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SADC Secretariat
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Subject: Launching of a Project for the Certification of Aerodromes in the ESAF Region, Nairobi, Kenya, 22 August 2016

Action Required: *To reply, preferably not later than 7 August 2016*

Dear Madam,

I have the honour to refer to the Ministerial Conference on Aviation Safety in Africa that was held in Abuja, Nigeria, in July 2012, during which, specific and measurable aviation safety targets were established in order to enhance safety standards in the region. You may recall that one the safety targets, is for States **to certify all International Aerodromes by the end of December 2015**. Furthermore, provisions in Annex 14 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation as well as other relevant ICAO guidance documentation require each contracting State to certify aerodromes used for international operations through an appropriate regulatory framework.

However, the Sixteenth meeting of the AFI Plan Steering Committee (Montreal, Canada, November 2015), the Twentieth Meeting of the APIRG (Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire, November / December 2015) and the Third meeting of the RASG-AFI (Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire, December 2015) raised great concerns over the low rate in certification of aerodromes and the failure to meet the Abuja safety target. (Only about 23% of international aerodromes have been certified so far by States in the entire AFI Region). It was therefore agreed that, at least 45% of international aerodromes be certified by the end of 2016.


Consequently, the AFI Plan Steering committee approved a specific technical Assistance project for the certification of at least one international aerodrome in each of eight ESAF States, of Angola, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, Swaziland, Uganda and Zambia as a matter of priority.

In this regard, a consultative meeting to launch the project is scheduled to take place on **22 August 2016**. The launch will be followed by a workshop for national aerodrome inspectors and operator's technical staff from **23 to 26 August 2016**. The two events will be held back to back at the ICAO Regional Office in Nairobi, Kenya.

I wish to underscore that the success of this Project depends on the commitment at the highest level of the beneficiary States, signified by the participation of the Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority, the CEO of the Airport Operator and the CEO of the Air Navigation Services Provider to the one-day consultative/ project launch meeting. As a key stakeholder to the effective implementation of this project, invitation is also extended to your organization to participate to the one day consultative/ project launch meeting..

To facilitate necessary planning and preparations for the meeting, it would be appreciated if you could, at your earliest convenience, preferably not later than **7 August 2016**, confirm the participation of your organisation and details of your nominees to this event by forwarding your response to the ESAF Regional Office at icaoesaf@icao.int with a copy to andikumana@icao.int giving names and other details of your participants.

Yours faithfully,



Barry Kashambo
Regional Director

Attachment:

- Draft work programme

**Launching of a Project for the Certification of Aerodromes in the ESAF
Region, Nairobi, Kenya, 22 – 26 August 2016**

Tentative programme – Consultative Meeting

Monday 22 August 2016

08h30 - 09h00	Registration of participants
09h00 - 09h30	Opening Ceremony Regional Director - ICAO (opening remarks)
09h30 - 10h00	Coffee break
10h00 - 10h30	Goals, strategies and activities for improving safety in the AFI Region - Aerodromes certification Barry Kashambo
10h30 - 11h00	Aerodromes certification – Overview of Requirements for Aerodrome Regulators/Operators Arthemon Ndikumana
11h00 - 11h45	AFI Plan , Assistance to Aerodrome certification Project Barry Kashambo
11h45 - 12h30	Responsibilities/commitment of Aerodrome certification Stakeholders Arthemon Ndikumana
12h30 - 13h30	Lunch
13h30-14h00	Other safety initiatives - (APEX and Runway Safety Teams) Arthemon Ndikumana
14h00-14h30	Questions and answers
14h30-15h00	Any other Business
15h00 – 15h15	Closing Barry Kashambo