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

NINTH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

(28 July 2020)

Agenda Item 1:1 Presentation on the Implementation of the 2020 AFI SECFAL Plan Work Programme and Status report on the Implementation of Decisions and Recommendations of the 8th Steering Committee (SC) meeting

(Presented by the AFI SECFAL Plan Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Working Paper presents information related to the Implementation of the 2020 AFI SECFAL Plan Work Programme and Status Report on the implementation of Decisions and Recommendations of the 8th (SC) Meeting.

Action by the SC is proposed under **Paragraph 6**

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.1 This paper presents information related to the implementation of the 2020 AFI SECFAL Plan Work Programme (**Attachment A**) and Status of Implementation of Decisions and Recommendations of the 8th SC meeting (**Attachment B**). The activities have been prepared mainly based on the premises of the ongoing Medium Term (2018-2020) activities and Priority projects and other ICAO Secretariat and ICAO Council directives.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Eighth Meeting of the SC held in Kampala, Uganda in May 2019 reviewed the progress made in the implementation of the programme of activities conducted under the 2019 work programme. Good progress was achieved albeit the devastating challenges due to the unprecedented COVID-19 outbreak that has halted all onsite assistance and support to States for the last 5 months.

2.2 The main focus has been on enhancement of Plan coordination mechanism and implementation modalities, monitoring of the GAsEP implementation, increased regional cooperation and support, the development of security culture, strengthening of border controls, enhanced risk awareness and assessment, improved oversight and quality control activities, establishment of sustainable funding mechanism and the implementation of priority projects based on State needs.

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Since the 8th SC meeting, several achievements have been made including:

- a) Completion of the review and alignment of the Windhoek Targets with the GASeP and initiation of arrangement to secure AU endorsement on the amendments is under way through AFCAC;
- b) State Specific Projects based on common areas of deficiencies as determined by the needs analysis are being implemented as approved. So far, projects for Lesotho, Mozambique and South Sudan have been completed. However, Projects for Angola, Djibouti, Central Africa Republic are on hold due to the travel restriction prompted by the Covid-19 crisis.
- c) Needs assessment and technical support was provided to 12 AFI States (Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Benin, Mali, Cote d'Ivoire, Madagascar, Comoros, Seychelles, Mauritius, Zimbabwe, Eritrea, Kenya, Namibia). All missions planned for the period February – October 2020 were halted due COVID-19 pandemic and related restrictions.
- d) Implementation of projects to resolve existing SSeCs in two States and support missions to States scheduled for USAP-CMA were halted until after the Covid-19 pandemic outbreak. However, projects follow-up and CAP implementation is being performed remotely.
- e) The AFI Security and Facilitation Collaborative Experts Scheme (CES), under the auspices of AFCAC and established to deliver assistance through local experts, has had its Terms of Reference (ToRs) approved and the operational modalities developed by an AFI AVSEC experts team nominated by AFCAC in coordination with Plan Secretariat;
- f) The Plan has enhanced the monitoring of the implementation of the Windhoek targets towards sustainable improvement of the Effective Implementation (EI) of Critical Elements (CE) of State's Aviation Security Oversight System in Africa. The average AFI EI has increased since the inception of the AFI SECFAL Plan in 2015 from 53.06% to 60.03% being seven per cent (7%);
- g) Considerable progress has been recognised towards attainment of the GASeP 2020 target (80% of States to achieve 65% average EI) with the AFI overall average EIs currently at 60,03%. Covid-19 crisis has led to postponement of scheduled USAP-CMA Audits denying the opportunity to evaluate the steady and positive trend in EI improvement.
- h) Consolidation of the Plan, industry and partner activities to eliminate reduce duplication of efforts was accomplished under the inter-regional coordination and collaboration framework.
- i) In coordination with ICAO HQ, joint activities with partners such as International Air Transport Association (IATA), Airports Council International (ACI), the European Union (EU) through its CASE Project in Africa, Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs), Regional Economic Communities(RECs), the World Customs Organization (WCO) and the United Nations (UN) through its counter-terrorism programme are planned, ongoing or have been undertaken; and
- j) Voluntary financial contributions and in-kind contributions continue to be received through the provision of seconded experts from States and Partners to support the Plan.

