

# TENTH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AFI SECFAL PLAN

# Report on the Implementation of the Recommendations of the 8th RASFALG-AFI Meeting and the 2021 Work Programme

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#### 8th RASFALG-AFI meeting

- ☐ The Eighth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group for Africa and the Indian Ocean Region (RASFALG-AFI/8) was held virtually on the 29th of October 2020.
- ☐ 136 participants from 26 States: 1 Aviation Security Training Centre (ASTC), 9 International/Regional Organizations (AUC, UNODC, Ministry of Transport of Singapore, INTERPOL, ECAC, ACI, CASSOA, ICAO and AFCAC).
- ☐ Mr. Sylvain Lefoyer, Deputy Director of Aviation Security and Facilitation, Air Transport Bureau of ICAO participated and took the opportunity to share information on the YOSC 2021.





#### 7th RASFALG-AFI meeting

- 11 presentations were delivered, discussed and deliberated during the meeting:
- Progress on the Implementation of Recommendations of the 7th RASFALG-AFI
   Meeting (AFCAC);
- Decisions and Resolutions of the 9th AFI SECFAL Plan SC meeting (ICAO);
- Status of Implementation and review/alignment of Windhoek Targets (AFCAC);
- Operationalization of AFI-CES (AFCAC);
- ICAO CART Report, Take-Off Guidelines and Measures (ICAO);
- Restart, Recovery and Resilience of the African Civil Aviation Sector (AUC);



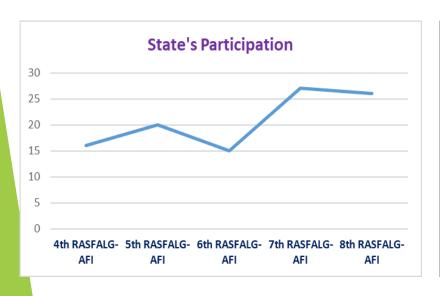
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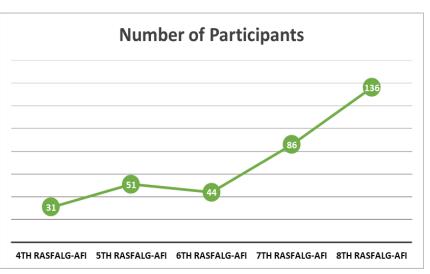
- AFI-SECFAL Plan Assistance Activities (ICAO);
- CASE-II Project activities proposed for 2021 (ECAC);
- AFCAC-Singapore collaboration on aviation security and facilitation (Singapore CAA);
- Aviation Security support to the airport industry in Africa during the COVID-19 crisis (ACI); and
- Updates on the Commitment to Developing Interoperable Border Solution (API/PNR) in the context of counter-terrorism (INTERPOL).

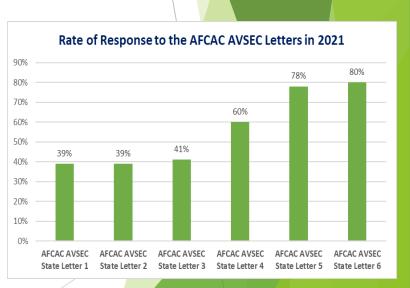


#### The Response Rate by Member States to AFCAC State Letters

- □ New communication tools, including web-based solutions, were used to reach the AFCAC focal points in order to improve communication and interaction with States.
- □ AFCAC used the direct contact (telephones and other platforms of communications) to ensure and up-to-date contact details of Focal.









#### **Designation of AFI-CES Experts**

- □ The pool of qualified AFI-CES experts comprises a total of 94 Experts designated by 20 member States.
- □ 49 designations of AFI-CES experts were received from 16 States in 2021 in the preparation for the orientation workshop scheduled to be held on 11 and 12 August 2021.
- □ Updates on the AFI-CES database will be presented by AFCAC at the 9th RASFALG-AFI meeting, scheduled to be held on the 28th October 2021.
- To date 12 AFI-CES Experts were deployed for technical assistance activities.



## Working Tools for the operationalization of the Cooperative Experts Scheme.

- □ The Working Tools for the operationalization of the Cooperative Experts Scheme were developed, as guidelines for the deployment of the Scheme in providing technical assistance to AFI States. The Working Tools comprise:
  - □ Policy and Procedures Manual for the Aviation Security and Facilitation Cooperative Experts Scheme;
  - □ Code of Conduct;
  - □ Aviation Security Technical Assistance Mission Report template;
  - □ Attendance Register template; and
  - □ Aviation Security Technical Assistance Evaluation Form.
- A Workshop to orientate designated Experts on these working tools, will be held on 11 and 12 August 2021 in order to adopt a structured and uniform approach in the execution of aviation security technical assistance activities in Africa.



#### Aviation Security Assistance and Capacity-Building activities

#### AFI-SECFAL Technical Assistances Activities Using the AFI-CES Scheme:

□ In 2020, technical assistance activities under the AFI-CES were planned to prepare for the USAP-CMA audits in Comoros, Egypt, and Sudan.

