



AFCAC DGCA MEETING





AFI AVIATION WEEK 2025

26 - 30 MAY | VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE



26 May 2025



2025 - AFCAC STRATEGIC PRIORITIES Core Areas

AIR TRANSPORT

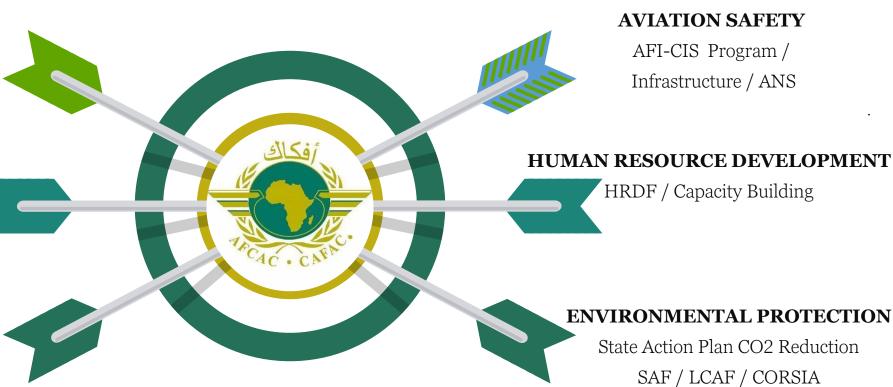
Regulatory Framework, Cost Reduction

AIR TRANSPORT

YD & SAATM Implementation Harmonization of Regulations

AVIATION SECURITY

AFI-CES Program
One Stop Security



Mandate- Article 4





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Undertake studies on technical regulatory and economic developments in air transport, with particular focus on their implications for Africa.

02 Support Member States on civil aviation matters.

Foster and coordinate programmes for the development of training facilities in Africa and to encourage and support the training and development of personnel in all fields of civil aviation.

04 Encourage and support the creation of autonomous civil aviation entities.



07 Act pursuant to provisions of Ensure seamless and of the Yamoussoukro Decision to discharge its duties of Executing Agency of as the African Air Transport in Africa Executing

Agency

05 Ensure advocacy defence of common positions of Member States at international fora relating to civil aviation.

Harmonize existing and, where necessary, adopt common rules and regulations for safety, security. environmental protection, competition, dispute settlement, and consumer protection in air transport.

close cooperation with RECs and Organizations concerned with civil aviation matters.

SAFETY & TECHNICAL SERVICES

61.79% EI Africa

Cote D'Ivoire, South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zambia and Senegal made significant progress during the ICAO audit 2024

11 AFI-CIS technical assistance missions to 8 States were conducted in 2024. For 2025 supporting Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Liberia, Zimbabwe, Republic of Congo and Guinea Bissau

Capacity Building – HRDF is set to commence training programs – AFCAC established Centers of Excellence in collaboration with AATO







3 SSC States

Increasing risk of SSCs in Air Navigation Calibration of Equipment

60 identified Infrastructure Gaps attributed to aging equipment at Airports, ANSPs and Airlines

Low level of accident data sharing among member States and RSOOs



AFI CIS Team Leaders Workshop – April 2024







AFI CIS Technical Assistance to Sierra Leone





AVIATION SECURITY & FACILITATION

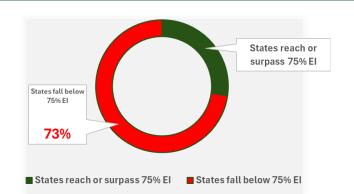
64.35% ► EI Africa

Over 350 Experts Trained through AFCAC-Led, Data-Driven Capacity Building Programs

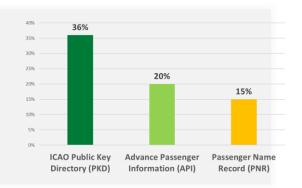
Technical assistance delivered to 14 AFCAC Member States, funded by the African Development Bank (AfDB) in 2024.

Planned activities for Central African Republic, Lesotho, Malawi, Zambia, Angola in 2025.

19 AFCAC Member States Contribute AFI-CES Experts to Advance AVSEC Implementation and Global Representation







Thirteen significant security concerns (SSeCs) have been identified across six AFCAC Member States, with the majority occurring at the operational level in airports.

Only 27% of African States Achieved 75% EI vs. 65% of African States Target by 2027.

Limited implementation of Annex 9 security provisions, specifically those related to Advance Passenger Information (API), Passenger Name Record (PNR), and the Public Key Directory (PKD).

Outdated facilities and inadequate modern security equipmentt and transit technologies are undermining both security and facilitation efficiency.



A Seminar on Airport Security Privatization Is Held in Riyadh



GACA hosted an international seminar to discuss the privatization of airport security and the "one-stop security" concept, bringing together experts from 55 countries.