Significant in-kind contribution from African States has been recorded through release of experts to support assistance activities, implementation of State specific projects and capacity building activities. Since the last Steering Committee meeting, the AFI SECFAL Plan Fund was allocated USD 159,200 from the ICAO voluntary Fund (IVF) and within the ICAO resource mobilization framework. However, the available resources and balance of USD is inadequate to support the implementation of Plan work programme and related activities sustainably.

3. DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 8TH STEERING COMMITTEE (SC) MEETING

3.1 During the period of May 2019 - July 2020, a number of SC Decisions and Recommendations have been fully or partially implemented, as detailed under **Attachment B**. The impact of the Covid-19 on Global Air Transport has been significant and impacted negatively and slowed down the implementation process. Details of the impact of COVID-19 pandemic and strategies to implement mitigation measures through the ICAO CART report and take-off guidance, as well as African Union High Level Task Force (HLTF) recommendations are provided in WP/02.

3.2 Presentation of the revised AFI SECFAL Plan Master Document for consideration by the Steering Committee is provided in WP/03, while Implementation of the 7th Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (RASFALG-AFI) recommendations are detailed in W/P 04. The Report on the revised Windhoek Declaration and Targets and status of implementation is detailed in WP/05. The Secretariat has continued with the implementation of AFI SECFAL Plan Projects as detailed in WP/06.

3.3 The status of the implementation of ICAO TRIP Strategy, PKD, API implementation in Africa is highlighted in WP/07 and the AFI SECFAL Plan Financial Status is presented in WP/08. To enhance collaboration and coordination with partners, through sharing of information and programmes, progress of implementation of projects in Africa by partners will be presented in Information Papers as follows: Implementation of Apex in Africa in IP/09, and Report on Aviation Security Training Centres (ASTCs) Activities in Africa (ESAF and WACAF) in IP/10.

4. CHALLENGES

4.1 Whereas there has been significant improvement and increased in kind contribution to the plan through release of experts by States, voluntary financial contributions have not been forthcoming. The USD 159,200 allocated from the IVF to support 6 States under the AFI SECFAL Plan in the past one year places the Plan in challenged financial situation. It is imperative that the fund be supported by a sustainable funding mechanism in addition to the financial and in-kind contributions offered by States and Partners.

4.2 The COVID-19 pandemic has not only altered prioritization of support activities due to travel restrictions and public health related challenges but also affected availability of resources and limited assistance and monitoring activities to remote and electronic approaches.

4.3 Some States are experiencing inadequate aviation infrastructure leading to inability to comply with ICAO requirements and eroding the efforts to meet GASEP, UNSCR and Windhoek targets and ICAO TRIP Strategy.

4.4 Implementation of elements of the ICAO TRIP Strategy, including PKD, API/PNR remain to be low in AFI Region. Inadequate legislative framework, lack of adequate infrastructure in some States, political and security challenges, have been cited as hindrance elements to the implementation of the programme and realisation of its goals.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 The Implementation of the 2020 AFI SECFAL Plan work programme has focused on enhancement of Plan coordination mechanism and implementation modalities, increased regional cooperation and support, the development of security culture, strengthening of border controls, enhanced risk awareness and assessment, improved oversight and quality control activities, establishment of sustainable funding mechanism and the implementation of priority projects based on State needs.

5.2 The support and increased awareness of the implementation of ICAO TRIP Strategy, strengthening of RMS and identification of sustainable funding mechanism, enhancement of the monitoring and support to State Specific projects, and increased cooperation and collaboration with partners and donors to support and assist States remain key priority areas of Plan.

5.3 The AFI SECFAL Plan is positioned to champion the critical role in the aviation security and facilitation support and assistance to States and industry efforts towards an expeditious post COVID19 restart and recovery regime for aviation in Africa.

