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**FIRST AFI SECONDARY
SURVEILLANCE RADAR CODE
MANAGEMENT PLAN STATE FOCAL
POINT MEETING (ASCAAR FP/1)**

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

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PART I HISTORY OF THE MEETING

1. PLACE, DURATION AND OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The First AFI Secondary Surveillance Radar Code Management Plan National Focal Points (ASCAAR FP/1) was held virtually on 17 September 2020.
- 1.2 The meeting was a follow-up of the ASCAAR workshop held on 27-30 January 2020 in Nairobi, Kenya.
- 1.3 The main objective of the meeting was to bring awareness and understanding to the National SSR CMP Focal Points on the revised AFI SSR CMP and the developed implementation time lines.

2. OPENING AND INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Meeting was opened by Mr. Barry Kashambo, the ICAO ESAF Regional Director. In his opening remark, Mr. Kashambo recognised the work of the ASCAAR project under the leadership of the project lead Ms. Flora Wakolo, highlighting that the project had reached 90% completion and was now in the implementation stage.
- 2.2 He informed the meeting of the decision made by the secretariat to host a combined meeting for all the AFI Participating Areas (PAs) in order to review the implementation road map based on the delays caused by the COVID 19 restrictions.
- 2.3 Mr. Kashambo went on to urge the states to establish at state level internal procedures for internal coordination for an effective implementation.
- 2.4 The project lead, Ms. Flora Wakolo in her opening remarks explained the main objective of the combined meeting; explaining that it was important for the project team to review the timeliness of the implementation road map before holding the individual PA coordination meetings.

3. OFFICERS AND SECRETARIAT

- 3.1 The meeting was chaired by the ASCAAR Project Chairperson, Ms Flora Wakolo from Kenya.



- 3.2 Mr. Albert Aidoo Taylor, Regional Officer ATM/SAR, WACAF Regional Office moderated the deliberations with the support of Ms. Keziah Ogutu, Regional Officer ATM/SAR, ESAF Nairobi office. The ICAO Regional officers also provided the responsibility of the secretariat.
- 3.3 Also present was the project Vice Chairperson, Mr. Alain Gerard NGOMA-MBY from ASECNA.

4. ATTENDANCE

- 4.1 The First National SSR CMP Focal Points meeting (ASCAAR FP/1) was attended by 65 delegates, representing 17 states, 16 ANSPs and CAAs and 2 international organisations. The participants came from various backgrounds in the fields of air traffic management (ATM), communications/surveillance/navigations (CNS), aeronautical information management (AIM), aerodrome services, regulatory administrators, and international professional bodies.
- 4.2 Due to log-on challenges Namibia apologised for being unable to attend.

5. LANGUAGE

- 5.1 Discussions were conducted in the English and French languages and documentation issued in both languages. Interpretation into both languages was available.

PART II DISCUSSION

6. AGENDA

- 6.1 *Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda.*

The following Agenda was adopted by the meeting:

Agenda Item No.	Activity
Agenda 1	Adoption of the Agenda
Agenda 2	Presentation of the outcomes of the ASCAAR workshop, 27-30 Jan 2020, Nairobi Kenya



Agenda 3	Implementation Status in States/ANSPs - Ghana, Kenya and South Africa.
Agenda 4	Way forward – Decisions and Conclusions/ action items
Agenda 5	AOB

6.1 Agenda Item 2 Presentation of the outcomes of the ASCAAR workshop, 27-30 Jan 2020, Nairobi Kenya

6.1.1 Meeting Objectives

The meeting had the following objectives:

- i. Provide understanding of the new SSR Code Management Plan (CMP) to the National SSR CMP Focal Points.
- ii. Review the AFI SSR CMP implementation timelines set at the January 2020 workshop taking into consideration the effects of COVID 19.
- iii. Share the Status of individual state preparedness for SSR CMP implementation.

6.1.2 Update on the Previous Workshop Outcome

The meeting was updated on the outcomes of the 27-30 January 2020 workshop and the status of implementation of the same. Focus was on the following:

- i. The four participating areas and codes allocated for use.
- ii. The two main set of code allocation; International and Domestic codes.
- iii. The proposed amendment to Regional plan, Doc 7474.
- iv. The need to amend the initial implementation time lines to reflect the required duration to complete the ICAO internal approval process for amendment of the Air Navigation Plan.
- v. The continued lack of state nomination of Focal Points/and or notification of the same to ICAO. Only 3 states (Ghana, Kenya, and South Africa) has notified ICAO to date.



