

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Fifth Meeting of the AFI Volcanic Ash Exercise Steering Group (AFI VOLCEX/SG5)

(Virtual, 9 June 2026)

Agenda Item 7: AFI VOLCEX/SG future work programme

WP7 Future work programme of the Steering Group of the AFI VOLCEX

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
<p>This paper presents the proposed future work programme of the AFI VOLCEX Steering Group for 2026/2027.</p> <p>Action by the meeting in paragraph 3</p>
<p>REFERENCE(S):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doc 9766 Handbook on the IAVW • ToR of AFI VOLCEX SG • AFI Volcanic Ash Exercise Operational Instructions • AFI VOLCEX 25/01 Report
<p>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A – Every Flight is Safe and Secure</i> • <i>C – Aviation Delivers Seamless, Accessible and Reliable Mobility for All</i>

1. INTRODUCTION

2. The APIRG/27 meeting, through Conclusion 27/08, approved the conduct of the third volcanic ash exercise under the leadership of Kenya.
3. The Steering Group of AFI Volcanic Exercise successfully coordinated the conduct of the 2025 volcanic ash exercise which took place in February 2026.

4. DISCUSSIONS

- 2.1. The Chairperson of the Steering Group, in coordination with the Exercise Leader and the Secretariat, coordinate the preparation and release of the report of the Third Volcanic Ash Exercise on 2nd April 2026.
- 2.2. The Report provide details on the outcomes of the exercise, as well as the lessons learned and recommendations to improve the next editions of the exercises.
- 2.3. In this regard, a proposed work programme of the Steering group for 2026/2027 is provided in Appendix A to this working to guide the coordination of the future volcanic events

5. ACTIONS BY THE MEETING

5.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the information contained in this paper; and
- b) Provide guidance as per paragraph 2.3 of this working paper.

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Appendix A - Future Work Schedule of AFI VOLCEX SG for 2026/2027

#	TASKS	Responsibility	By date	Status
Task 1.	Conduct the AFI VOLCEX/SG3 Meeting	Chairperson	26 Feb. 2026	Completed
Task 1.	Submit the final report of the third VA exercise to AASPG IIM/SG9	Chairperson	July 2026	Ongoing
Task 2.	Consider actions taken by AASPG/2	Chairperson	Nov. 2026	Not started
Task 3.	Conduct the AFI VOLCEX/SG5 Meeting	Chairperson	June. 2026	Ongoing
Task 4.	Coordination meetings on the conduct of the fourth volcanic ash exercise	Chairperson	May 2027	Not started
Task 5.	Preparatory and arrangement of meetings for the fourth Exercise	Exercise leader	May to Sep. 2027	Not started
Task 6.	Conduct the fourth volcanic ash exercise	Exercise leader Directing Staff	Oct. 2027	Not started
Task 7.	Conduct immediate and national debriefing meetings	Participating Agencies	Oct. 2027	Not started
Task 8.	Conduct debriefs meetings	Exercise leader	Oct. 2027	Not started
Task 9.	Submit the initial report of the fourth VA exercise	Exercise leader	Nov. 2027	Not started
Task 10.	Submit the final report of the third VA exercise	Exercise leader	Nov. 2027	Not started
Task 11.	AFI VOLCEX/SG6 Meeting	Chairperson	June 2027	Not started
Task 12.	Submit the final report of the fourth VA exercise to AASPG IIM/SG10	Chairperson	July 2027	Not started
Task 13.	Consider actions taken by AASPG/3	Chairperson	Nov. 2027	Not started