6. ACTION BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE

6.1 The Steering Committee is invited to:

- a) Note the progress made on implementation of the 2020 AFI SECFAL Plan Work Programme, indicated in Appendix A to this Working Paper;
- b) Note information contained in the paper, and in particular the implementation of the Recommendations and Decisions of the SC as highlighted in Appendix B to this Working Paper;
- c) Encourage member States, International Organizations and Partners to continue to contribute (in kind and financial) towards the establishment of a sustainable funding mechanism of the AFI SECFAL Plan thus supporting aviation security and facilitation activities and projects; and
- d) Provide further instruction, guidance and recommendations for the continued implementation of the Plan notably the priority activities related to COVID19 recovery.

ATTACHMENT A

2020 AFI SECFAL PLAN WORK PROGRAMME

| Priority/Objective | Activities | Deliverables |
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| Plan Coordination Mechanism and Implementation modalities. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene the 9th Steering Committee (SC) meeting. • Enhance collaboration and coordination with EU, ACI, AUC, AFCAC, AFRAA, IATA, RECs RSOOs, Partners and donors through sharing of information and programmes and participation in activities of mutual interest. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th SC Meeting Convened. • Harmonised Work Programmes and activities with Partners and donors to assist and support States implemented. • AVSEC/FAL activities and information database initiated/established. |
| Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (RASFALG-AFI) operational | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise and coordinate with AFCAC for the RASFALG-AFI to continue and effectively take part in the execution of the Plan Work Programme. • Identify State needs for projects to be implemented by RASFALG-AFI/ CES. • Monitor the effectiveness of the RASFALG-AFI/ CES and report to every SC meetings. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress of RASFALG-AFI work programme and Meetings reported during every SC Meeting. • State needs for projects to be implemented by RASFALG-AFI/ CES identified/ implemented. • Functioning AFI CES under the RASFALG-AFI. |
| <p>INCREASE REGIONAL COOPERATION AND SUPPORT</p> <p>Review the implementation of the Resource Mobilisation strategy</p> <p>Enable the key security objectives to achieved more quickly and efficiently.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance the campaign and awareness for Member States and donors on voluntary contributions support to AFISECFAL projects. • Provide financial status to the SC in collaboration with Chief FIN. • Identify potential resource opportunities from industry and financial institutions, such as AfDB, UN, World Bank, States, etc. • Foster stakeholders peer reviews, knowledge transfer, and /or share knowledge and expertise on security processes, procedures and technologies. • Raise awareness of UNSC Resolution 2309 (2016) and GASep's objectives/Roadmap to local entities involved in AVSEC. • Deploy risk-based assessment tools to target assistance taking into account needs assessment methods to identify root causes for States' deficiencies; risk-based prioritizing of needs within States, between States and regions; risk-based targeting for assistance, corresponding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure funding and voluntary contributions from Member states, Partners and International Organisations. • Annual Financial status of the Plan provided to SC. • Needs, priorities and funding sources identified. • Increase speed of implementation of assistance and peer review process and Follow-up actions. • Funds mobilized and directed to peer-to-peer assistance. • Strategy for potential short-term deployment of SMEs developed and implemented. |

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| | <p>to the ICAO Risk Context Statement (RCS) and national risk assessments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore opportunities for increased short-term subject-matter expert (SME) deployments to ICAO in order to close the SME gaps. | |
| Revised Windhoek Declaration and targets endorsed by the AU. (in line with the GAsEP) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In coordination with AUC and the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC), present and secure the endorsement of the Windhoek declaration and targets by the relevant AU organs and ensure that they are aligned with GAsEP. • Align the Plan Work programme to the revised Windhoek targets (which are in line with GAsEP targets). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised Windhoek Declaration and targets endorsed by AU. • Aligned Windhoek targets and AFI SECFAL Plan Work Programme presented to RASFALG for information. |
| Resolution of existing, new and potential SSeCs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform States missions by support teams as identified from RASFALG AFI or as requested by the State. • Assistance Technical Missions and validation missions. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing/New SSeCs resolved as soon as practicable. • Potential SSeCs prevented. |
| All African States have National Air Transport Facilitation (NATFP) Programmes in place | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to States in needs to develop and implement NATFP provided. • Coordinate Seminars and workshops at the Regional, State and airport levels, mentoring; and ad-hoc support. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in number of AFI States that have approved NATFP in line with latest amendments of Annex 9. |

