



*International Civil Aviation Organization*

**SECFAL Plan Development Group**

**First Meeting (SECFAL PDG/1)**

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**Agenda Item 3:           Development of the ACAC/MID SECFAL Plan**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF FACILITATION STANDARD PROCEDURES**

*(Presented by Sudan)*

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<p>In its endeavours and relentless efforts to achieve the development of international air transport and ensure its safe and orderly growth, ICAO has established five comprehensive Strategic Objectives for the 2014-2016 trienniums. One of these objective aims at enhancing global civil aviation security and facilitation. This Strategic Objective reflects the need for ICAO's leadership in aviation security, facilitation and related border security matters.</p> <p>Action by the meeting is at paragraph 4.</p>	
Strategic Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aviation Security and Facilitation 2014 – 2016</li> <li>- Economic development of air transport</li> </ul>
Financial Implications	NA
<b>REFERENCES</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Annex 9 - Facilitation Manual Doc 9957</li> <li>- Chicago Convention, Doc 7300</li> </ul>	

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1           The sustainability of international air transport industry and enhancing operational efficiency are the main strategic objectives of ICAO. In order to achieve these objectives, ICAO realized that there is urgent need to remove all obstacles that limit the development of civil aviation and the promotion of the optimal use of technology to facilitate international air traffic operations. Hence ICAO developed air transport facilitation programmes as an important tool to achieve these goals.

**2. FACILITATION CONCEPT**

2.1           In the context of civil aviation, facilitation refers to the efficient management of border control processes to expedite clearance (of aircraft, passengers/crew, baggage, cargo) and prevent unnecessary delays.

## 2.2 *ICAO Facilitation Programmes*

2.2.1 “In 2014, it was estimated that on a daily basis around 3.622 Million international passengers are controlled at the borders. With air traffic projected to double in the next 15 years, current and emerging facilitation risks need to be addressed proactively to ensure that this significant capacity expansion is carefully managed and supported through strategic regulatory and infrastructure developments.

2.2.2 Considering that the presentation and inspection of travel documents is a routine aspect of international air travel requiring State programmes, specialized infrastructure and personnel, as well as a processing time for the travel incurred, the scale of future aviation activity brings into sharp focus the need for travel documents and related systems that are up to the task of tomorrow's facilitation and security challenges”<sup>1</sup>.

## 3. **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FACILITATION PROGRAMME IN SUDAN**

3.1 Article 31 of Sudan Civil Aviation Act for 2010 requires coordination between Sudan Civil Aviation Authority (SCAA) and other concerned bodies at the airport to facilitate procedures according to Annex 9 of the Convention.

3.2 Article 69-1 of Sudan Civil Aviation Safety Act for 2010 requires customs, immigration, health and other government authorities to exercise their responsibilities according to the laws and regulation in force.

3.3 A National Joint Security and Facilitation Committee has been established by the Ministerial Decision No 430 dated 12/03/2013.

3.4 Airport Facilitation Committees have been established at major airports.

3.5 Effort is underway to establish the NATFP and the draft document has been finalized and awaiting approval.

3.6 Sudan issues only electronic passports.

3.7 The implementation of advanced passenger information (API) is underway in order to join ICAO PKD.

3.8 Awareness meetings, seminars and workshops are regularly organized to raise the awareness of stakeholders.

## 4. **ACTION BY THE MEETING**

4.1 The meeting is invited to note the information mentioned.

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<sup>1</sup> ICAO Facilitation Programmes.