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Subject: Invitation to the Preparatory Webinar for ICAO AFI States – ATConf/7 (19 May 2026)

Dear Sir/Madam,

The ICAO Eastern and Southern African (ESAF) and Western and Central African (WACAF) Regional Office is pleased to invite your Administration to participate in the Preparatory Webinar for AFI States in advance of the Seventh Worldwide Air Transport Conference (ATConf/7), which will take place in Montréal, Canada, from 16 to 20 November 2026 under the theme: ***“Air Transport: Powering Global Connectivity, Economic Development and Resilience in a Dynamic World”***.

Given the importance of ATConf/7 in addressing key policy issues affecting international air transport—including economic regulation, labour and supply chain challenges, consumer protection, sustainable infrastructure financing, air connectivity, emerging technologies, energy transition, and institutional capacity development—early and coordinated preparation among the AFI States is essential.

To support this process, the Regional Offices will host a two-hour virtual preparatory Webinar on 19 May 2026, from 12:00 to 14:00 UTC. The session will:

- Brief States on ATConf/7 objectives, structure, and expected deliverables;
- Discuss regional priorities, challenges and opportunities;
- Outline preparatory requirements and timelines; and
- Facilitate coordination toward developing common Continental priorities ahead of the African Air Transport Convention & Expo 2026 (8–12 June, Lomé, Togo).

Please register using the link below and circulate it to the relevant authorities, aviation industry partners, and stakeholders within your State:

<https://www.icao.int/ESAF/PREP-ESAF-WEBINAR-ATConf7>

For ease of reference, the Tentative Agenda and Concept Note are attached and also available in the link.

The webinar will be conducted in English and French, with simultaneous interpretation provided.

The meeting link will be shared in due course with all registered participants.

We look forward to your Administration's active participation.

Yours sincerely,

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Regional Director

Attachments: Concept Note
Tentative Agenda & Programme