

# The First Meeting of the Somalia Airspace Special Coordination Team (SASCT/1)

## Meeting Notes

Date: 02 February 2022

**The meeting recording can be accessed in the ICAO MS Teams.**

### 1. Opening Remarks

Participants were welcomed to the first SASCT meeting by the facilitator Ms. Keziah Ogutu followed by opening remarks from the IATA Assistant Director SFO, Mr. Protus Seda.

The meeting was officially opened by the ICAO Regional Director Eastern and Southern Africa, Mr. Barry Kashambo. In his opening remarks, Mr. Kashambo highlighted the importance of having the Mogadishu FIR upgrade to class A airspace, and appreciated the support given to Somalia by all who make up the SASCT.

### 2. Agenda

The agenda was adopted by the meeting as indicated below.

<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
<b>0.</b>	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Adoption of the Agenda, the Work Programme and the Roll Call / Confirmation of Attendance</b>  1.1 Adoption of the Agenda and the Work Programme 1.2 Roll Call/Attendance
<b>2.</b>	<b>Development of the SASCT TORs</b>  Review and Adoption of the draft Terms of Reference
<b>3.</b>	<b>Identification of Current Operational Constraints</b>  3.1 Presentation of the current infrastructure 3.2 Identification of the gaps
<b>4.</b>	<b>Development of the Work Programme/Road Map</b>  Review and Adoption of the proposed Work Programme
<b>5.</b>	<b>Development of the Transition Plan</b>  Review and adoption of the proposed Transition Plan
<b>6.</b>	<b>Assignment of Tasks</b>  Identification of individual tasks and assigning special teams to the tasks
<b>7.</b>	<b>AOB</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b>

### 3. Attendance

#### SCAA

- Ali Jama Abodi – Deputy DG SCAA and Director Air Navigation Services
- Abdiaziz Hussein – AIM manager
- Hussein A Ismail – Safety Oversight
- Abdirahman Mohamed – ATM/SAR Manager
- Abdibasid Ali Nur – Ag. Manager CNS

#### ICAO

- Keziah Ogutu (ESAF)
- Harvey LEKAMISY (ESAF)
- John Welton (HQ)
- Mike Boyd (HQ)
- Shane Sumner (APAC)

#### AFI ATM Experts

- Colin Bryant
- George Mbugua

#### IATA

- Protus Seda – Assistant Director SFO - ATM
- Lindi – Lee Kirkman – Manager SFO – ATM&I
- Yassine El Charkaoui – Manager SFO – ATM
- Zainab Khudhair – Manager SFO – ATM&I
- Celso Figueiredo, Head ATM Infrastructure, HQ's,

#### Airlines

- Qatar – Milan Stefanik

#### Adjacent States

- Hendrick Henriette - Seychelles
- Randolph Romio Victor - Seychelles
- Andrew Ochieng - Kenya
- Prashant Patel – India
- G. Sambath Kumar - India
- Younis Al Khader - Yemen
- Ahmed Alkobati - Yemen
- Hussein Hussein Al-Abed - Yemen
- Abdullah Othman Aljozi - Yemen
- Yohannes Abera – Ethiopia

#### Other

- ARMA – Nonjabulo Gumede

## 4. Development of SASCT Terms of Reference (ToR)

The Terms of Reference were presented to the meeting for consideration and discussion. The ToR were approved by the meeting with the following agreed changes:

- add 2.9 post implementation review
- 3.1.2.1 add CNS and Safety for ICAO ESAF
- 3.1.2.4 - close the bracket
- 3.1.5 include ARMA
- 3.1.3.2 change ACC to read OCC
- 3.3.3 format number - no bold
- 5.2 "OneNote" to read "OneDrive"

## 5. Identification of Current Operational Constraints

Somalia Civil Aviation Authority (SCAA) presented the current operational constraints to the meeting followed by discussion on the same. Below are the main points of the presentation:

- Operational trial is moved to commence on 01 March 2022 with the expectation that the trial will be conducted throughout the entire Mogadishu FIR with all traffic.
- ATC on the job training must commence before 08 March 2022 or the trainees will require re-training.
- Addendums to the current Letters o Agreements (LOA's) will be sent to neighbouring FIR'S to cover the operational trial
- The amended LoA's to be signed before commencement of the operational trials.
- The transition plan and safety assessment to be shared with the meeting participants.
- SCAA told the meeting that there are adequate communications in the airspace; VHF, HF, ATS-DS and CPDLC are all operational.
- SCAA expect to increase the number of On the Job Training Instructors (OJTIs) to three.
- The gap analysis-working group has not started its' task due to meeting logistics and as such would make its presentation at the next meeting.
- The training and trial work group provided brief feedback on the work done so far to establish the required training period.
- It was clarified that the Mogadishu FIR will be class A during the time of the trial and class G outside of these hours.
- The rational behind transitioning directly to class A from class G was requested and discussed by the meeting

Due to time constraints, the following agenda items were not covered during the meeting:

- Development of the Work Programme / Road Map
- Development of the Transition Plan
- Assignment of tasks

It was agreed that the two work groups that have already been formed would continue their activities. The SASCT Core group would identify other tasks and assign teams to them.

## 6. AOB

The frequency of meetings was discussed by the meeting and it was agreed that the core team would meet in the week third week of February to assess progress made by the Gap analysis and Training groups before the next full meeting is called. The meeting frequency of the SASCT will be agreed upon at the SASCT/2 meeting.

## 7. Closing Remarks

The meeting participants were thanked for their time and participation and there being no other business the meeting adjourned until SASCT/2.

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