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| <p>DEVELOP SECURITY CULTURE</p> <p>Capacity building, Sustainable aviation security and facilitation training capability and adequate human resources policies within the States are established</p> <p>Existence of a well-trained, motivated and professional work force</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate training activities in collaboration with GAT, ISD, FAL, ASTCs, partners, sponsors and donors such as AFCAC, ACI-APEX, AU-CASE, etc. • Monitor the development of relevant AVSEC/FAL training programmes and certification systems by ATB Bureaus and GAT. • Provide assistance and support to States to develop human resources (HR) policies for sustainable aviation security and facilitation. • Build and promote security culture by delivering relevant trainings and seminars. • Promote awareness and security culture targeting high government stakeholders/officials. • Develop/review national training programmes, taking account of risk. • Support States in development of baseline requirements/minimum qualification for personnel involved in security. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver at least two trainings and seminars (one English and another French) related to promotion of security culture and human resources (HR) policies by end of 2020. • Increased number of states with appropriately developed strategies and plans for the attraction, and retention of human resources. • Increased number of States with NCASTPs embracing security culture. • Improved aviation security and facilitation training capacities. • Increased awareness on security incidents and improved reporting of occurrences. • Increased capacity and awareness in Travel Documents (border control procedures) verification. • Introduction and implementation of new AVSEC/FAL training programmes and certification systems at national level. • Increased awareness and security culture by high government stakeholders'/ officials. |
| <p>Promote awareness on role of aviation security to national development and strengthened political will.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote aviation security and facilitation as part of agenda of high level missions especially those performed by President of the Council, Secretary General and Regional Directors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased/strengthened high-level political commitment and will to promote aviation security. |
| <p>Report to ICAO Assembly</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFI SECFAL Plan Chairman to present oral report to ICAO Council. • ICAO SECGEN to brief Council on AFI SECFAL Plan implementation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFI SECFAL Plan progress report made to Council as appropriate. • Council observations and recommendations incorporated in the AFI SECFAL Plan work programme. • Secure increased support of the Council. |
| <p>STRENGTHENING BORDER CONTROLS</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support states in improving basic sources of reliable data and establish links with INTERPOL to use, and provide updates on | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased membership to PKD by 30% and implementation of API by 20% by 2020. |

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| <p>Implementation of ICAO TRIP Strategy and Encourage implementation of UNSC Resolution 2309 (2016)</p> <p>All States issue only machine readable “Convention Travel Documents” to refugees and stateless persons by 2020</p> | <p>SLTDs to INTERPOL border control systems/database and Encourage states to develop /establish rules and procedures for STLDs and e links with INTERPOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist African States in the implementation ICAO (TRIP) strategy, including PKD and API through workshops/seminars/conferences etc. Liaise with ATB to monitor the development and issuance of the African e-Passport to ensure compliance with the specifications of Doc 9303 that will enable full interoperability at border controls | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convene at least one activity or State missions on ICAO TRIP, PKD and API in collaboration with AFCAC and other development partners. AFI states that have developed /established rules and procedures for STLDs and links with INTERPOL increased. All AFI States issue only machine readable Travel Document to refugees and stateless persons by 2020. AU issuance of African e-Passport to ensure compliance with the specifications of Doc 9303. |
| <p>ENHANCE RISK AWARENESS AND ASSESSMENT</p> <p>Risk management procedures are established in all States</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify gaps and vulnerabilities that can be urgently addressed in the most practical way possible, and with optimal use of resource. Organise/Conduct Risk Management Workshops targeted to specific or priority States by ASTCs for States in ESAF and WACAF Region. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least four Workshops on Risk Management (two ESAF and other two in WACAF) delivered by 4th quarter of 2020. Increase in number of AFI States that implement /apply threat and Risk Management/ Assessment methodology. All States have risk management methodology by Dec 2020 Risk based security measures relating to cyber security, MANPADS, RPAS and Landside security incorporated in National AVSEC policies. |
| <p>Sound crisis management procedures are established in all States</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide support to States in needs to develop and implement Crisis management procedures. Organise/Conduct Crisis Management Workshops at ASTCs in ESAF and WACAF Region. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least two Workshops on Crisis management (one in ESAF and another in WACAF) delivered by 4th Quarter of 2020 Increase in number of AFI States that implemented crisis management procedures (number of crisis management plans, contingency plans and security and emergency instructions) by December 2020 |

