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**Twenty-Second Meeting of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group  
(APIRG/22)  
(Accra, Ghana, 29 July – 2 August 2019)**

**Agenda Item 4: Other Air Navigation Issues**

**4.5 Regional and Inter-related Activities**

**REPORT OF THE REGIONAL SEMINAR ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE NEW GLOBAL REPORTING FORMAT FOR RUNWAY SURFACE  
CONDITION (2 to 3 July 2019, Dakar, Senegal)**

*(Presented by the Secretariat)*

SUMMARY	
This paper reports on the Regional Seminar on the implementation of the new Global Reporting Format for Runway Surface Condition, held in Dakar (Senegal) from 2 to 3 July 2019.	
Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.	
<i>Strategic Objectives</i>	This paper relates to Strategic Objectives A and B

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 As the outcome of the Symposium conducted in March 2019 in Montreal, Canada on the New Format for reporting runway surface conditions, regional seminars were planned in regions, aiming to assist States on the implementation. This new methodology, commonly known as the Global Reporting Format (GRF), ensures a harmonized assessment and reporting of runway surface conditions and a correspondingly improved flight crew assessment of take-off and landing performance.

1.2 The first regional Seminar of the AFI region (second in the World after Bangkok), was conducted in Dakar (Senegal), from 2 to 3 July 2019. The Seminar was conducted in French with the support of the DGAC France, FAA and ACI. Forty-four (44) participants from twelve (12) States and five (8) International Organizations attended the Seminar.

## 2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Seminar aimed at preparing States and the industry in advance of the November 2020 applicability date of the new ICAO methodology for assessing and reporting runway surface conditions.

- 2.2 Topics covered by the seminar included:
- The Global methodology for assessing and reporting runway surface conditions;
  - ICAO Provisions on GRF;
  - The Runway Condition Report;
  - Assessment of the runway conditions;
  - ATC and AIS aspects (dissemination);
  - Exercises; and
  - States implementation action plan and training perspectives.

2.3 As achievements of the Seminar, participants were provided with presentations by ICAO, ACI, DGAC France and the FAA. The Seminar increased the knowledge and awareness of participants in implementing the GRF, with a clear understanding of ICAO SARPs, PANS, and guidance material. They were provided with guidance related to the implementation of the GRF, with a focus on the role of each stakeholder.

2.4 Discussions highlighted the implementation challenges and emphasized the importance of personnel training. DGAC France and the FAA shared their experiences and Challenges in implementing the GRF. The implementation timelines and the need of appropriate planning at national and local level were recalled to States.

- 2.5 The following recommendations were made by the Seminar:
- States to set up national and local plans with dedicated Teams, for the implementation
  - States to make use of existing national and regional mechanisms to support the implementation of the GRF (RSTs, Go-Teams, RSOOs, ...)
  - ICAO Regional Offices and International Organizations such as ACI, IATA, ... to increase training activities, including onsite trainings

### **3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
- a) take note of the recommendations made by the Seminar;
  - b) urge States to ensure appropriate participation of the concerned stakeholders (CAAs, airports operators, ANSPs, airlines, ...) to the upcoming seminars (Accra, Nairobi and Johannesburg);
  - c) Request States to report on the implementation of the GRF to the ICAO regional Offices; and
  - d) Request an active participation of International Organizations (IATA, ACI, CANSO, ASECNA, ...) in the conduct of the Seminars.

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