



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Fifth Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group Projects Coordination Committee (APCC/5) (Virtual, 3 November 2020)

Agenda Item 5: Future work programmes and schedule of next meetings of APIRG and its auxiliary bodies

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
This paper presents the proposed future work programmes and meeting plans of APIRG Group structure and its subsidiary bodies for discussion.	
The action by the Meeting is in paragraph 3	
Strategic Objectives	This working paper relates to the Strategic Objectives A, B, D and E

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The meeting should recall that APIRG is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of the Regional AFI Air Navigation Plan (eANP, ICAO Doc 7474), as well as the identification and resolution of air navigation deficiencies. It is a planning and coordination mechanism and, while implementation is the responsibility of States, APIRG can play a significant role in supporting the implementation of Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) as well as Regional requirements.

1.2. The terms of reference and working methods of the APIRG have been approved by the Council of ICAO in accordance with Decisions C-DEC 183/9 of 2008 and C-DEC 190/4 of 2010. Amongst others, the Council in establishing the Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASGs) identified the need for coordination between the APIRG and the RASG-AFI.

1.3. This paper proposes future work programmes and meeting plans of APIRG Group structure and its subsidiary bodies, for preliminary discussion by the APCC.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1. The APIRG TOR state that at each of its meetings, the Group should endeavor to agree on the date, venue and duration of its next meeting. APIRG meetings will be convened in the Regional Offices, to the extent possible, to facilitate proper access by States. Approval to host PIRG meetings outside of the Regional Office must be obtained from the President of the Council. States that offer to host APIRG meetings including its Sub-Groups will be requested to confirm through a formal offer within three months succeeding the last meeting.

2.2. To achieve APIRG objectives the frequency of the meetings will be on an annual basis. However, in order to safeguard coherent and orderly air navigation planning in the interest of States and airspace users in the AFI Region, the Group may determine the need for any additional meeting that may arise.

2.3. A convening letter for a meeting, including the agenda together with explanatory notes prepared by the Secretary, shall be addressed by the Secretary of the Group, normally 90 days prior to the meeting.

2.4. Comments from States/Organizations shall be forwarded to the applicable Regional Office not later than 10 working days prior to the meeting. The Secretariat shall prepare a working paper submitting such comments for consideration to the Group.

2.5. Working Papers should be made available to all interested parties as early as practicable, preferably 30 days before the meeting at which they are intended to be considered.

3 ACTION BY THE APCC/5

3.1. The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the information provided in this working paper; and
- b) Endorse the future work programmes and meetings plan.

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ATTACHMENT

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

A. AAO/SG WORK PROGRAMME

1. Activities - 2020

- a) AANDD Training: December 2020
- b) Review of Project Teams activities: December 2020

2. Activities - 2021

- a) Review of Project Teams activities: March 2021
- b) Fourth Meeting of the AAO/SG: July 2021

B. IIM/SG WORK PROGRAMME

C. APCC AND APIRG WORK PROGRAMME

1. Activities - 2020

- a) APCC/5 Meeting: 3rd November 2020
- b) ARC-TF/3 Meeting: 5 November 2020
- c) APIRG/23 Meeting: 23 November to 2 December 2020

2. Activities - 2021

- a) APCC/6 - Review of Projects: April 2021
- b) APCC/7 – Preparation of the APIRG Meeting: October 2021
- c) ARC-TF/4 Meeting: October 2021
- d) APIRG/24 Meeting: November 2021

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