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12th Meeting of the African Flight Procedure Programme Steering Committee

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Agenda Item 3: Review of the Programme implementation status

Information Paper 3.1: Signature of the Programme document for Phase IV

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Eleventh Meeting of the African Flight Procedure Programme (AFPP) Steering Committee approved the transition of the Programme to Phase IV, effective 1 August 2025, following a comprehensive review of the Programme's performance during Phase III. The meeting adopted the strategic objectives, staffing structure, first-year Operating Plan, budget, and the revised AFPP Programme Document (Prodoc). The revised Prodoc was subsequently submitted to ICAO Headquarters for internal review and approval prior to signature by the Secretary General. Owing to the significant amendments introduced and the associated approval process, the document remains pending signature. This paper provides the Steering Committee with an update on the status of the approval process and the next steps towards the formal implementation of the Phase IV governance framework.

Action by the meeting is indicated in section 3.

REFERENCES

- Draft Programme document
- Report of the SC11/25 meeting

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Eleventh Meeting of the African Flight Procedure Programme (AFPP) Steering Committee was held in Lusaka, Zambia, from 21 to 23 May 2025.
- 1.2 During the meeting, the Steering Committee conducted a comprehensive review of the Programme's performance during Phase III. The review covered, inter alia, the status of Programme membership, project staffing, financial performance against the approved budget, and the maturity of Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) implementation across the African Region.



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2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 The Steering Committee reviewed and adopted the report of the Third Meeting of the AFPP Task Force, which had examined the strategic direction of the Programme for Phase IV, including the proposed strategic objectives and the staffing structure required to support their implementation.
- 2.2 Based on the Task Force recommendations, the Steering Committee approved the commencement of Phase IV with effect from 1 August 2025. The meeting further adopted:
 - the strategic objectives for Phase IV;
 - the proposed staffing structure;
 - the Operating Plan for the first year of Phase IV; and
 - the corresponding budget.
- 2.3 The above decisions resulted in substantial amendments to the AFPP Programme Document (ProDoc), which was subsequently adopted by the Steering Committee. The revised ProDoc, together with the Management Service Agreement (MSA), constitutes the governing framework for the implementation of Phase IV.
- 2.4 Following its adoption, the revised Programme Document was transmitted to the ICAO Capacity Development and Implementation (CDI) Bureau for the required internal review before being forwarded, through the Legal Bureau (LEB), to the Office of the Secretary General for signature.
- 2.5 Owing to the significant revisions incorporated into the Programme Document and the internal ICAO approval process, the document remains pending signature at ICAO Headquarters.
- 2.6 Upon completion of the approval process and signature by the Secretary General, the finalized Programme Document will be circulated to all AFPP Member States for information and consideration and will serve as the governing framework for the implementation of Phase IV of the Programme.:

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to note the information provided in this paper regarding the status of the AFPP Phase IV Programme Document and the ongoing ICAO approval process.

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