



**Twenty Second Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation
Regional Group (APIRG/22)
(Accra, Ghana, 29 July to 3 August 2018)**

Agenda Item 2: Status of Implementation of APIRG/21 conclusions and Decisions

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY
<p>This paper presents the status of implementation of and actions taken on the APIRG/21 Conclusions and Decisions by States and regional organizations as updated by the AAO and IIM Sub-Groups.</p> <p>Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3</p>
<p>REFERENCE(S):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ APIRG/21 Meeting Report ▪ AAO SG/2 Meeting Report ▪ IIM SG/2 Meeting Report
<p>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s):</p> <p><i>A – Safety,</i> <i>B – Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency,</i> <i>D – Economic Development of Air Transport, and</i> <i>E – Environmental Protection.</i></p>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The Twenty First Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/21) was held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 9 to 11 October 2017. Under the new APIRG structure, subgroups review Decisions and conclusions made at previous meetings for update of implementation. The Second Meeting of the APIRG Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group (AAO SG/2) was held in Nairobi, Kenya from 21 to 25 May 2018, whilst the Second Meeting of the APIRG Information and Infrastructure Management Sub-Group (IIM SG/2) was held in Dakar, Senegal from 9 to 11 July 2018.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1. APIRG/21 adopted 28 Conclusions and 10 Decisions. Some progress has been made in the implementation of the various Conclusions and Decisions at regional level as reviewed by both the AAO and IIM Sub-Group meetings held in May and July 2018

respectively. During the review, and where information has been made available, constraints to implement them have been identified and indicated.

2.2. The two Sub-Groups were also mandated to carry out the following tasks:

- a)** identify those Conclusions and Decisions that continue to be valid as well as actions needed to further facilitate their implementation, including those that are no longer applicable (actions completed, covered by others, overtaken by events or otherwise redundant);
- b)** review the formulation used in the Conclusions and Decisions which continue to be valid/relevant, and take action to align their formulation with the guidelines provided by the Air Navigation Commission; and
- c)** take other action as necessary to enable accelerated and continuous implementation at State level.

2.3. It's important to note that the Conclusions and Decisions of APIRG are addressed to States, ICAO and/or International Organizations. In order for APIRG to report efficiently and in a timely manner, the Sub-Groups identified the need for States to improve on the level of information provided to ESAF and WACAF Regional Offices regarding their status of implementation.

2.4. The meeting should also note some of the challenges faced in the implementation of APIRG conclusions and decisions:

- a)** Inadequate or lack of financial resources and high level commitment to aviation;
- b)** Lack of expertise within States CAAs and ANSPs to implement, follow up or provide feedback on APIRG activities including recommendations, decisions and Projects implementation.
- c)** Ineffective mechanisms and participation to coordinate and support implementation of the APIRG conclusions, decisions and Projects implementation.
- d)** Weak effective safety oversight in some States at the level of regulators
- e)** Poor reporting of APIRG recommendations, decisions and Projects implementation.

2.5. Whereas some States have made progress in instituting mechanisms and actions to address the Conclusions and decisions, there continues to be lack of information from States regarding their current status. The objectives and goals of APIRG in the implementation of the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) can only be realized if all States, ANSPs and the industry stakeholders fully comply with reporting requirements and effective interface collaboration.

2.6. The meeting is invited to consider adopting the draft conclusion in order to improve the implementation of APIRG conclusions and decisions:

- a)** Member States to establish effective internal mechanisms within their civil aviation organizations to facilitate collection of information on the status of implementation of APIRG Conclusions and Decisions in all applicable areas;

- b)** Provision to the ICAO Secretariat by all relevant parties with the required information on the status of implementation of Conclusions and Decisions on a regular basis, in order to assess progress in the strengthening of the air navigation system and to enable reporting by ICAO to APIRG;
- c)** Committing the necessary resources and infrastructure towards implementation of APIRG decisions and conclusions;
- d)** Effective participation of States and industry in APIRG projects, including those linked to the APIRG decisions and conclusions;
- e)** Timely reporting of Incidents and deficiencies and making use of AFI Air Navigation Deficiency Database (AANDDD);
- f)** Strengthening the effectiveness and efficiency of the African Flight Planning Procedures Programme (AFPP) and ANSP Peer review mechanism.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1. The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the information provided in this working paper;
- b) Urge member States to provide the ICAO Secretariat with the required information on the status of implementation of these Conclusions and Decisions on a regular basis, as proposed in 2.6, in order to assess progress in the strengthening of the air navigation system and reporting as required by APIRG.

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