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FOR AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN (RASC/8)  
(29 and 30 August 2022)**

**Agenda Item 9: Preparations for the 41<sup>st</sup> ICAO Assembly – AFI Plan Working Paper and  
other AFI Safety Issues**

*(Presented by the Secretariat)*

<b>SUMMARY</b>
<p>This Paper presents the preparations made and actions taken so far to present the continued support of ICAO to enhance safety in the AFI region through the AFI Plan and other related safety initiatives for the upcoming 41<sup>st</sup> ICAO assembly.</p> <p>Action to be taken by the Meeting is provided in Section 3 of the Paper.</p>
<p><b>REFERENCE(S):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Doc 10140, Assembly Resolutions in Force (as of 4 October 2019);</li><li>• The revised Abuja Aviation Safety Targets, incorporating Air Navigation Services Targets;</li><li>• Revised AFI Plan Programme Document;</li><li>• Reports of the AFI Plan Steering Committee meetings; and</li><li>• Working Paper A-41 Report on the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan).</li></ul>
<p><b>Related ICAO Strategic Objective:</b></p> <p>This paper relates to the Safety and Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency Strategic Objectives.</p>

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan) was endorsed by the 36th Session of the ICAO Assembly and established by the Secretary General on 1 January 2008 to address civil aviation safety deficiencies in the Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) region. The programme has since been providing assistance to States with a focus on the establishment of effective and sustainable safety oversight systems through the implementation of the eight Critical Elements (CEs) of a State safety oversight system: and fostering of aviation safety culture in Africa.

1.2 The programme has been providing specific support to States and as a result of that considerable progress has been registered in enhancing aviation safety in Africa. The programme continues to register significant gains towards the attainment of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) and Abuja Aviation Safety Targets, incorporating Air Navigation Services (ANS) Targets. The current planning horizon of the Plan covers from 2021-2024 as approved by the 24<sup>th</sup> AFI Plan SC meeting held virtually.

## 2. DISCUSSIONS

2.1 The 25th meeting of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa Steering Committee (AFI Plan SC/25) held on 17 and 18th May 2022 in Abuja, Nigeria called for the support to the continuation of AFI Plan activities beyond 2024 until 2030 as part of the work programme of the ICAO Regional Offices. The activities cover all safety and air navigation capacity and efficiency related areas, including aviation infrastructure planning. Accordingly, the Steering Committee advised the AFI Plan Secretariat to develop a working paper on the continuation of the AFI Plan for the upcoming 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the ICAO Assembly, in accordance with Resolution A38-7 on the AFI Plan.

2.2 In line with the decision of the 25<sup>th</sup> AFI Plan Steering Committee meeting, the AFI Plan Secretariat prepared a Working Paper encompassing the background and context in which the plan was conceived, the significant continuous work that have been done through the plan, and the achievements gained in improving safety in the African region as a result of the substantial support provided over the years .

2.3 The Working Paper following the approval of the ICAO Secretary General, presented to the ICAO Council and approved by the Council President to be presented during the upcoming 41<sup>st</sup> ICAO Assembly. The Working Paper outlined the various contribution of the Plan and request the Assembly the following key actions:-

- a) support the continued implementation of the AFI Plan activities and extension of the programme term for a further six years from 2024 to 2030, as part of the work programme of the ICAO Regional Offices, covering all safety and air navigation capacity and efficiency related areas, including aviation infrastructure planning; and
- b) urge States, international and regional organizations, finance institutions and industry to continue to make financial, in-kind and other contributions to support the implementation of the AFI Plan.

2.4 The working paper is posted on the ICAO public website and can be obtained from the following link [https://www.icao.int/Meetings/a41/Documents/WP/wp\\_103\\_en.pdf](https://www.icao.int/Meetings/a41/Documents/WP/wp_103_en.pdf)

2.5 In addition to the AFI Plan, various initiatives and activities have been initiated and conducted to support the enhancement of aviation safety performance in the region and details of these initiatives/activities will presented by African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) representing 54 African States as well as other stakeholders. The RASG-AFI Safety Support Teams have reviewed and provided inputs to the draft Working papers to be presented by AFCAC. These papers are available in ICAO website and can be accessed in the above indicated link.

2.6 Considering most of the key Abuja safety target and Air Navigation Parameters timeframe elapsed, there is a plan to evaluate and review these targets in consistence with the outcomes of the 41<sup>st</sup> ICAO Assembly on the Global Safety matters.

### **3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1. The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note information provided in this Information Paper; and
- b) provide advice and further guidance as deems necessary.

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