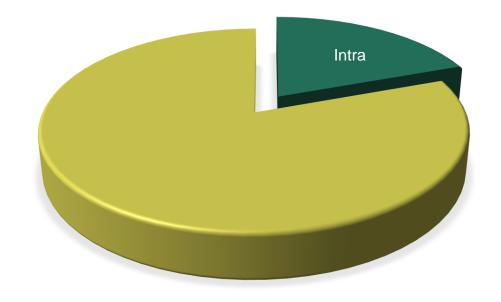




2024 SHARE OF INTRA AFRICAN TRAFFIC

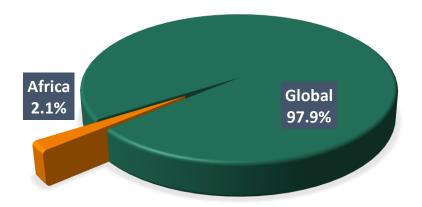






The share of Intra-African passenger traffic (Domestic excluded) is estimated at **21%** of the total traffic.





Source: IATA



SAATM IMPLEMENTATION: PROGRESS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- ☐ African skies are opening. The Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM) continues to gain momentum across the continent.
- Our collaborative efforts yield significant results in connectivity,
 market access, and regulatory frameworks.

Key Milestones Achieved

SAATM Implementation Progress

Over 100

Member States

New Routes

AU countries committed to SAATM

Established since 202

Over 20

5th Freedom

Routes showing shift to open skies

22 States are fully committed to implementing operational provisions.

Intra-African connectivity is now at 21% from 14.5% in 2018.

10 SAATM PIP Airshows

- The Dispute Settlement Mechanism Secretariat is now operational. Awareness campaigns have strengthened stakeholder engagement.
- Our Joint Prioritized Action Plan guides our path toward 30% 5th freedom capacity by 2027.
- Resolution of numerous challenges relating to Market Access, Designation and Authorization Among States















ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

AFCAC Continental Initiatives for Environmental Protection

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Support to States in implementing ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices and Policies (ANNEX 16)



SAF & LCAF

Advance the sustainable growth of African Civil Aviation by catalyzing the deployment of Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAFs)





SAP

Promote the development and or review of State Action Plans for CO2 mitigation in Africa.





CORSIA Promote CORSIA Implementation in Africa States

- Set up at least 2 additional CORSIA Verifiers in 2025.
- Set up at least one CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units Program





CAPACITY BUILDING

Enhance technical and human capacities of African experts



Upcoming opportunities for Partnership

1. Strategic Partnerships: Strategic Public and Private Partnerships for SAF/LCAF innovation, development and deployment in Africa.

2. Extend targeted technical support on CORSIA implementation: Uganda, Sao Tome and Principe, Cote d'Ivoire, Benin, Senegal, Kenya, Nigeria







ADVOCACY FOR RATIFICATION PROTOCOLS 50(A) AND 56

- ➤ Articles 50(a) increase the number of seats at the ICAO Council from 36 members to 40, and Article 56 increases members of the ANC from 19 to 21.
- ➤ The ICAO Council and ANC structures have historically seen some changes, with an increase in the number of seats.
- ➤ Despite the growing global aviation sector, African States continue to be underrepresented in decision-making bodies, highlighting the need for more inclusive participation.
- > These amendments may address this imbalance and ensure fair participation for all Member States.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- > Ratification may ensure Africa's stronger representation in ICAO.
- **▶** 112 of the required 128 ratifications, including 25 from African States, have now been achieved. Since August 2022, 17 additional African States have ratified the Protocols, reflecting increased continental commitment.
- Only 16 more ratifications are needed for amendments to enter into force.
 29 African States have not yet ratified the Protocols.
- > African States play a crucial role in ensuring these amendments take effect.
- > States are urged to act swiftly to complete the process by depositing at ICAO.

PROTOCOL RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ARTICLE 50(a), SIGNED AT MONTRÉAL ON 6 OCTOBER 2016

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Status: 112 Contracting States.

