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Session 3: Objectives and Scope of the Updated AMBEX Handbook

PPT3.5 Naming of Updated OPMET data exchange Handbook

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Naming of the Updated AMBEX Handbook

Defintion – Ref.: Doc 8896, Chap.2 §2.1

- OPMET information includes all meteorological information required for international air navigation as defined as defined in ICAO Provisions, including aerodrome reports, landing forecasts, aerodrome forecasts, special aircraft observations, SIGMET and AIRMET information, tropical cyclone, volcanic ash and space weather advisories and WAFS forecasts.
- Les renseignements OPMET comprennent les observations d'aérodrome, les prévisions d'atterrissage, les prévisions d'aérodrome, les observations spéciales d'aéronef, les renseignements SIGMET et AIRMET, les avis de cyclones tropicaux, aux cendres volcaniques et à des phénomènes de météorologie de l'espace et les prévisions du SMPZ.

Naming of the Updated AMBEX Handbook

Proposal	Short Name	Meaning and Rationale
AFI Data Exchange Handbook	ADEX - HB	Meaning: Simple and professional, this emphasizes the handbook’s function as a reference for data exchange, including OPMET, within the AFI Region.
		Rationale: Short, easy to pronounce, and suitable for regional documentation.
AFI Meteorological Data Exchange Guide	AFI-METX Guide	Meaning: Focuses on meteorological (MET) data exchange (X), making the purpose immediately clear.
		Rationale: The term “Guide” gives it a practical, user-oriented feel.
AFI Meteorological Data Exchange Handbook	AMDEX-HB	Meaning: Specifies that it concerns meteorological data, including OPMET products, for the AFI Region.
		Rationale: Consistent with ICAO naming style (e.g., "ASBU Handbook"), and distinctive.
AFI OPMET Data Exchange Manual /Handbook	AODEX Manual /AFI-OPDEX HB	Meaning: Highlights the OPMET focus (OPMET = Operational Meteorological data).
		Rationale: The acronym “AODEx” (pronounced “A-oh-dex”) is unique and memorable while conveying “AFI OPMET Data Exchange.”
AFI Meteorological Exchange Handbook	AFI-MEX Handbook	Meaning: Broader than OPMET, encompassing all relevant meteorological exchanges within AFI.
		Rationale: “MEX” is concise and easily recognizable; “Handbook” denotes its procedural nature.



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Proposals of Designation and Short Names			Criteria (Assessed from 0 to 1))						
#	Designation	Sigle	Clarity	Regional identity	Operational purpose	Global Index			
1	AFI Data Exchange	AFIDEX	0	1	0	1			
2	AFI Regional OPMET Data Exchange	AFRODEX	1	1	0	2			
	AFI Metteological Data Exchange	AMDEX	0	1	1	2			
3	AFI OPMET Data Exchange	AODEX	1	1	1	3			
4	African Regional OPMET Data Exchange	AFRIDEX /XARODEX	1	0	1	2			
5	Regional OPMET Data Exchange - Africa	RODEX-AFI	1	0	1	2			
Naming :	AFI OPMET Data Exchange Handbook (AODEX - HB								



Thank You!