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| <p>IMPROVE OVERSIGHT AND QUALITY CONTROL</p> <p>Elevate/improve average EI, at least 80% of States in the African region achieve at least 65% EI of the CEs.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on analysis of USAP results identify key areas of deficiencies in States and develop targeted technical support activities for 2020. • Conduct timely technical support missions to States eligible for USAP-CMA as prioritised. • Recommend necessary interventions to include implementation of onsite State Specific Projects as necessary. • Provide guidance and Seminars on USAP-CMA Methodology, signing of MoU, specific state obligations in the audit process and development and implementation of USAP-CMA Corrective Action Plans (CAPs). • Promote collaboration and sharing of information amongst African States. • Helping States to develop their national audit programme as needed. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support at least 8 States and those eligible for USAP-CMA. • At least 16 States implementing USAP-CMA CAPs supported as appropriate. • Conduct at least one USAP-CMA seminars(French) by December 2020 • 65% EI of the CEs achieved by at least 80% of audited states by December 2020. • Enhanced sharing of Quality Control information between government agencies and industry on peer review audit activities.. • At least 10 priority State Specific projects developed in 2020 and implementation initiated. |
| <p>All African Region States have ratified relevant international instruments</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote ratification of all relevant international instruments and assist States in their implementation. • Monitor ratification status of the States in the African Region, of relevant International Instruments in liaison with ICAO Legal Affairs and External Relations Bureau. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise and deliver 1 legal Seminar either in (WACAF/ESAF to promote ratification of all relevant international instruments from Medium term). • Increase in international instrument ratification by AFI states by 2020. |

ATTACHMENT B

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 8TH SC MEETING DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

| Decision/ Recommendation Reference | Decision / Recommendation Text | Action Taken/Current Status | Remarks |
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| SC08/Dec 01 | <p>a) Urged the Secretariat to continue the advocacy to establish a sustainable funding mechanism especially through inclusion of the Plan in the next triennium budget (2020-2022).</p> <p>b) Requested ICAO secretariat, through the Council, to review the policy which requires use of USAP-CMA team leaders be based in Montreal, and to empower Regional Offices to play more active role in verification and validation of resolution of SSeCs by States.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ICAO SPCP/PRM unit is supporting resource mobilization for regional offices and programme/s activities projects, and has in the past one year secured USD 159,200 to support the following 6 States in ESAF and WACAF regions (Comoros, Lesotho, Malawi, Benin, Guinea, and Mali) under the AFI SECFAL Plan. • Coordinate with ICAO Cooperative Aviation Security Programme for MID region (CASP-MID) to integrate and support for Sudan and Libya which are covered by both initiatives. • Liaise with ICAO MID Office to support AFI States that qualify for funding under the RIYADH Declaration (Somalia, Djibouti, Comoros, Burundi, and Madagascar). <p>Follow up with ICAO ISD-SEC on access to Aviation Security Fund resources to support AFI SECFAL Plan projects and activities.</p> | <p>-Sustainable funding is needed to support the implementation of AFI SECFAL Plan.</p> <p>- Continue to support the full implementation of the recommendations of ICAO Council Task Force on USAP-CMA.</p> |
| SC08/Dec 02: | <p>a) Approved the aligned AFI SECFAL Plan Work Programme with the GASeP targets and Windhoek Targets on aviation security.</p> <p>b) Directed the Plan Secretariat in collaboration with AFCAC to present for information the aligned targets by RASFALG AFI within a period of Six (6) months upon which they will be applied; and</p> | <p>Implementation of the Windhoek targets as aligned is currently on going.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat, in collaboration with AFCAC, presented the aligned targets for information, to the 7th meeting of RASFALG-AFI held in Tunis, Tunisia, 29-31 October 2019. • AFCAC and the Plan Secretariat convened a meeting in November 2019 in Dakar, Senegal, to | <p>- Implementation in progress</p> <p>- Completed</p> |

