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**Harnessing Resources Through the Regional Aviation
Security and Facilitation Group for Africa and the Indian
Ocean Region (RASFALG-AFI) Team of Experts to
Implement Regional Aviation Security Initiatives**

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Objectives of RASFALG-AFI

Establishment

- ▶ The First Steering Committee (SC) meeting of the AFI SECFAL Plan endorsed the establishment of RASFALG-AFI under the umbrella of AFCAC with the objective to:
 - support the AFI SECFAL SC to identify challenges facing aviation security and facilitation in the region and to increase awareness among stakeholders
 - support the SC in monitoring progress and implementing the AFI SECFAL Plan in order to improve aviation security and facilitation in the region



Objectives of RASFALG-AFI

Establishment (cont'd)

- make technical recommendations to the SC on the means to facilitate the implementation of the AFI SECFAL Plan
- provide SC with technical input with regard to the resolution of States' security and facilitation deficiencies with emphasis and priority to States with SSeC and those referred to the MARB
- provide assistance to States for resolving security oversight deficiencies and increasing effective implementation of the 8 Critical Elements (CE) of an effective State aviation security oversight system



Objectives of RASFALG-AFI

- ▶ Submit an annual Work Programme to the AFI SECFAL Plan SC for approval
- ▶ Participate in any activities relating to and aimed at implementing the Work Programme
- ▶ Report on the progress made on the Work Programme and make recommendations for consideration by the SC



Composition of the RASFALG-AFI

► Membership

- Members of RASFG-AFI are designated by States in accordance with the set criteria
- AFI Experts participating in ICAO AVSEC Panel and Facilitation Panel
- One Expert from each Aviation Security Training Centre (ASTC)
- One Expert from Regional Economic Communities having Aviation Security and Facilitation background



Composition of the RASFALG-AFI

► Secretariat

- AFCAC provides secretariat services
- Support from ICAO Regional Offices, in particular AFI SECFAL Plan Secretariat



Team of Experts of RASFALG-AFI

► Terms of Reference:

The RASFG-AFI may establish Task Force, Working Group or TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM with the objective to:

- provide support in the identification of security & facilitation issues
- deliver technical inputs and recommendations for the resolution of deficiencies
- provide Assistance to States for resolving security oversight deficiencies and increase EI of the 8 CEs



SIX Focus Areas for the Intervention of the Expert Teams

- Establishment of Oversight Systems
- Security Oversight Implementation
- Significant Security Concerns
- Risk Assessment - New and Emerging Threats
- Facilitation: Cargo, AVSEC and Infrastructure
- Training



Status of Designation of Technical Experts

Category	Quantity	Description/Qualification
Validated Experts	60	Verification conducted by ICAO
Establishment of security oversight system	26	ICAO certified USAP-CMA Auditors
Oversight implementation & experiences on resolving SSeCs	26	ICAO certified USAP-CMA Auditors
Competency on aviation security risk assessment and/or on new and emerging threats	29	AVSEC Experts



Status of Designation of Technical Experts

Category	Quantity	Description
Facilitation Experts	33	With ICAO Aviation Security PMC qualification
Cargo Security and Facilitation specialists	38	AVSEC Experts
24 Aviation Security Instructors	76	Certified by ICAO



OUTCOME

- MoU between AFCAC and African member States for the use of National Inspectors under the RASFALG-AFI Programme
- Partnership with ECAC (CASE Project) in Risk Management Workshop
- Training on Crisis Management and other workshops underway



CONCLUSION

Benefits of RASFALG-AFI:

- Improvement in the implementation of Critical Elements
- Regional approach to aviation security and facilitation
- Pooling and optimizing resources
- Standardization of AVSEC and Safety best practices
- Effective collaboration with ICAO



Thank you