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AFI COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AVIATION
SECURITY AND FACILITATION IN AFRICA (AFI SECFAL PLAN)

8TH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Kampala, Uganda (17th May 2019)

Agenda Item 1.1: Status report on the implementation of the Decisions and Recommendations of the 7th SC Meeting

(Presented by AFI SECFAL Plan Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Working Paper presents status of implementation of the Decisions and Recommendations made by the 7th Steering Committee Meeting held in Niamey, the Republic of Niger on 17 July 2018 and an overview or assessment of implementation of the AFI SECFAL Plan performance with regard to outstanding short term and ongoing midterm (2018-2020) activities. The Steering Committee is requested to note the information contained in this paper and in particular the implementation of the Recommendations and Decisions as highlighted in **Attachment A** to this Working Paper.

Action by the SC is proposed under **Paragraph 4**.

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.1 The Seventh Meeting of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan) Steering Committee (SC) was held on 17 July 2018 in Niger, Niamey. The SC made various Decisions and Recommendations that required action by the Secretariat and other Stakeholders.

1.2 The Meeting further requested the Plan Secretariat to carry out an assessment and overview of the Plans performance with regard to completed short-term activities and strategically undertake medium-term activities (2018-2021).

2. DISCUSSION

2.1. During the period of (July 2018- May 2019), some of SC decisions and recommendations have been fully or partially implemented, as detailed under **Attachment A**. The SC will continue to provide updates on the implementation status at every SC meeting.

2.2. With regard to the alignment of the AFI SECFAL Plan work programme with GAsEP, Windhoek Declaration and Targets, and AFI-Mid Road map, the task was completed by the secretariat and a specific Working Paper (WP/02) highlights details of the outcome. The status of actions taken by the Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (RASFALG-AFI) are detailed in W/P 03 and the Report on the AFI SECFAL Plan Projects is provided in WP/04. The current status of implementation of Windhoek Declaration and Target is described in WP/05.

2.3. The status of the implementation of ICAO TRIP Strategy, PKD, API implementation in Africa and the African passport project is provided in WP/06.

2.4. An assessment of the planned activities under the Short Term phase (2015-2017) indicated that most of the tasks were completed within or shortly after the timelines stipulated in the Plan Work Programme, and the implementation of Mid-Term Phase (2018-2020) activities is steadily progressing.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 Based on the status of implementation of Decisions and Recommendations of the 7th Steering Committee, the implementation of the work programme for 2019, completion of most of the short term activities, (2015-2017), harmonization of targets with GAsEP and other existing frameworks, the AFI SECFAL Plan Targets have been revised as part of the Plan Work Programme alignment with GAsEP.

3.2 The AFI SECFAL Plan secretariat has continued to implement the Plan activities utilising resources and expertise provided under ICAO regular budget, AFI SECFAL Plan Fund and in kind or financial voluntary contributions from States/donors and partners. Based on the deficiency needs analysis conducted by the Plan secretariat, it is evident that more resources will be needed to guarantee continuity, effectiveness and achievement of the Plan objectives.

4. ACTION BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE

4.1 The Steering Committee is invited to:

- a) Note the information contained in this paper and in particular the implementation of the Recommendations and Decisions as highlighted in **Attachment A** to this Working Paper;
- b) Provide further instruction, guidance and recommendations for the continued implementation of the Plan; and
- c) Continue the advocacy to establish a sustainable funding mechanism especially through inclusion of the Plan in the next triennium budget (2020-2022).

ATTACHMENT A:

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 7TH SC MEETING DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

<i>Decision/ Recommendation Reference</i>	Decision / Recommendation Text	Action Taken/Current Status	Remarks
2.1	Matters Arising/Status of Implementation of the 7th SC Meeting Decisions and Recommendations		
SC07/Dec 01	<i>Directed the Plan Secretariat to continue implementing the AFI SECFAL Plan Work Programme and, in particular, to expedite alignment of the Plan's targets with GAsEP in collaboration with AUC and AFCAC.</i>	Alignment of the Plan's targets with GAsEP targets was completed in collaboration with relevant Stakeholders Implementation of the Plan Work Programme is progressing well, with Short Term phase targets mostly achieved and Mid Term phase (2018-2020) ongoing.	The revised AFI SECFAL Plan Work Programme will be conducted during the the Mid-Term review to be concluded by 3 rd quarter of 2019
SC07/Rec 01	<i>a) Urged Member States to join the ICAO PKD to optimise the use and reading of e-Passports, in accordance with Annex 9 – Facilitation.</i>	To promote PKD membership ICAO Regional Seminars on Facilitation were held in Senegal and Benin in 2018 and March 2019. The number of AFI region PKD Member States remains low-7 States, (Benin, Botswana, Cote d'Voire, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, and Seychelles).	The Windhoek target of 30% of all States to have joined PKD by 2017, 70% of States by 2020 and all State by 2023 has not been achieved. Adoption of an explicit strategy and increased Government commitment is needed if the targets are to be achieved.
	<i>b) Encouraged Member States to establish links with INTERPOL to use, and provide updates to, INTERPOL border control systems (e.g. the Stolen and Lost Travel Documents database).</i>	INTERPOL has initiated the process of integrating its databases e.g. the Stolen and Lost Travel Documents database(SLTDS) and I-24/7 with systems of other security agencies at the airports although progress has been moderate.	Direct access to Interpol databases especially SLTDS and i-24/7, should be extended to all airports as well as other border control points by States.

