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**Agenda Item 24: Technical Assistance Programme**

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME FOR AIRPORTS IN AFRICA – COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS**

(Presented by the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) on behalf of 54 Member States<sup>2</sup>)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Technical Assistance Programme is a major component of ICAO's "*No Country Left Behind*" (NCLB) initiative. It serves to assist all States to prioritise their needs for the advancement of their civil aviation through, amongst others, the effective implementation of ICAO's Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and policies.

Amongst others, the Airports Council International – Africa (ACI-Africa) provides the needed technical assistance to fully support African airports in the pursuit of safer airport operations and cooperation between ICAO, aviation stakeholders and airports worldwide. This is achieved through support missions designed to cater for long-term assistance in all fields of airport operations and management.

Recognising that safety extends beyond the African borders, AFCAC, ACI-Africa and other key partners and international organisations work together through partnerships to raise global standards.

**Action:** The Assembly is invited to urge Member States and other international organizations to facilitate and support ACI-Africa to pursue safer airport operations through continuous international cooperative partnerships.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	Safety, Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency
<i>Financial implications:</i>	None

<sup>1</sup> English and French versions provided by AFCAC.

<sup>2</sup> Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Technical Assistance Programme is a major component of ICAO's "*No Country Left Behind*" (NCLB) initiative. It serves to assist all States to prioritise their needs for the advancement of their civil aviation through, amongst others, the effective implementation of ICAO's SARPS and Policies. Pursuing partnerships with specialised international organisations assists Members States to achieve high standards of aviation safety and efficiency.

## 2. AIRPORTS COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL – AFRICA (ACI-AFRICA)

2.1 The Airports Council International (ACI) – Africa, among others, provides the needed technical assistance to fully support African airports in the pursuit of promoting safer airport operations and cooperation between ICAO, aviation stakeholders and airports worldwide. This is achieved through support missions designed to cater for long-term assistance in all fields of airport operations and management.

## 3. THE EU-AFRICA SAFETY IN AVIATION (EU-ASA)

3.1 The EU - Africa Safety in Aviation (EU-ASA) is an EASA project, under the EU Technical Cooperation Projects. Through the project, EASA promotes aviation safety standards beyond EU borders by working with other international organisations worldwide.

3.2 Through this cooperation, EU-ASA Project provides technical input and expertise, and ensures coordination between these initiatives and its own activities/projects. The Project is currently supporting the Operationalisation of the Single African Transport Market (SAATM)-Support to AFCAC, with 5 million Euros over the period September 2021 to August 2025. It also provides technical assistance in the following specific areas:

- a) aerodrome design and safety-related equipment;
- b) aerodrome operations, including apron management services and ground handling;
- c) aerodrome operators; and
- d) aerodrome oversight authorities.

3.3 African Airport Managers can, therefore, in collaboration with ACI-Africa, take advantage of this EU-ASA Project partnership.

#### 4. **FAA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

4.1 The FAA Technical Assistance Programs, among others, also provides in-country technical assistance in the field of airport operations and standards. Agreements for the provision of services are conducted on a government-to-government, corporation or organisation basis. The recipient country is mandated to reimburse the FAA for the cost of the technical assistance.

4.2 This is also an international cooperative partnership that promotes safe airport operations in the African region.

#### 5. **CONCLUSION**

5.1 Recognising the complexity and the seamless cross-border needs in pursuant of safer airport operations, regional and international cooperative partnership was initiated by ICAO through a Technical Assistance Program, the '*No Country Left Behind*' (NCLB) initiative.

5.2 The Africa region's response to this initiative is the formulation of ACI-Africa, which is already collaborating with other international partners in promoting the much-needed safer airport operations and cooperation between ICAO, aviation stakeholders and airports worldwide.

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