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| | <i>c) Advised the Plan Secretariat in collaboration with AFCAC to revise the Windhoek targets in line with the revised targets and present the new targets to the AU for endorsement within a period of 18 months.</i> | <p>formalize modalities for approval process of Windhoek targets by AU organs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFCAC transmitted the revised Windhoek Targets to AFI States for input and comments, before submission to AU for endorsement. | - Implementation in progress |
| SC08/Dec 03: | <p>The SC:</p> <p>a) <i>Approved the amended RASFALG-AFI Terms of Reference; and</i></p> <p>b) <i>Adopted the AFI Cooperative Experts Scheme (CES) as approved by the 30th Plenary of AFCAC and the mechanisms for its operationalization.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amended RASFALG-AFI Terms of Reference has been put to operation. • Meeting of AFI AVSEC experts to review mechanism for the operationalization of CES was postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic. • Draft AFI-CES documents have since been sent to State experts for input and comments. | <p>- Completed.</p> <p>- Implementation in progress, although process slowed by restrictions occasioned by COVID-19.</p> |
| SC07/Rec 01: | <p>The SC:</p> <p>a) <i>Noted the need to reinforce and coordinate technical assistance missions in Africa through the AFI-CES in collaboration with other organisations and partners in order to achieve regional targets as aligned with GAsEP; and</i></p> <p>b) <i>Encouraged member States, International organizations and Partners to contribute and support the AFI-CES activities in kind and or otherwise.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of technical assistance missions in Africa through AFI CES initiated. However pilot joint missions to Comoros(April 2020),South Africa (May 2020) postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic • AFCAC has requested AFI States to nominate experts to the AFI-CES Scheme. • Full implementation of AFI-CES will be anchored on review and approval of necessary documentation. | <p>- Coordinated joint technical missions, including virtual meetings are being contemplated post COVID-19.</p> <p>- Implementation in progress</p> |
| SC08/Dec 04: | <p>The SC:</p> <p>a) <i>Approved the AFI SECFAL Plan State specific projects based on analysis of USAP CMA Audits results and Regional offices mission results.</i></p> | <p>Implementation of State specific projects are continuing as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects for Lesotho, Mozambique and South Sudan have been completed. | - Monitoring of the implementation of the projects recommendations are ongoing. Responses by some recipient States has been slow. |

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| | <i>b) Commended the progress made in the development and implementation of the priority projects based on State needs.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects for Angola, Djibouti, Central Africa Republic and Guinea Bissau are on hold pending easing of COVID19 restrictions. Needs assessment and technical support provided to: Equatorial Guinea, Benin, Mali, Cote d'Ivoire, Madagascar, Comoros, Seychelles, Mauritius, Zimbabwe, Eritrea, Kenya, and Namibia. | - Needs assessments and Technical supports are focussed on helping States prepare for USAP-CMA audits and to implement Corrective Action Plans(CAPs). |
| SC08/Rec 02: | <p>The SC:</p> <p>a) <i>Encouraged the Secretariat, States, International Organizations and Partners to support and strengthen coordination of the implementation of State specific projects; and</i></p> <p>b) <i>Urged States, donors and partners to make financial contributions and other assistance to support implementation of the AFI SECFAL Plan priority projects.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination between Plan Secretariat and AFCAC in terms of implementation of State specific projects has been achieved. Coordination with other Partners, including ACI, ECAC, RECs is currently achieved through sharing of programmes to limit duplication of efforts. | <p>- Completed</p> <p>- Ongoing process</p> |
| SC08/Dec 05: | <p>The SC:</p> <p><i>Urged AFI States to enhance the efforts towards the implementation of the Windhoek Declaration and Targets as aligned with GASeP to ensure attainment of the targets, and to consistently provide feedback to AFCAC on the status of implementation.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AFCAC submitted the draft Windhoek Declaration and Targets as aligned with GASeP to AFI States for input and comments in March 2020 via a State Letter. As at 14th May, 2020, a total of 24 States had responded and given feedback to AFCAC | - Feedback to be analysed to determine level of implementation, challenges and expectations of the States. |
| SC08/Rec 03: | <p>The SC:</p> <p><i>Encouraged AFI States in need of technical assistance to take advantage of the expertise under the Cooperative Scheme of Aviation Security and Facilitation Experts (AFI-CES), under the auspices of AFCAC.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through a State letter, AFCAC requested and received nomination of experts by AFI States to the AFI-CES Scheme. AFI CES experts are available for deployment and development and approval of necessary documentation is ongoing. | - Ongoing process |

