

Twenty Third Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/23) & Sixth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for the AFI Region (RASG-AFI/6) – Joint sessions

(Virtual, 23 November and 2 December 2020)

Adoption of the Agenda for APIRG/23 and RASG-AFI/6 Joint Sessions

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This working paper presents the Provisional Agenda for the 23rd Meeting of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/23) and the Sixth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for the AFI Region (RASG-AFI/6) Joint Sessions for discussion and adoption.

The action by the Meeting is in **paragraph 3**.

Strategic	This working paper relates to the Strategic Objectives A, B, C and E.
Objectives	

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The meeting may recall that during the APIRG/22 and RASG-AFI/5 meeting a presentation was made on the PIRGs/RASGs enhancement strategy based on the ICAO Council Decision 210/4, and the outcome of the Global PIRG/RASG Coordination Forum held in Montreal, Canada in 2017. Presented was the proposed evolution and timelines towards an integrated approach addressing organizational challenges, infrastructure, operational risks and performance measurement.

1.2. In this regard, the format of APIRG/22 and RASG-AFI/5 meetings including joint sessions marked a transition from the back-to-back approach applied by the AFI Region since 2012 (combined with a DGCA meeting in 2013) to the proposed integrated approach.

1.3. The APIRG/22 and RASG-AFI/5 meeting, therefore, requested the APIRG/RASG-AFI Task Force (ARC-TF) to conduct an in-depth analysis and develop proposals for the structural changes and timelines for the implementation of the integrated approach in the AFI Region. Details of the proposed structural changes required for the implementation of the enhancement strategy in the AFI Region are presented under the agenda item "Implementation of Council-approved Terms of reference for PIRGs and RASGs", including the joint sessions whose Tentative agendas are discussed in the WP.

1.4. This paper therefore presents the Tentative Agendas for the Twenty-Third APIRG (APIRG/23) and RASG-AFI/6 joint meeting sessions.

2. **DISCUSSION**

2.1 The Tentative Agenda for the APIRG/23 and RASG-AFI/6 meeting joint sessions, prepared by the Secretariat, were presented to APCC and RASC for discussion and endorsement. This was done in line with the Air Navigation Commission's recommendation for a uniform approach to the formulation of the agenda for PIRGs and RASG Meetings, The ARC-TF/3 adopted the agenda as endorsed by the APCC and RASC.

2.2 The Tentative Agendas for discussion by the APIRG/23 and RASG-AFI/6 meeting joint sessions are provided as an **Attachment** to this working paper.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to review and adopt the two Agendas as indicated in the **Attachment** to this Working Paper.

ATTACHMENT

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

23 November 2020: First Session

ICAO	Agenda	Subject
Strategic	Item	
objective(s)		
A, B, D and E	0	Adoption of the Draft Agenda and Meeting Work Programme
A, B, D and E	1	Implementation of Council-approved Terms of reference for PIRGs
		and RASGs
		a) Presentation of the format of APIRG/RASG-AFI
		b) Consequential amendments to the APIRG and RASG-AFI
		Procedural Handbooks
A, B, D and E	2	COVID-19 Impact on Aviation sector: The APIRG/RASG-AFI
		context
A, B, D and E	3	APIRG and RASG-AFI Coordination
		a) Review of the terms of reference of the ARC Task Force
		b) APIRG/RASG-AFI/AFI Plan- Common areas and activities
		c) Coordination of Annual Reporting
		d) Status of Implementation of the AFI Safety and Air
		Navigation Targets

02 December 2020: Second Session

ICAO Strategic objective(s)	Agenda Item	Subject
A, B, D and E	4	Review and Adoption of the Conclusions and Decisions of the APIRG/23 and RASG-AFI/6 Meetings
A, B, D and E	5	Any Other Business (AOB) / Venue and Date of the Next APIRG & RASG-AFI Meetings
		Closing Ceremony

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE AGENDA ITEMS

Agend	la Item	Subjects			
0		ion of the Draft Agenda and Meeting Work Programme - Under this item, the meeting will the Draft Agenda and Work Programme as presented by the Secretariat.			
1	Implementation of Council-approved Terms of reference for PIRGs and RASGs				
	a) Pro	esentation of the format of APIRG/RASG-AFI meetings			
		eeting will be provided with the format of APIRG/RASG-AFI meetings under the ICAO l revised terms of reference, for review and endorsement.			
	b) Co	nsequential amendments to the APIRG and RASG-AFI Procedural Handbooks			
	The meeting will be presented with the consequential amendments to the APIRG and Procedural Handbooks in accordance with Council-approved terms of reference.				
2	COVI	D-19 Impact on Aviation sector: The APIRG/RASG-AFI context			
	the imp commo	eeting will discuss the impact of the COVID-19 on the aviation sector in the region as well as bact of ICAO CART recommendations on APIRG and RASG-AFI activities; and agreed on on and harmonized approach to mitigate the impact of pandemic on aviation in the AFI Region.			
3	APIRO	G and RASG-AFI Coordination			
		eeting will discuss matters related to the coordination between APIRG and RASG-AFI in ance with the terms of reference of PIRGs and RASGs approved by the ICAO Council.			
	<i>,</i>	view of the terms of reference of the ARC Task Force beting will review the terms of reference of the APIRG and RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force			
	The me	PIRG/RASG-AFI/AFI Plan- Common areas and activities eeting will be presented the update APIRG and RASG-AFI common areas as reviewed by the F/3 meeting for consideration and endorsement.			
	The me	ordination of Annual Reporting eeting will discuss annual reporting requirements and coordination of APIRG and RASG-AF reports.			
	The me	atus of Implementation of the AFI Safety and Air Navigation Targets beeting will also review the status of implementation of the AFI Safety and Air Navigation Targets resented by the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC), the States and the Industry.			
4		on of the Conclusions and Decisions of the APIRG/23 and RASG-AFI/6 Meetings			
		eeting will review and endorse the Conclusions and Decisions of the APIRG/23 and RASG-Meetings.			
5	Any O	ther Business (AOB) / Venue and Date of the Next APIRG & RASG-AFI Meetings			
	that co	eeting will consider any other matters raised by States, International Organizations and Secretaria ald not be addressed under the preceding agenda items; and agreed on the Venue and Date of the PIRG & RASG-AFI Meetings.			