These activities could not be realized, in 2020, due to challenges and travel restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- On 21 April 2021, a coordination meeting was held between aviation security experts from AFI-SECFAL Plan Secretariat, ICAO-MID and AFCAC in order to reach out to Sudan and Egypt to discuss their needs. The agreement has been reached on the following activities:
  - □ Implementation of Aviation Security Improvement Plans;
  - □ Capacity building in the field of Aviation Security and Facilitation;
  - □ Sharing of resources, experience and information to enhance aviation security and facilitation;
  - Guidance and efforts aimed at strengthening aviation security and facilitation.



#### Aviation Security Assistance and Capacity-Building activities

#### AfDB Institutional Support to the AFCAC for the Implementation of the SAATM:

- In order to achieve its real and full potential, the Project has included a provision for the assistance to SAATM member States, airlines and airports in order to improve their security performance and their level of effective implementation of ICAO SARPs in aviation security.
- □ AFCAC is working with ROs of ICAO on development of Specific technical assistance to SAATM states in accordance to the PIA signed with ICAO and AfDB funds;
- □ The following States have been engaged in the AFI-CES technical assistance as part of the AFCAC and the African Development Bank (AfDB) project, with a total of 8 missions: Benin, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Lesotho and Liberia.
- AFCAC has conducted coordination meetings with beneficiary States and agreed on the urgent needs regarding the assistance activities.



#### AFI-SECFAL Technical Assistances Activities Using the AFI-CES Scheme

#### **AFCAC-ECAC Cooperation:**

- □ AFCAC jointly with ECAC under the CASE II Project, have organized:
  - Workshop on the Impact of Covid-19 on Aviation Security held on 22 April 2021;
  - Workshop on cybersecurity on 8 and 9 June;
  - ❖ 2 Training courses on Covert and overt testing of aviation security measures from 4 to 6 May and 11-12 May 2021;
  - \* 4 Training courses on insider threats on 15-16 June, 28-29 June, 5-6 July and 7-8 July 2021;
  - \* A covert and overt testing for Liberia CAA upon a request made by. The training was held on 29 and 30 June 2021.
  - \* AFCAC is coordinating with ECAC under CASE project II to receive funds for technical assistance



### AFI-SECFAL Technical Assistances Activities Using the AFI-CES Scheme

#### **AFCAC-TSA Partnership:**

In coordination with the U.S. Department of State's Anti-terrorism Assistance (ATA) Program, AFCAC organized a joint series of aviation security courses to be held in Dakar, Senegal from 26 July to 1 September 2021. The following training courses will be offered, in line with the identified needs of States:

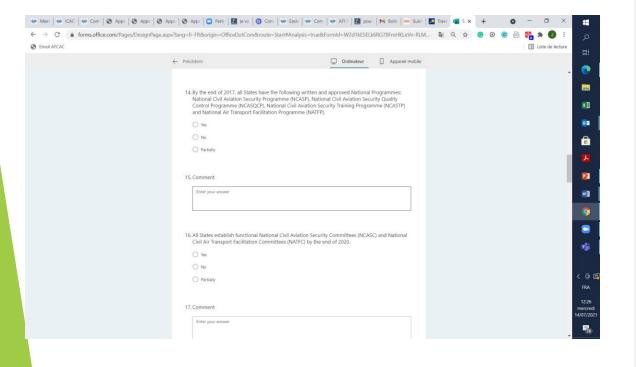
- □ Airport Physical Security Management (APS)
- □ Airport Patrol Management (APM)
- □ Airport Security Management (ASM).



#### Progress on the Implementation of the Windhoek Targets:

□ AFCAC continues to request States to provide updates on the status of implementation of these Targets. An electronic survey on the above was developed in order to collect data from member States and provide real-time analysis and summary of States' responses and

individual results.



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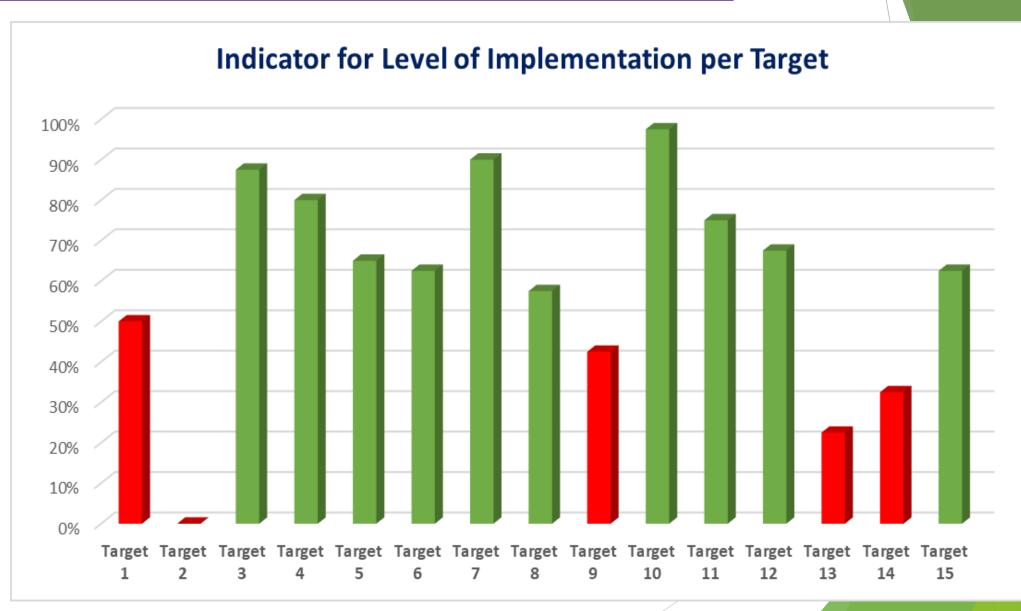
#### Progress on the Implementation of the Windhoek Targets:

- □ AFCAC has thus far recorded responses from the following 41 AFCAC States:
- Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Chad, Comoros, Republic of Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Egypt, Eswatini, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
- □ The following 30 AFCAC States have updated their Status in 2021:

Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Comoros, Congo Republic, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Guinea Equatorial, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Namibia, Nigeria, São Tomé-et-Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

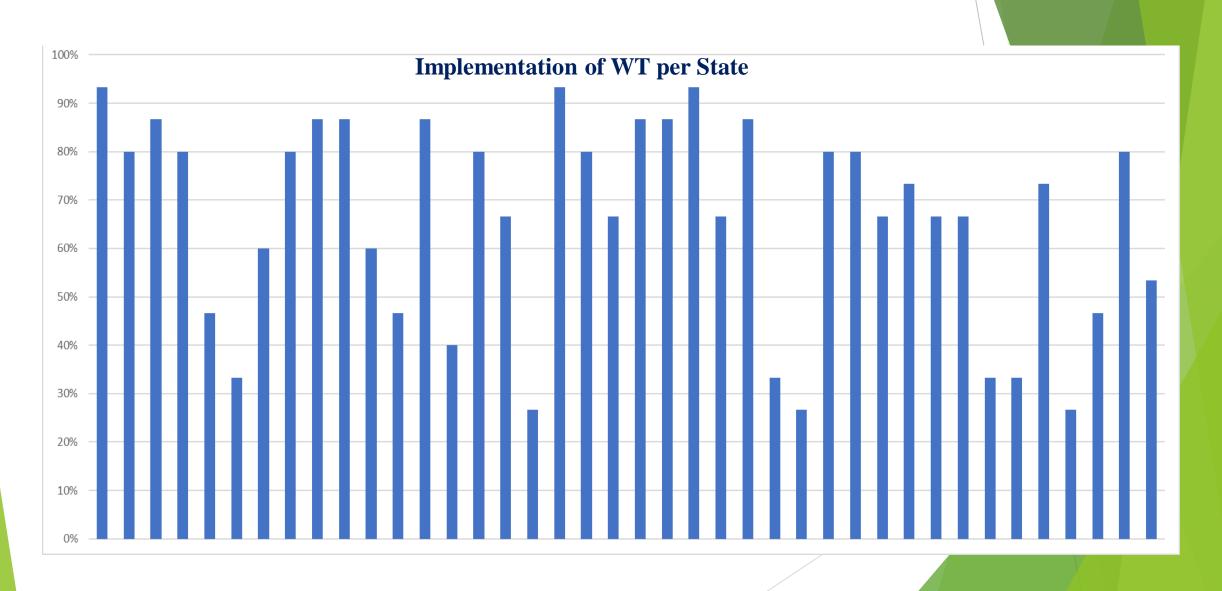


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#### Review of the Windhoek Declaration and Targets

The STC Ministerial session of the 3rd Ordinary Session of the AU Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Transport, Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructure, and Energy (STC-TTIIE) held virtually from 28th to 30th June 2021, adopted the revised Windhoek Targets and African States were urged to put more efforts on actions taken towards the achievement of these Targets.

The Windhoek Targets will be presented to the African Heads of States for approval, on the date to be determined.



#### **ACTION BY THE MEETING**

The Steering Committee is therefore, invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this Working Paper;
- b) note the actions taken in the implementation of the 8th RASFALG-AFI recommendations;
- c) invite African member States and stakeholders to provide necessary support to the RASFALG-AFI in its efforts to improve aviation security and facilitation in Africa;
- d) urge African member States, International organizations and Partners to continue to support the AFI-CES activities through financial and in-kind contributions and joint capacity building activities, based on the needs of African States.
- e) encourage Member States to strengthen cooperation across the region in order to optimize the use and sharing of available resources through regional and sub-regional projects and the AFI Collaborative Experts Scheme (CES) in all aspects of aviation security and facilitation oversight; and
- f) urge African member States to designate their Aviation Security and Facilitation Experts to participate in the workshop where they will be orientated on the AFI-CES working tools.



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