focal points for the timely submission of statistical data and air transport-related information to ICAO.
- h) Encourage States issuing e-Passports to participate in the ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD) to strengthen the authentication, validation, security, and interoperability of electronic travel documents worldwide.



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Thank you !

Merci beaucoup !