



**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION  
FOURTH AFRICA (AFI) AVIATION WEEK  
SECOND SECURITY AND FACILITATION SYMPOSIUM**

*Theme: Countering terrorism in Africa through efficient Aviation security and facilitation*

*(24 May 2017, Gaborone, Botswana)*

**OUTCOMES OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION SYMPOSIUM HELD ON 25 MAY 2017, IN GABORONE, BOTSWANA:**

**SESSION 1: PROMOTING SECURE AND EFFICIENT DEVELOPMENT OF AIR TRANSPORT:**

*Moderated By Mr. Kabbs Twijuke, Representative of Uganda to ICAO and Chairman, AFI SECFAL Plan*

The Symposium:

1. Urged States to establish and reinforce institutional framework notably National Programs and Committees on aviation security and facilitation for effective coordination between the various national agencies involved in Security and Facilitation management;
2. Urged States to re-enforce sharing of information and best practices on emerging and new aviation security threats and establish mitigation measures as coordinated among national entities and with the international partners through ICAO Points of Contacts (POCs);
3. Encouraged States to take advantage and benefit from ICAO ISD and TCB technical assistance and cooperation to enhance their Effective Implementation (EI) of SARPs towards resolving identified deficiencies;
4. Requested/Urged ICAO to expedite the development of GAsEP, Guidance Materials on Human Resource Development and to organize workshops on capacity building for AVSEC and FAL experts as per A39 Resolutions;
5. Urged States to embrace and promote train-the-trainer courses for sustainable Capacity Building and to take advantage of innovative training methods, particularly blended-learning;

6. Urged States and appropriate stakeholders to implement sustainable Human Resource Development Policies to facilitate recruitment, training and retention of qualified personnel especially young professionals and Women to enhance career development, Succession Planning, Good Governance, and Transparency;
7. Urged States to implement ICAO TRIP Strategy and to join ICAO PKD in order to enhance aviation security and passport holders identification and verification to prevent movement of international terrorists;
8. Urged States to support the African Union Decision to establish a continental Protocol on free movement of persons and take necessary measures to remove restrictions on travel and encourage issuance of visa at port of entry or arrival.

## **SESSION 2: EMERGING THREATS AND MITIGATING MEASURES**

*Moderated By: Mr. Tshepo Peege, Representative of South Africa to ICAO Council/Chairman of ICAO Council Committee on Acts of Unlawful Interference*

The Symposium:

1. Urged States to create profile of risk areas, conduct regular risk assessments, put in place mitigating measures for information management systems, and to integrate cyber security responses into security management systems;
2. Encouraged States to utilize AFI ASTCs and ICAO AVSEC subject matter experts in training to help in standardization and implementation of SARPs;
3. Urged States to assist ICAO in the development of new AVSEC training packages to address new and emerging threats to Civil Aviation;
4. Encouraged States to re-affirm their National Will and commitment in the implementation of national security and facilitation programmes and systems to address new and emerging threats;
5. Encouraged States to put in place measures to mitigate against insider threat, including enhancement of security culture, review of National aviation security and Training Programmes, strengthening of coordination and cooperation on sharing of Best Practices, Training & Capacity-Building; Comprehensive background checks; vetting and re-vetting of airport workers, and assessment of the remuneration of airport workers to improve their welfare;
6. Urged States to take advantage and to benefit from the 5 key priority areas identified in the Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP) in addressing New and Emerging threats including but not limited to; Cyber security, insider threats, landside security, MANPADs etc.;
7. Encouraged States to ensure their National Security Regulations clearly define landside to establish scope and responsibilities among security agencies in order to effectively mitigate identified threats and vulnerabilities;

8. Emphasized the need to conduct risk and vulnerability assessment on regular basis and to recommend mitigating measures to enhance Security;
9. Urged States to provide security awareness program to all Airport personnel and to implement regular and unpredictable patrols and surveillance of public areas commensurate to the identified threat levels;
10. States to ensure that during the recruitment of employees, a background check is done to ensure they are recruiting the right employees from the security point of view;
11. Encouraged States to share best practices on how to deal with cyber security;
12. Urged States to ensure that they establish National Facilitation Committees in their respective countries to facilitate good and sound collaboration among entities involved in Facilitation.

**SESSION 3: BORDER SECURITY - ADOPTING NEW TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE BORDER SECURITY AND FACILITATION:**  
*Moderated by: Mr. Raphael Kuuchi, Vice President of IATA, Africa*

The Symposium:

1. Encouraged member States to introduce innovative solutions for border control to facilitate smooth flow of passengers and enhance secure borders;
2. Appreciated the importance of INTERPOL Databases as security measures for border control and urged member States to extend the INTERPOL I-24/7 system to border points and actively utilize the system as one of the passengers screening solutions;
3. Urged member States to implement Activities which serve to reach the Targets of the Windhoek Declaration and compliance to ICAO SARPs;
4. Recognised the need to have Advanced Passenger data verification and encouraged States to take advantage of API and eAPI to enhance border security and facilitation of travellers;
5. Urged enhancement of coordination among different agencies involved in border controls to ensure seamless processes and enhance border security and facilitation.

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