6.2 Agenda Item 3 State presentation of status of readiness

The following states shared with the meeting their level of preparedness, focusing on the agreed implementation road map based on the January 2020 workshop time lines:

6.2.1 South Africa:

South Africa reported that the state had taken action to ensure the implementation of the new CMP based on the outcome of APIRG 22 conclusions and the developed road map from the January 2020 workshop. The following have been accomplished:

- a. National Focal Point appointed.
- b. SSR CMP implementation developed.
- c. ATM System analysis done.
- d. Stakeholder awareness on-going.
- e. APIRG 22 conclusions implemented.
- f. Safety Risk Assessment to be done following implementation.
- g. Amendment of LOAs pending the nomination of FPs of neighbouring states.

6.2.2 Ghana

Ghana reported that sharing of SSR Codes with neighbouring FIRs have been in progress since 2008 following the implementation of automated radar system, providing a seamless exchange of SSR codes in the western region. They noted that implementation is feasible based on the level of coordination between states that is already in place. The state has accomplished the following:

- a. National Focal Point appointed.
- b. SSR CMP implementation developed.
- c. ATM System analysis done.
- d. Stakeholder awareness on-going.
- e. Internal monitoring of code usage and traffic levels ongoing.
- f. Amendment of LOAs with neighbouring states is a continuous process.



6.2.3 Kenya

Kenya reported that the state had embarked on ensuring readiness immediately following the January 2020 workshop. The participants at the workshop notified the ANSP and the CAA on the workshop outcome. The following accomplishment have been realized:

- a. National Focal Point appointed.
- b. SSR CMP implementation action plan developed 98%.
- c. ATM System analysis done and internal monitoring of code usage and traffic level on-going.
- d. Stakeholder awareness on-going.
- e. Investigation of missing flight plans on-going.
- f. Safety Risk Assessment pending conclusion by the state safety team; required documentation have been provided to the safety team.
- g. Template on compilation of traffic movements and statistics developed.
- h. A number of actions are dependent on the Go/ No-Go date: publication of AIP SUPP, amendment of LOPs, and regulatory approvals.

6.3 Agenda Item 4 *The Way Forward and Action Items*

6.3.1 The following outcomes was realized from the meeting:

- a. The National SSR CMP Focal Points provided with awareness on the AFI SSR CMP and the implementation Road plan.
- b. Three states (Ghana, Kenya and South Africa) shared the individual state readiness for the implementation of the new SSR CMP.
- c. Implementation plan for the AFI SSR CMP reviewed and updated.
- d. Mr. Francois Barwise of South Africa was appointed to provide the lead in the Southern PA.

6.3.2 The meeting discussed the plan of action to ensure the realization of the Implementation plan, noting that internal coordination within ICAO requires an



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approximate six months to complete the change of the ANP. The meeting agreed upon the following actions:

- a. States to expedite the nomination of SSR CMP Focal Points.
- b. States to continue stakeholder awareness at state level.
- c. State monitoring of SSR code usage and traffic movements to continue.
- d. States to continue with the Investigation on Missing Flight Plans, network issues, etc.
- e. States to review the Action Plan for implementation in line with the new timelines.
- f. ICAO to coordinate monthly Focal Points meetings.
- g. ICAO to formally advise states to maintain the current code allocation until the new CMP is approved and formally implemented.
- h. ICAO to circulate the list of State focal points to foster inter-state coordination.

6.4 Agenda item 5 Any Other Business

6.4.1 The meeting agreed on the upcoming meetings as follows:

- a. The next meeting to be held tentatively on 21 October 2020 depending on the availability of the date in the ICAO schedule of meetings.
- b. Three states/ANSP namely ASECNA, Nigeria and Tanzania would present the status of preparedness at the next meeting.
- c. Roberts FIR, Uganda and Zimbabwe would make their status of preparedness presentation at the third monthly meeting, tentatively on 18 November 2020.



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7 CLOSING CEREMONY

- 7.1 Mr. Albert Taylor, The Regional Officer ATM/SAR, WACAF RO formally closed the meeting on behalf of the ICAO Regional Directors. In his closing remarks he urged the project team while considering the changes to be made in the implementation time lines to take into consideration all that is required both at ICAO and state level. He also reiterated ICAO's support to the project team in ensuring the completion of the project.
- 7.2 The project lead, Ms. F. Wakolo thanked the project team for their continued dedication and hard work.

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ATTACHMENT

- A. The proposed amendment to the CMP Action Plan
- B. List of Participants