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| SC08/Dec 06: | <p>The SC:</p> <p>a) <i>Directed the Plan Secretariat to collaborate with Air Transport Bureau to monitor the development and issuance of the African e-Passport to ensure compliance with the specifications of Doc 9303 that will enable full interoperability at border controls.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICAO ATB supported AUC meetings in Seychelles and Nairobi in 2018 and provided all necessary information on technical specifications to ensure compliance with requirements of Doc 9303 for issuance of Africa passport. • Technical support by ICAO to individual States for support to develop e-passports continues to be available. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination with AUC achieved through ICAO-AUC Multi-disciplinary annual meetings should be strengthened towards issuance of Africa epassport in accordance with requirements of Doc 9303 |
| SC08/Rec 04: | <p>a) <i>Urged AFI States to implement Annex 9 Standards related to the ICAO TRIP Strategy, implementation of API system, and the establishment of mechanisms for reporting stolen, lost and revoked travel documents in the INTERPOL SLTD database;</i></p> <p>b) <i>requested AFI States to ensure that their respective Annex 9 compliance checklist is duly completed in the Electronic Filing of Differences system;</i></p> <p>c) <i>Called on AFI States to establish National Air Transport Facilitation Programme and associated Committees in accordance with relevant provisions of Annex 9 (Facilitation);</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through State letters, ICAO continued advocacy for implementation of TRIP Strategy. Global seminar planned in coordination with INTERPOL in Montreal (2020) was cancelled. • ICAO is collaborating United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel Programme Deep Dive missions to promote the implementation of API and PNR in the AFI region. • Annex 9-Facilitation Validation course delivered as virtual course (25-29 May 2020); and COVID-19 webinar on Annex 9 conducted by ICAO for States. • Through State letter Ref: EC/63-1855 (2 May 2018), States were encouraged to comprehensively complete online Compliant Checklist for Annex 9. However, Some States have never made entries, some have done partial entries, with only few having completed entries. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three beneficiary States in AFI 2020 - More Webinars on Annex 9 are being arranged by FAL section. - On-going follow up process - Webinar attended by 20 AFI States(ESAF and WACAF), Regional Organizations, as |

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| | <p>d) <i>Advised AFI States to endeavor to provide specimens passports to be used for reference and training purposes;</i></p> <p>e) <i>Encouraged AFI States to invest in instituting robust and reliable civil registration systems to support e-MRTD, INTERPOL SLTD database and API systems; and</i></p> <p>f) <i>Urged all AFI States issuing e-Passports to join the ICAO PKD to enable optimization of the benefits of issuance of e-MRTDs.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitation Section convened Webinar themed: Facilitation Tools in Response to COVID-19, aimed at strengthening International and Inter-agency cooperation in June 2020. • Objective being creation of a resilient and robust NATFC, thereby strengthening collaboration and cooperation amongst Stakeholders. • Few States have given specimen passports to ICAO to be used for specimen and Training. • AFI States are encouraged through seminars, workshops to implement ICAO TRIP Strategy. • FAL Section organized two webinars on ICAO PKD CSCA Master List in April 2020. Emphasis was given on use of PKD and validating authenticity of e-passports at border points and else where | <p>well as ICAO Regional Offices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ICAO Regional Offices to continue to engage with States to provide specimen passport for reference and training. - Very few States have implemented API/PNR in AFI Region - The List of State issuing PKD increased from 7 to 12 (Uganda, Egypt, Togo Tanzania and Rwanda - new members) to join. Others are Benin, Botswana, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, and Seychelles. Total membership globally is 75. |
| SC08/Rec 05: | <p>The SC:</p> <p>a) <i>Commended the support and contribution of ACI and encouraged continuation of the projects notably those targeting states with critical challenges;</i></p> <p>b) <i>Noted the collaboration of AFCAC and ACI in using designated Experts of AFI-CES in the ACI-APEX programs in the Continent;</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The implementation of ACI APEX in Security Programme in Africa is continuing. Update on implementation of initiative is regularly provided to the AFI SECFAL SC. • The extent of the continued use of the AFI CES experts to support the ACI APEX Programmes in Africa will be explained during the presentation by ACI. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On-going process. However implementation disrupted by COVID-19 pandemic - On-going process. However, implementation disrupted by COVID-19 pandemic |

