INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
Fourth Meeting of AFI Region Directors General of Civil Aviation (DGCA/4)
(Matsapha, Manzini, Swaziland, 8 to 9 November 2010)

Agenda Item 2:   **Aviation Safety**

     2.1:   **ACIP Assistance to States to remove safety deficiencies**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper provides information on the provision of assistance by ICAO ACIP and Regional Offices to States to remove identified safety deficiencies.

Action by DGCA/4 is contained in paragraph 4.

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1. **INTRODUCTION**

1.1   The AFI Comprehensive Implementation Programme (ACIP) was established in January 2008 to implement the ICAO AFI Comprehensive Implementation Plan for aviation safety in Africa (AFI Plan) adopted by the ICAO 36th Assembly (September 2007) to address aviation safety issues in Africa.

1.2   ACIP identified three focus areas to achieve the objectives of the AFI Plan. **Focus area 1:** *Enable States to establish and maintain an effective and sustainable safety oversight system;* **Focus area 2:** *Assist States to resolve identified deficiencies within a reasonable time; and* **Focus area 3:** *Enhance aviation safety culture of African aviation service providers.*

1.3   This paper presents a summary of the progress and activities under focus area 2. Focus areas 1 and 3 are addressed under WP 14 discussed under agenda item 2.3 – ACIP Activities.

2. **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL OFFICE SAFETY TEAMS (ROSTs)**

2.1   Focus Area 2 of the AFI Comprehensive Implementation Programme requires that, as a short-term solution, ICAO, under its ACIP Programme, support States to resolve identified deficiencies in the shortest possible time.

2.2   Further, the Special African-Indian Ocean (AFI) Regional Air Navigation (RAN) meeting (24 – 29 November, 2008, Durban, South Africa) recommended that Regional Office Safety Teams be established in the AFI Region to ensure the continuity of the ACIP Programme and to follow-up and continuously monitor the effectiveness and sustainability of implementation projects (Recommendation 5/13 refers).

2.3   Thus in order to implement ACIP Focus Area 2 as well as the Recommendation of the Special AFI-RAN Meeting, Regional Office Safety Teams (ROST) has been established in the Eastern and Southern African (ESAF) and Western and Central African (WACAF) Regional Offices.

2.4   The ROSTs were established by the ICAO Secretary General in January 2009 and composed of the Deputy Regional Directors as Team Leaders, the Regional Office Operations or Flight Safety Officers and ACIP Safety Officers based in the Regional Offices.

2.5   Under the leadership of the Deputy Regional Director, the mandate of ROSTs includes the provision of appropriate support to States in their effort to resolve deficiencies identified through the ICAO audit process and through the gap-analysis process undertaken under ACIP. Areas where support is to be provided were to be identified through the ARRB process with the support of the ARRB Team at Headquarters; gap-analysis recommendations and through consultation with the States concerned.

2.6   The ROSTs have identified the States to be assisted based on the ARRB list and especially those listed under the Significant Safety Concern (SSC) with the objectives of assisting the selected States to resolve the deficiencies identified, to get out of the ARRB list, and enable them to establish an acceptable level of safety oversight.

3.   CONTINUATION OF THE ACTIVITIES UNDER THE ROST BEYOND 2011

3.1   Support missions of approximately two weeks duration each, utilizing two qualified ICAO Regional Office staff members shall be scheduled in 14 States in 2011 and 12 States in 2012.

4.   ACTION BY DGCA/4

4.1   The meeting is invited to:

a) Note the establishment of the ROSTs in the regional offices of ESAF (Nairobi) and WACAF (Dakar), and;

b) Request the DGCAs to liaise with the office accredited to their office for further information on the assistance available through the ROSTs.

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