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	<i>c) Urged ICAO Regional Offices and AFCAC to provide information and to assist States where necessary for them to effectively exploit the facilities and advantages of PKD.</i>	Regional and Global seminars have been organised to sensitize and to assist States to effectively exploit the benefits and advantages of PKD.	There is need to determine the root causes of low PKD membership and develop mitigation measures to be adopted in a new awareness strategy.
	<i>d) Requested ICAO and AUC to provide more information on the issuance of the African e-passport and the associated technical requirements, including membership of the ICAO PKD.</i>	ICAO supported AUC organized technical meetings in Seychelles and Nairobi in 2018 to assist the development of technical specifications for issuance of the African e-passport and membership of the ICAO PKD.	Information on the issuance of the African e-passport continues to be provided at various high level forums organized by AUC.
SC07/Dec 02	<i>a) Approved, in principle, the draft amendments of the RASFALG-AFI Terms of Reference (TORs) and urged AFCAC and ICAO to update those provisions which need further review for consideration by the RASFALG-AFI and subsequent SC-SECFAL meetings, including the need for financing the team of Experts of RASFALG-AFI activities.</i>	The 6 th meeting of the RASFALG-AFI held in Praia, Cape Verde in November 2018 endorsed draft amendments of the Terms of Reference (TORs), and the operationalization of the AFI Security and Facilitation Cooperative Scheme (CES), and its implementation mechanism.	The report of the 6 th RASFALG-AFI meeting will be presented to the SC for consideration/approval.
SC07/Rec 02	<i>a) Requested ICAO to help in developing State-specific plan of actions to implement the aligned targets (AFI SECFAL Plan Targets, Windhoek Targets, AFI and Middle East Road Map with GASeP) as well as elevating overall effective implementation of aviation security and facilitation SARPs.</i>	The Plan secretariat has resumed the development of State-specific plan of actions based on needs analysis and Regional office Mission reports	The State-specific plan of actions will complement or be consolidated with the ASIPs and other projects being undertaken either by AFCAC or donors
	<i>b) Urged AFCAC to ensure that Windhoek Targets aligned with GASeP are presented to the AUC for approval and subsequent endorsement, as appropriate.</i>	Upon approval by the SC, AFCAC will coordinate the presentation to AU the Windhoek Targets aligned with GASeP endorsement, as appropriate.	The 8 th SC meeting will consider the Windhoek Targets as aligned with GASeP.

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	c) Urged AFCAC and ICAO to continue working on the proposed options for the operationalization of the AFI Security and Facilitation Cooperative Experts Scheme (CES) as proposed by the 5 th RASFALG-AFI Meeting with the objective of optimal use of the team of Experts to assist member States and its financing under the AFI SECFAL Plan.	The modalities for operationalization of AFI Security and Facilitation Cooperative Scheme (CES) and its implementation mechanism have completed and will be presented to 8 th SC meeting for approval	The pilot Operationalisation of CES to establish its viability has proactively started.
SC07/Dec 03	a) Approved in principle, the “State needs-based” approach/methodology, and the proposed projects, aimed at addressing the common deficiencies and needs identified in the analysis for specific and sustainable remedy of low EI areas arranged in a prioritized manner to be established.	Based on result of the needs assessment, the Plan secretariat completed the categorisation of the priority Projects and development of State specific has resumed.	Resource mobilization to fund the priority projects as categorized is ongoing with States and donors urged to support the projects implementation.
	b) Directed the Secretariat to coordinate with States, development partners such as EU/ECAC, IATA, UNCCT, and with other international organizations to harmonize capacity building Programmes relating to aviation security and facilitation in Africa to prevent duplication of activities and to ensure efficient use of limited resources.	At the annual coordination meeting of ICAO, AFCAC, RSOOs and Regional Economic Communities held in Dakar, Senegal activities and programmes, including capacity building programmes in Africa were shared for harmonization. Coordination with development partners such as EU/ECAC, IATA, and UNCCT is ongoing.	Harmonisation and consolidation of programmes will continue as necessary.
SC07/Rec 03	a) Encouraged Member States with weak aviation security oversight systems to arrange bilateral support from States with strong aviation security oversight systems.	Bilateral support from States with strong aviation security oversight systems is supported by ICAO and AFCAC	Ongoing process
	b) Encouraged Member States in need to seek assistance under the Security/Facilitation Cooperative Experts Scheme once it has been operationalized.	The Security/Facilitation Cooperative Experts Scheme has been endorsed, pending approval by the AFI SECFAL SC.	Ongoing process
	c) Urged AFCAC to give priority to States under SSeCs in the deployment of assistance missions by the Team of Experts of the RASFALG-AFI.	AFCAC with support of ICAO has given priority to the 2 States under SSeCs in the deployment of joint assistance missions of experts under RASFALG-AFI, RECs and ICAO. State specific projects	Support to the 2 States, with total of 6 Significant Security Concerns is ongoing. However, the 3 months’