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| | <p>c) <i>Noted with appreciation the Joint activities with AFCAC to implement EU/ECAC/CASE projects and requested close collaboration with the Plan secretariat to harness synergies in the implementation of State specific projects developed and welcomed the proposed consideration of project extension to CASE 2; and</i></p> <p>d) <i>Requested Interpol to consider availing subject matter experts on cybercrime investigation/intelligence to deliver awareness programmes and deliver updated information to States at future meetings.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination between the ICAO, AFCAC on the implementation of the State specific projects has been achieved. • Interpol will be invited to provide required expertise once awareness programmes on cybercrime are arranged by Plan secretariat. Interpol invited to participate in the 9th SC meeting. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On-going process. However, process disrupted by COVID-19 pandemic. - On-going process |
| SC08/Rec 06: | <p>The SC:</p> <p>a) <i>Noted the activities, plans, contributions and efforts made by ASTCs in the area of capacity building initiative to implement the Plan, GAsEP and Windhoek declaration and Targets, and</i></p> <p>b) <i>Commended the ASTCs for the initiative taken to establish collaboration among the ASTCs in the ESAF and WACAF regions to pursue common capacity building goals.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ASTCs continued with the implementation of their annual programme for national, regional and international courses in support of the AFI SECFAL Plan activities, until COVID-19 pandemic caused suspension of the programmes. • The virtual meeting of ESAF/WACAF ASTCs meeting took place on 23 July 2020 after the initial postponement due to COVID-19 pandemic. | <p>ICAO ISD-SEC has issued General Guidance for ICAO sponsored AVSEC classes training events during COVID 19 pandemic to assist ASTC with reopening modalities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The ASTCs are exploring the possibilities of adopting online/ blended training methodologies. |
| SC08/Dec 07: | <p>The SC</p> <p>a) <i>Commended transparency shown in the Plan financial status as presented by the Secretariat; and</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ICAO internal evaluation committee is currently carrying out regular internal audit of the AFI SECFAL Plan funds. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual financial report of the Plan as prepared by the ICAO Finance Section and |

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| | b) <i>Approved retrospectively, the proposed 2019 AFI SECFAL Plan Work Programme.</i> | | Secretariat, will be availed to the SC members. |
| SC08/Rec 07: | <p>The SC</p> <p>a) <i>Encouraged AFI States, International organizations and Partners to continue to contribute (in kind and financial) towards the AFI SECFAL Plan thus supporting aviation security and facilitation activities and projects; and</i></p> <p>b) <i>Noting that the current Council budget process is at an advanced stage, requested for an expeditious intervention by the ICAO secretariat with ICAO Council to include the funding of AFI SECFAL Plan in the 2020-2022 triennium Regular Programme budget of ICAO.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICAO SPCP/PRM is supporting the resource mobilization of voluntary funds for Regional Offices and projects, and USD 159,200 was received to support 6 States under the AFI SECFAL Plan in the past I year. | The voluntary contributions and pledges, both financial and in-kind offered by States and Partners are not enough, and need to be supplemented continually by additional and reliable funding source. |
| SC08/Rec 08: | <p>The SC</p> <p>a) <i>Noted the outcomes of the Symposium and urged States and partners to work on the various recommendations in order to improve aviation security and facilitation to combat threats against international Civil Aviation.</i></p> <p>b) <i>Instructed the AFI SECFAL secretariat to follow up on the implementation of the outcomes of the security and facilitation symposium and report progress to the next SC meeting.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The outcomes of the symposium were synchronised in the 2020 Work program, and implementation updates will be availed during the 9th SC meeting. | - The information and progress on implementation of the 2020 Work Programme is presented to SC meeting. |