



COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AVIATION SAFETY IN AFRICA (AFI PLAN)

TWENTY-FIFTH AFI PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING ***Abuja, Nigeria, 17 and 18 May 2022***

Agenda Item 1: - Follow up actions on the Decisions and Recommendations of the 24th AFI Plan Steering Committee meeting & Status of Implementation of the 2021 AFI Plan Work Programme

(Presented by AFI Plan Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper presents information on the status of implementation of the Decisions and Recommendations of the 24th Meeting of the AFI Plan Steering Committee held virtually on 15 July 2021 as well as the implementation status of the 2021/22 AFI Plan Work Programme.

Action: *The Steering Committee is invited to:*

- a) Note the information contained in this paper;
- b) Note the related information contained in Discussion Papers **02, 03, 04** and **05** and relevant Presentations;
- c) Provide further instructions and guidance for the continued implementation of the Decisions and Recommendations of its 24th meeting, following review of their status of implementation (column 7 of **Attachment A**); and
- d) Provide further instructions and guidance for the continued implementation of the 2021/22 AFI Plan Work Programme considering its status of implementation (Column 4 of Attachment B)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The AFI Plan Steering Committee at its 24th meeting reviewed the actions taken since its 23rd meeting on the implementation of the AFI Plan activities, by so doing, took some additional Decisions and made Recommendations on the annual 2021 Work Programme activities and projects implemented within the framework of the Plan.

1.2 This paper summarizes the progress made in the implementation of the above-mentioned Decisions and Recommendations and the 2021/22 AFI Plan Work Programme whilst taking into account the impact of COVID-19 on the implementation of these activities.

2. SUMMARY OF IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS SINCE JULY 2021

2.1 The list of Decisions and Recommendations of the 24th meeting of the AFI Plan Steering Committee (SC/24) along with an update on actions undertaken and / or required from this meeting are attached herewith as Attachment A. Similarly, the progress made so far in implementing the 2021/22 AFI Plan Work Programme since the last meeting of the SC is presented as Attachment B to this paper.

2.2 In accordance with the 2017 Ezulwini Declaration on Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs) in Africa and subsequent guidance provided by the SC of AFI Plan on the development of a Strategic Plan for supporting and strengthening Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs) in Africa, a study has been conducted and presented to States and other stakeholders during a validation workshop. The recommendations of the study including the strategy and roadmap will be presented to this meeting as DP04 for approval and further guidance.

2.3 With regard to the decisions of the 24th AFI Plan Steering Committee meeting, the revision of various AFI Plan projects on Aerodrome certification, Search and Rescue (SAR) coordination, State Safety Programme (SSP) establishment, Air Navigation Service Provider (ANSP) peer reviews, the Fundamentals of Safety Oversight (FSO) and Aeronautical Information Management (AIM) was completed. The details of these revised projects will be presented to this meeting for consideration and approval. Furthermore, the activities of each project for the year 2022 are also reflected in the work programme of the AFI plan for your consideration.

2.4 The Regional Office Safety Teams (ROSTs) have remotely conducted activities aimed at assisting States in improving their safety oversight capabilities including the implementation of their USOAP Corrective Action Plans (CAPs). Accordingly, since the 24th SC meeting remote assistance have been provided to 13 WACAF and 16 ESAF States virtually; in particular, with emphasis on review/update and guidance on CAP implementation, PQ self-assessment reviews as well as collaborative engagements with States in the region. Recently onsite ROST missions resumed and assistance provided to two ESAF States (Angola and Botswana). The increased assistance and engagement with States over the years resulted in a corresponding improvement in effective implementation (EI) of the critical elements of a State's safety oversight system in Africa. Accordingly, 31 States in Africa have now achieved the Abuja safety targets of 60 % EI though only 12 States achieved more than 75% EI as per the GASP target for 2022.

2.5 The AFI Plan Secretariat continues to provide support to the Association of African Training Organizations (AATO). In this regard and in line with the 24th AFI Plan SC decision regarding the critical challenges that AATO have been facing since the outbreak of the COVID-

19 pandemic, ICAO attended the 23rd AATO Council meeting and provided guidance to chart the way forward for the sustainability of the Organization. A consultation meeting with AFCAC and key stakeholders is expected to be held in the 3rd quarter of this year to consider proposals geared towards ensuring continued relevance of the AATO thus performing its key missions and objectives as originally intended.

2.6 As part of the No Country Left Behind Initiative (NCLB), ICAO through the AFI Plan and the Global Aviation Training (GAT) Office implemented an initiative to increase online training enrollments of aviation professionals from Civil Aviation Authorities (CAAs) in 33 Least Developing Countries (LDCs) in Africa. Under this initiative, training on Public Health Corridor (PHC), Safety Management, COVID-19 Aviation Safety Risk Management for CAAs and Safety Management for Practitioners (SMxP) online and virtual courses were provided to 104 trainees from 26 countries. In addition, out of the remaining seven States who have Internet connection challenges, training was provided to two (namely, Burundi and Niger) under a pilot project entitled Increased Access to Training (IaT) through an alternative mode of access using newly available technology. It is expected that training will be provided for the remaining five States before the end of the year, 2022.

2.7 In accordance with the guidance and decisions of the 24th SC meeting, ICAO under the AFI Plan engaged a consultant to perform a study, develop a strategy, roadmap and development of a database aimed at enhancing aviation professional capacity in all ICAO Strategic Objectives in Africa. Information on the progress made on this study will be provided during the course of this meeting for consideration and further guidance.

2.8 Furthermore, AFCAC has been following up on the implementation of the revised Abuja Safety targets and Air Navigation Performance Indicators and Targets. The meeting will be provided with information on the progress made in this regard.

2.9 Continuous High-level engagements with African States including those countries with low EIs and slow progress in the implementation of their ICAO Plans of Action, is important. In this regard, a number of side meetings have been scheduled by ICAO to meet with the delegations from such States during the first two days of the 7th AFI Aviation Week in Abuja, Nigeria.

2.10 The support from the partners, aimed at assisting African States in improving the level of implementation of ICAO safety standards, is on-going. The meeting will be provided with more information on the various initiatives during the session on Presentations by Partners.