COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION IN AFRICA

(AFI SECFAL PLAN)

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 3RD AFI SECFAL PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

SC03/Rec 01: *The Steering Committee requested the Secretary General to make provisions in the next triennium regular budget for the recruitment of staff to support AFI SECFAL Plan implementation.*

SC03/Rec 02: *The Steering Committee requested the Secretary General to mobilize resources (financial and human) through voluntary contributions or in kind, from States, donors, regional and International partners.*

SC03/Rec 03: SC directed the Plan Secretariat to:

a) *coordinate the submission of the Windhoek Declaration and associated targets by Republic of Namibia to the July,2016 AU Summit of Heads of State and Governments for endorsement to ensure continental-wide political commitment;*

b) *develop an Action Plan and mechanism for the implementation of the Windhoek Declaration and associated targets.*

SC03/Dec 04: To consolidate the RASFALG-AFI Structure and Operation, SC decided to;

a) *Urge AFI States to urgently finalize nomination of experts to RASFALG-AFI technical focus areas, and submit the nominee experts' CVs to AFCAC secretariat;*

b) *Adopt Focus Area Six and a dedicated Sub-Group to handle aviation security and facilitation training under RASFALG -AFI;*

c) *Adopt a new acronym; RASFALG-AFI for easy communication and this replaces the old one RASFG-AFI*

d) *Directed the Secretariat to align RASFALG-AFI annual Work Programme with the Windhoek Ministerial Declaration and targets adopted in April, 2016*

SC03/ Rec 05: The SC considered the Aviation Security and Facilitation Plan of Action and directed the Secretariat to take measures to:

a) *Develop a mechanism to implement the Action Plan on Aviation Security and Facilitation training in line with the Windhoek Declaration and Targets;*

b) *Develop technical requirements for blended learning, Computer Based Training (CBT) and e-learning in aviation training on regional and sub regional levels and to establish a pilot project to implement this initiative;*

c) *Ensure increased cooperation, sharing of resources and information amongst the ASTCs, including annual meeting of Directors of ASTCs in the region;*

d) *Facilitate the development of Standardized Facilitation Training Packages and to support States efforts to implement appropriate security and facilitation training programmes;*

e) *Consolidate data from ICAO and ACI needs analysis exercises and generate appropriate action Plans, and*

f) *Develop a project document identifying clear and specific areas of support, funding and assistance to address identified deficiencies.*

SC03/Rec 06: *The SC considered the information provided and called upon AFI States to support USAP-CMA audit programmes through:*

a) *signing the USAP-CMA Memorandum of Understanding (MoU);*

b) *accepting dates proposed by ICAO for USAP-CMA activities;*

c) *participating in USAP auditor training and certification courses and regional seminars;*

d) *seconding certified USAP-CMA auditors, to participate as team members(Short term experts) , in USAP-CMA audits; and*

e) *seeking assistance from ICAO where difficulties in the implementation of the relevant SARPs are encountered.*

SC03/Dec 07: The Steering Committee directed AFI SECFAL Plan Secretariat to:

- *support the joint WCO-ICAO initiatives to improve air cargo and passenger security and facilitation and*
- *follow up and monitor activities of WCO Technical Expert Group on Air Cargo Security (TEGACS), SAFE Working Group (SWG), the ICAO Working Group on Air Cargo Security (WGACS), Aviation Security Panel (AVSECP), and Facilitation Panel (FALP).*

SC03/Rec 08: The steering committee urged AFI States to participate in the Apex in Security Programme and consider availing experts to support the program.

SC03/Rec 09: The Steering Committee adopted the recommendations of the Symposium and directed the Secretariat to

a) *Integrate relevant recommendations from the Symposium into the AFI SECFAL Plan Work Programme,*

b) *Propose improved modalities of conducting future aviation Security and Facilitation symposia*

SC03/Rec 10: The Steering Committee;

       a) *Urged African States to implement the ICAO TRIP Strategy in order to enhance aviation security and facilitation, prevent illegal migration and eliminate the movement of potentially inadmissible persons, monitor and control the movement of international terrorists;*

       b) *Recommended swift computerization of civil registration systems and strengthening of the authentication of breeder documents, including birth certificates by African States;*

       c) *Urged African States to endeavour to join the ICAO PKD to authenticate travel documents and to prevent fraud in order to neutralize the activities and other forms of cross-border criminality;*

       d) *Advocated compliance with the provisions of Annex 9 requiring prompt reporting of accurate information about stolen, lost, and revoked travel documents, issued by their State, to INTERPOL for inclusion in the Stolen and Lost Travel Documents (SLTD) database;*

       e) *Urged African **States** to equip the land borders with machines to read the identification data and to promote single stop at borders;*

       f) *Appealed to African States   to participate in the activities of the Technical Advisory Group on ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (TAG/TRIP); and*

       g) *Implored African States to strengthen their capacity on implementation of the ICAO TRIP strategy, especially the management of civil registries, issuance and security of travel and identity documents, border control in order to effectively enhance the fight against terrorism and transnational crime.*

SC03/Rec 11: The Steering Committee directed ICAO and AFCAC Secretariat to take the following actions:

       a) *Change of the name of the Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group from RASFG-AFI to RASFALG-AFI;*

       b) *Allow access to some components of USAP audits results for analysis of deficiencies without compromising on State security;*

       c) *Align ACI APEX project and EUs CASE project to harness the synergies towards realization of overall objectives of the AFI SECFAL Plan;*

       d) *Sensitize States at highest level, including relevant parliamentary committees, on the objectives of the AFI SECFAL Plan, solicit support and secure adequate political commitment;*

e) Develop tailored projects relevant to different regions in AFI and identify champion States to support implementation;

f) AFCAC to consider creating a secure website for sharing security information upon agreement with States on modalities ,obligations and responsibilities;

g) Conduct more workshops/trainings on USAP CMA, involving target groups;

h) Promote/encourage attendance of Airport operators experts to AFI SECFAL SC meetings

i) Establish mechanism for increased cooperation amongst the Regional ASTCs ,and to promote increased use of the centres;

j) Explore cooperation with United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) and United Nations Humanitarian Air Services (UNHAS) to share field data on Security;

k) Urge States to prioritize risk assessments to address insider threats;

l) Promote training programmes and awareness on cyber security;

m) Identify risks emanating from conflict zones, and recommend mitigation measures;

n) Implement Air Traffic Control (ATC) aviation security programme and management system, and;

o) Advocate for increased allocation of adequate resources to Air Cargo Security.