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Agenda Item 3: Review of the Programme implementation status

Working Paper 3.5: Status of national PBN focal points in Africa

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The successful implementation of Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) in Africa requires effective national coordination and continuous monitoring. In accordance with ICAO Assembly Resolution A37-11 and relevant APIRG Conclusions, States are encouraged to designate National PBN Focal Points responsible for coordinating PBN implementation and reporting progress to ICAO. In May 2026, the ICAO regional offices requested all African States to nominate or confirm their designated PBN Focal Points. To date, only eleventh (11) States have responded, representing approximately 20.3 per cent of the Continent.

This paper presents the status, highlights the importance of these focal points for the implementation of AFPP activities and monitoring, and urges States that have not yet responded to designate their National PBN Focal Points.

Action by the meeting is indicated in section 3.

REFERENCES

- GANP
- AR 37-11

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 ICAO Assembly Resolution A37-11 requests Contracting States to develop and implement Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) implementation plans and urges the Regional Planning and Implementation Groups (PIRGs) to monitor implementation progress and report regularly to ICAO.
- 1.2 In support of this objective, the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG) has adopted Conclusions encouraging States to designate National PBN Focal Points responsible for



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coordinating national PBN implementation activities and facilitating communication with ICAO and regional organizations.

- 1.3 Recognizing the importance of maintaining an updated network of competent national counterparts, the ICAO Regional Offices circulated State Letter T1/32-0352 dated 13 May 2026, requesting all African States to nominate, confirm or update their National PBN Focal Points by 15 July 2026.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Status of nominations

- 2.1.1 Only twelve (12) States have so far officially responded to the ICAO request, representing approximately 20.3 per cent of the fifty-four (54) African States.
- 2.1.2 While several States had previously designated focal points, organizational changes, staff movements and restructuring within civil aviation administrations require regular confirmation and updating to ensure the effectiveness of regional coordination.
- 2.1.3 The current response rate is not sufficient to establish an effective regional coordination mechanism for PBN implementation and significantly limits ICAO's ability to monitor implementation progress across Africa.
- 2.1.4 The detailed status of the nomination of National PBN Focal Points by African States is provided as Attachment A to this working paper. The attachment identifies the States that have designated or confirmed their focal points as well as those for which no official nomination has yet been received by ICAO, thereby facilitating follow-up actions by the Secretariat and the concerned States.

2.2 Role of National PBN Focal Points

- 2.2.1 National PBN Focal Points are the primary interface between ICAO and the State on matters relating to Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) and, where appropriate, the coordination of PANS-OPS activities supporting its implementation.
- 2.2.2 Their responsibilities typically include:
 - a) coordinating the implementation and maintenance of the State's National PBN Implementation Plan;
 - b) monitoring national implementation progress and reporting relevant information to ICAO and AASPG;
 - c) coordinating PANS-OPS activities among national stakeholders, including regulators, air navigation service providers, airport operators and aircraft operators;
 - d) facilitating the planning and execution of AFPP technical assistance missions, training activities and implementation projects;
 - e) facilitating the implementation of the State's obligations and commitments under the AFPP;
 - f) supporting the collection and validation of regional implementation data; and



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- g) disseminating ICAO provisions, guidance material and other information related to PBN implementation.

2.3 Importance to the African Flight Procedure Programme

2.3.1 The African Flight Procedure Programme (AFPP) relies heavily on effective communication with designated National PBN Focal Points for the planning and implementation of its activities.

2.3.2 Updated focal point information enables the Programme to:

- a) coordinate technical assistance missions more efficiently;
- b) disseminate training opportunities and technical guidance in a timely manner;
- c) validate regional implementation statistics;
- d) monitor progress against ICAO Assembly and AASPG objectives; and
- e) strengthen collaboration between ICAO, States and regional organizations.

2.3.3 Lack officially designated focal points often results in delayed communication, incomplete reporting, duplication of coordination efforts and reduced effectiveness of regional implementation initiatives.

2.4 Way Forward

2.4.1 Member States that have not yet nominated or confirmed their National PBN Focal Points are strongly encouraged to do so at the earliest opportunity.

2.4.2 States are further encouraged to notify ICAO whenever changes occur in the designated focal point to ensure that regional contact information remains current.

2.4.3 The AFPP Secretariat will continue maintaining and periodically updating the regional database of National PBN Focal Points to facilitate coordination, implementation support and regional reporting.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Steering Committee is invited to:

- a) note the low response rate to the ICAO request for the designation or confirmation of National PBN Focal Points;
- b) recognize the critical role of National PBN Focal Points in supporting the implementation, coordination and monitoring of Performance-Based Navigation and more generally PANS-OPS in Africa;
- c) urge Member States that have not yet done so to designate or confirm their National PBN Focal Points and communicate their contact details to ICAO as soon as possible; and
- d) encourage States to promptly notify ICAO of any subsequent changes to their designated National PBN Focal Points in order to maintain an effective regional coordination network.

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State	Focal point nominated	State	Focal point nominated
Algeria	☐	Libya	☐
Angola	☐	Madagascar	☐
Benin	☐	Malawi	☐
Botswana	☐	Mali	☐
Burkina Faso	☐	Mauritania	☐
Burundi	☐	Mauritius	☐
Cameroon	☐	Morocco	☐
Cabo Verde	☐	Mozambique	☐
Cent. African Republic	☐	Namibia	☐
Chad	☐	Niger	☐
Comoros	☒	Nigeria	☐
Côte d'Ivoire	☒	Rep. of Congo	☒
Dem. Rep. of Congo	☐	Rwanda	☐
Djibouti	☐	Sao Tome and Principe	☐
Egypt	☐	Senegal	☒
Equatorial Guinea	☐	Seychelles	☐
Eritrea	☐	Sierra Leone	☒
Eswatini	☐	Somalia	☐
Ethiopia	☐	South Africa	☐
Gabon	☒	South Sudan	☐
Gambia	☒	Sudan	☐
Ghana	☐	Tanzania	☒
Guinea	☐	Togo	☒
Guinea-Bissau	☐	Tunisia	☐
Kenya	☒	Uganda	☐
Lesotho	☐	Zambia	☒
Liberia	☐	Zimbabwe	☐