

**APPENDIX****ANI/WG SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE  
TERMS OF REFERENCE (TORs)****1. Background**

1.1 During the Fifth ANI/WG Meeting, a Search and Rescue Implementation Task Force was formed in order to streamline related Search and Rescue Implementation Activities and enhance regional cooperation to comply with Annex 12 SARPs and regionally agreed targets. This Task Force shall promote SAR implementation in accordance with the NAM/CAR Regional Performance-Based Air Navigation Implementation Plan (RPBANIP), as well as update and report progress to the ANI/WG based on the action plan for these tasks.

**2. Responsibilities**

2.1 The Task Force is responsible to:

- a) develop and implement a Work Programme to ensure the continuous and coherent provision of SAR services in the NAM/CAR Regions, according with the NAM/CAR Regional Performance-based Air Navigation Implementation Plan (RPBANIP) and agreed targets, in a manner that is harmonized with adjacent Search and Rescue Regions (SRR), consistent with ICAO SARPs and the Global Air Navigation Plan;
- b) appoint the Task Force Rapporteur from its members;
- c) facilitate and support the establishment and operation of the SAR System by States, Territories and ANSPs, according to the different requirements and level of maturity; and
- d) review, identify and address deficiencies that impede the implementation or adequate provision of efficient SAR in the NAM/CAR Regions, propose actions to address them to improve SAR operations.

2.2 Responsibilities of the Members

- a) Attend Task Force Meetings and Teleconferences
- b) Collaborate with the development and implementation of the Task Force Work Programme
- c) Comply with the agreed tasks and activities as assigned

2.3 Responsibilities of the Rapporteur

- a) Lead the development and implementation of the Task Force Work Programme and activities
- b) Follow up on the compliance with the RPOs
- c) Report to the ANI/WG the compliance with the Task Force Work Programme and RPOs related tasks

## 2.4 Responsibilities of the Secretariat

- a) The ICAO NACC ATM/SAR Regional Officer will serve as the Secretary of the Task Force meetings
- b) He/she is responsible to support the Task Force activities, providing guidance to the connection for the Task Force Work Programme and the RPBANIP
- c) In coordination with the Rapporteur, develop and present to the members the annual programme of activities
- d) In coordination with the Rapporteur, convene the Task Force activities, teleconferences and meetings
- e) Maintain up to date the Task Force documentation, Work Programme and membership in the ANI/WG website information

## 2.5 Responsibilities of the States

- a) Support the participation of its members, according to the role and responsibilities assigned
- b) Request accountability for the development and implementation of SAR Work Programme in the NAM/CAR Regions

## 3. Membership

3.1 The SAR Task Force shall be comprised of 12 representatives from States, Territories and International Organizations members of the ANI/WG.

3.1.1 States, Territories, International Organizations and members of the ANI/WG are encouraged to nominate Points of Contact (PoCs) to the SAR Task Force, who will be actively involved with the work of the Task Force.

3.2 States, Territories and International Organizations nominating members to the SAR Task Force shall provide the adequate support and authority in order to make decisions on behalf of the State/ANSP to comply with the requirements of the Task Force.

## 4. Working Methods

4.1 The Task Force will:

- a) present its Work Programme containing activities in terms of objectives, responsibilities, deliverables and timelines;
- b) the Task Force Rapporteur and the Secretariat will coordinate an annual programme of activities to comply with the requirements of the approved Work Programme;
- c) avoid duplicating work within the ANI/WG and maintain close coordination among the existing entities to optimize use of available resources and experience;

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- d) designate, as necessary, Ad Hoc Groups to work on specific topics and activities, and organize clearly defined tasks and activities;
- e) convene annual face to face meetings and quarterly teleconferences to maximize efficiency and reduce costs; and
- f) report on and coordinate the progress of assigned tasks to the ANI/WG.

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