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UPDATES ON THE ROADMAP TO THE 42ND ICAO ASSEMBLY

1	Circulate all Africa WPs developed by Experts to all States & Partners to all for their review and feedback within 1 month due on 30 June 2025	23-May-25
2	Convene meeting with Experts from States & Partners to review, refine all the Africa WPs based on written comments received from States & Partners (due date to receive feedback from States is 30 June 2025)	10-July-25
3	Translation of documents to both EN and FR as necessary	15-July-25
4	4 Submit all FINAL WPs to States and Partners for Information Only 25-July	
5	Convene a virtual call with all States (DGs and Experts who are nominated to go to the Assembly) to present the African WPs to them (use the same summaries approach done for CAAF/3 and the 14th AN	29-July-25
	Conference)	
6	Incorporate ANY ADDITIONAL review comments from States & Partners as necessary to the Africa WPs	30-July-25
7	Send all WPs as approved by States to ICAO and send the same to States	31-July-25
8	Review of WPs submitted by other States and Organizations to the Assembly to assess and comment on their impacts on African aviation.	Continuous as WP become uploaded
9	Convene a virtual session with ALL States to present to them strategies for promoting the Africa WPs, Canadian Visa, Ratification, Credentials, Voting, Contribution to AFCAC and ICAO,	1-31 July 2025
10	Convene a virtual session (depending on the number of partners) with AFCAC Partners to present to them strategies for promoting the Africa WPs	1-31 Aug 2026
11	Regular Internal reviews of the roadmap - AD HOC Basis	Once every month starting in Feb 20

Proposals on topics and working papers were received from AFCAC Member States for consideration by the AFCAC Experts Working Groups and AFI Group.

Safety & Air Navigation Services

	TITLE OF THE WORKING PAPER
1	Development of a Standardized Tool for Monitoring and Controlling Obstacles around Aerodromes
2	Development of SARPs for Protection of Communication, Navigation and Surveillance Facilities
3	Development of SARPs to Utilize Unmanned Aircraft System for Ground Check of Navigation Aids
4	Enhanced Aerodrome Emergency Planning and Preparedness
5	Enhancing Standards for UAS Transport of Dangerous Goods in Health, Emergency and Humanitarian Operations
6	Mutual Recognition of Approved Maintenance Organization Certificates
7	Promoting Sustainable Aircraft End-of-Life Management
8	Strengthening Regional Safety Oversight and Investigation Mechanisms in the AFI Region

Air Transport

	TITLE OF THE WORKING PAPER	
1	Air Transport Liberalisation - Operationalisation and Implementation of SAATM	

Aviation Security & Facilitation

	TITLE OF THE WORKING PAPER	
1	1 Streamlining the aviation security systems along the new GASeP framework	
2	The challenges and effects of integrating ASTC to TPP	
3	Leveraging the assistance for various passenger data exchange systems	
4	Strengthening legal enforcement measures to address unruly passengers	

Environment

	TITLE OF THE WORKING PAPER
1	CORSA Implementation as the Sole Global Market Based Measure

Status of Ratification of ICAO Protocols- Articles 50 (a) and 56

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AFCAC Member Contributions: Status of Contributions

Payments Received for 2025 Contributions	Expected Contributions as Notified by AFCAC Member States by end of May
Namibia	South Africa
Uganda	Morocco
Algeria	United Republic of Tanzania
AFCAC Member States Affiliated with ASECNA (50% Contribution)	Liberia
	Sierra Leone
	Nigeria
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	Guinea

AFCAC Member Contributions: Arrears Status

5	Contracting States	Current Year	Prior Years	# of Years Outstanding
8		95 981,95	758 019,19	7
9		47 990,97	940 156,65	12
10		47 990,97	880 173,65	12
11		47 990,97	868 448,73	12
12		47 990,97	635 677,97	12
13		47 990,97	732 269,59	11
14		47 990,97	539 527,81	10
15		47 990,97	717 942,77	15
16		47 990,97	525 156,96	9
17	18 AFCAC members States	47 990,97	614 960,77	11
18		47 990,97	605 730,19	8
19		47 990,97	528 816,50	9
20		47 990,97	511 246,19	9
21		47 990,97	504 746,77	10
22		47 990,97	366 839,96	6
23		47 990,97	250 931,19	5
24		47 990,97	44 110,73	1
25		47 990,97	29 640,89	1
26	Total		10 054 396,50	

SANCTIONS ON FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE RATIFIED CONSTITUTION BY AFCAC STATES

Article 18 – Sanctions

- 1. Any Member State that fails to honour its financial obligations to the Commission for a period of two (2) years or more shall, as long as it is in such arrears, forfeit the right to vote in the Plenary or to present candidates for any elective or other post within AFCAC.
- 2. Any Member State that remains in sanctions for a period of three (3) years or more shall, in addition to the sanctions referred to in the preceding paragraph, have its nationals deprived of the rights, privileges, benefits and advantages usually accorded to Member States.
- Any violation of any provision of this constitution by a Member State shall result in sanctions as maybe determined by the Plenary.

STATUS UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND AFRICAN CANDIDATURES

AFCAC members States (Members of ICAO)	54
Proposed States for Election – Part 1	-
Proposed States for Election – Part 2	3 Egypt, Nigeria and South Africa
Proposed States for Election – Part 3	5 Angola, Equatorial Guinea, Mali, Morocco and Uganda

^{*} It is essential that AFCAC Member States settle their contributions with both ICAO and AFCAC, thereby securing their voting rights and necessary support.





Thank You