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			timeline given for the resolution of the SSeCs has not been met.
SC07/Dec 04	<i>a) Approved in principle the 2018-2020 projects and activities.</i>	The approved 2018-2020 projects and activities are being implemented	
	<i>b) Commended the financial report presented by the Secretariat.</i>	The Plan Fund continues to be managed under the ICAO financial procedures	
SC07/Rec 04	<i>a) Encouraged Member States, international organizations and partners to continue contributing towards the AFI SECFAL Plan thus supporting aviation security and facilitation projects.</i>	Advocacy and resources mobilization for new contributions continues with potential donors and partners.	Sustainable funding is needed to support the implementation of AFI SECFAL Plan.
	<i>b) Requested continued advocacy to the ICAO Council to include the funding of the AFI SECFAL Plan in the regular Programme budget of ICAO from 2019.</i>	Request to include the AFI SECFAL Plan in the regular Programme budget of ICAO from 2019 has been made	
SC07/Rec 05:	<i>a) Urged States to address the challenge of promulgating the necessary legislation to support the implementation of API (an ICAO Standard).</i>	Two States in Africa is currently implementing API which is an Annex Standard. There is also a prevalent challenge lack of legislative framework	Ongoing process
	<i>b) Requested ICAO to support AUC in establishing the African Passport, including knowledge sharing regarding the ICAO SARPs and technical specifications relating to the issuance of MRTDs in order to support operationalisation of free movement of people and goods in the continent and the efficient operationalisation of the SAATM.</i>	ICAO and AUC organized technical meetings in Seychelles and Nairobi in 2018 to develop technical specifications and to provide more information on the issuance of the African e-passport and including technical specifications relating to the issuance of MRTDs in order to support operationalisation of free movement of people and goods in the continent and the efficient operationalisation of the SAATM.	Ongoing process

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SC07/Rec 06:	<i>a) Requested each State to continue to provide update on actions taken, in order to meet the objectives of the Windhoek Declaration and Targets, the aligned Plan Targets to optimize the use of available resources.</i>	States have not consistently provided update on actions taken, in order to meet the objectives of the Windhoek Declaration and Targets. Through the DGCAA forum, the States are being provided with a template to help them provide updates.	Ongoing process
	<i>b) Called for strong collaboration between AFCAC and ICAO, including joint planning of assistance missions, pooling and optimizing of resources, capacity building to Member States and alignment of the various work programs.</i>	Strong collaboration between AFCAC and ICAO, including joint planning of assistance missions, pooling and optimizing of resources, capacity building to Member States and alignment of the various work programs.	
SC07/Rec 07:	<i>a) The meeting commended ACI for the establishment of APEX in Security Programme.</i>	The implementation of ACI APEX in Security Programme in Africa is continuing. An update presentation will be provided to the 8 th AFI SECFAL SC.	Ongoing process
	<i>b) Urged Member States to support the APEX Programme by encouraging participation by airports in the region.</i>	Member States continue to support the implementation of ACI Apex in security Programme by airports in the region	Ongoing process
	<i>c) Encouraged States to facilitate the conduct of APEX reviews by involving relevant stakeholders in order to cover all key AVSEC operational areas.</i>	ACI to provide update to the 8 th AFI SECFAL SC on progress.	Ongoing process.
	<i>d) Urged ICAO, AFCAC, States and airports to provide expertise to support the APEX in Security Programme.</i>	ICAO, AFCAC, States and airports to provide expertise to support the APEX in Security Programme through the RASFALG-AFI and CES	Ongoing process
SC07/Rec 08	<i>a) The meeting expressed appreciation to ECAC for the CASE Project.</i>	The implementation of CASE Project by ECAC is continuing with the coordination and support by AFCAC.	Ongoing process
	<i>b) Noted the closer coordination between the ICAO, AFCAC and CASE project management teams.</i>	Coordination between the ICAO, AFCAC and CASE project management teams is continuing	Ongoing process

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<i>SC07/Rec 09</i>	<i>a) Urged the Plan Secretariat to use the guidance and conclusions of the Symposium in its endeavors to benefit the implementation of-the GAsEP targets.</i>	The Plan Secretariat continue to use the guidance and conclusions of the last Symposium in its endeavors to benefit the implementation of-the GAsEP targets	Ongoing process
	<i>b) Requested ICAO to coordinate and provide timely guidance to Member States in order to address emerging threats in a proactive manner.</i>	ICAO has continuously engaged with member States to address emerging threats, under the No Country Left Behind.	Ongoing process.

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