



AFI PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP (APIRG)

AFI OPMET MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE (AFI OPMET MTF)
FIRST MEETING (AFI OPMET MTF/1)

(Dakar, 19 - 20 October 2009)

Agenda Item 6: Terms of Reference, Work Programme and composition of the AFI OPMET Management Task Force (MTF)

**REVIEW OF THE WORK PROGRAMME
AND COMPOSITION OF THE OPMET MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE (MTF)**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

The MTF will review and update its work programme based upon updated executive summaries for each task attached to this working paper.

1. Introduction

1.1 Under this agenda item, the Task Force should undertake the review of its work programme.

1.2 The Terms of Reference of the MTF as developed and approved by the APIRG are given at Attachment A.

2. Discussion

2.1 Terms of Reference

2.1.1 The Task Force will note the composition of the MTF and its terms of reference shown in **Attachment A** to this paper. The Task Force will recall that the terms of reference reflect the overall tasks of the MTF and need to be revised only when major changes are introduced to the MTF programme. Furthermore, any change would have to be subject to a draft conclusion to be endorsed by APIRG. It may be agreed that there is no need to amend the terms of reference at this meeting.

2.2. Revision of the Work Programme

2.2.1 The Task Force may wish to review its work programme which is shown in **Attachment B** to this working paper. When reviewing the work programme, the Task Force is expected to update the following elements:

- a) future work programme for 2010 to 2015; and
- b) executive summaries for each recurrent task.

2.2.2 It will be noted that the work programme will be subject to revision and consolidation in order to align it with the ICAO Business Plan and to better reflect the work that is being undertaken by the MTF.

2.3 The MTF is invited to review the draft work programme, endorse the changes proposed and formulate the following decision:

Decision 8/... — Future work programme of the MTF

That, the work programme of the MTF be updated as shown in Attachment B.

3. Action by the MTF

The MTF is invited to:

- a) note the information in this paper;
- b) review the draft work programme; and
- c) decide on the draft decision proposed for the group's consideration.

**Terms of Reference, Work programme and composition
of the AFI OPMET Management Task Force (MTF)**

1. Terms of Reference

- Review the OPMET exchange scheme in the AFI Region and develop proposals for their optimization taking into account the requirements by the aviation users and the current trends for global OPMET exchange;
- Develop monitoring and management procedures related to AMBEX exchange and other exchange of OPMET information;
- Regularly update the regional guidance material related to OPMET exchange;
- Liaise with other groups dealing with communication and/or management aspects of the OPMET exchange in AFI and other ICAO Regions (ASIA/PAC OPMET/M TF, BMG EUR Region, CNS/MET SG MID Region, etc.).

2. Future Work Programme for 2009 - 2014

| | Task | Source | Recent Progress Next milestone and its deadline | Final Result (completion) |
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| 1 | Examine the existing and any new requirements for OPMET exchange in AFI and adjacent regions and assess the feasibility of satisfying these requirements, taking into account the availability of the data; | APIRG/16 Décision. 16/54 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The related Chapter of the AMBEX Handbook reviewed | OPMET exchange in AFI and adjacent regions, improved |
| 2 | Keep under review the AMBEX scheme and other OPMET exchange schemes and prepare proposal for updating the optimizing of the schemes; | APIRG/16 Décision. 16/54 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the AMBEX scheme reviewed by MTF/1 | Exchange of OPMET information through AMBEX, improved |
| 3 | Review and update the procedures for interregional OPMET exchange and ensure the availability of the required AFI OPMET data for the AFS satellite broadcast (SADIS); | APIRG/16 Décision. 16/54 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The related Chapter of the AMBEX Handbook developed SADISOPSG/14 Concl. reviewed | Efficient inter-regional OPMET exchanges and availability of AFI OPMET on SADIS, improved |
| 4 | Keep under review and provide timely amendments of the regional guidance materials on the OPMET exchange; to ensure that guidance material covers procedures for the exchange of all required OPMET data types: SA, SP, FC, FT, WS, WC, WV, FK, FV, UA; | APIRG/16 Décision. 16/54 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The related Chapter of the AMBEX Handbook developed | Regional guidance material for the issuance of OPMET established and improved |
| 5 | Conduct trials and develop procedures for monitoring and management of the OPMET exchange; to foster implementation of quality management of OPMET data by the AMBEX centres and the RODBs; and | APIRG/16 Décision. 16/54 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> procedures for monitoring and management of the OPMET exchange developed 2 SIGMET Test conducted | SIGMET exchange and management of other OPMET, enhanced |
| 6 | Prepare regional plan for the transition to (BUFR?) coded OPMET information in coordination with the relevant APRIG contributing bodies. | APIRG/16 Décision. 16/54 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final decision on future OPMET format awaited | A regional OPMET format transition plan established |

2. Composition

The Task Force is composed of experts from:

- a) Algeria, Cameroon, Congo, Ethiopia, Egypt, Kenya, France, Madagascar, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal (Rapporteur), South Africa, UK and ASECNA.
- b) Representatives of IATA and WMO are invited to participate in the work of the Task Force.