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Twenty-Third Meeting of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/23) (Virtual, 24 - 26 November 2020)

Agenda Item 2: Performance Framework for Regional Air Navigation Planning and Implementation

2.1. Outcome of the Third meeting of the APIRG Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group (AAO/SG3)

IMPLEMENTATION OF GLOBAL FORMAT FOR REPORTING OF RUNWAY SURFACE CONDITIONS IN AFRICA

(Presented by CANSO Africa)

SUMMARY	
This working paper presents the initiatives that have been taken by CANSO Africa to support the implementation of Global Format for reporting of Runway Surface Conditions in Africa.	
Action by the Meeting is at paragraph 3	
<i>Strategic Objectives</i>	A- Safety B- Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency D-Economic Development of Air Transport

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 CANSO's goal in Africa is to be the voice of ANPSs by ensuring improved ANS performance as well as Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs) compliance with the Standards and Recommended practices of ICAO. Some of the areas in which CANSO has been involved in support to ICAO initiatives include the hosting of the Global Reporting Format Webinar on 27 May 2020

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Global Reporting Format (GRF) is a methodology for assessing and reporting runway surface conditions, and will ensure a harmonized assessment and reporting of runway surface conditions and improved flight crew assessment of take-off and landing.

2.2 CANSO Africa hosted a webinar which was delivered in partnership with ICAO and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), to sensitize participants on the new Global Format for

Reporting of Runway Surface Conditions which is due for implementation on 5 November 2020 and now postponed to November 2021 and also to urge aviation stakeholders in Africa to take appropriate action to ensure that the industry is prepared for the implementation of the new methodology for reporting of runway surface conditions.

2.3 The webinar received 223 registrations and was attended by 175 participants drawn from Air Navigation Service Providers, Regulators, Airlines and other aviation Stakeholders such as ground handlers among others.

2.4 The main speakers during the webnair were ICAO ESAF and FAA. The webnair involved theoretical presentataions and exercises on how to generate a Runway Safety Report and also how to decode a report that has been generated.

2.5 Participants were also given exercises to complete upgrading and downgrading of Runway Surface conditions based on varocious circumstances at the Airports. The participants also had a platform to ask questions which were effectively answered by the facilitataors. The outcomes of the webinar were to ask participanst to ensure that GRF is implemented in their respective States and organization through a harmonized regional approach.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
- a) Note the support that CANSO has provided to support GRF, and
 - b) Urge States, ANSPs and Industry Stakeholders to embrace and to implement GRF through intentional campaigns and sensitization activities.