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**Subject:** Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/26) and Ninth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-AFI/9) Cotonou, Benin, 6-10 November 2023.

*Required action: Reply to confirm participation not later than 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023*

Sir /Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/26) and the Ninth Meeting of Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-AFI/9) will be held from 6 to 10 November 2023, at the Cotonou Convention Center, Benin. Two joint sessions will be conducted during the opening and closing events on 6 and 10 November respectively; and the APIRG/26 and RASG-AFI/9 meetings will be held back-to-back from 7 to 8 and 9 November 2023.

The terms of reference of these two regional groups established by the ICAO Council are provided as attachments to this letter for your reference.

The tentative agendas and explanatory notes as well as the Documentation for the meetings will be posted on the ICAO Regional Offices websites (<http://www.icao.int/esaf> and <http://www.icao.int/wacaf>). The meetings will be conducted in English and French, and the documentation issued in the same languages. Your Administration/Organization is kindly invited to participate in these meetings.

As you may recall, the APIRG/25 and RASG-AFI/8 Meetings formulated several Conclusions and Decisions which are contained in its reports. The APIRG/26 and RASG-AFI/9 meetings will review and consider the status of implementation of these Conclusions and Decisions as well as other outstanding Conclusions and Decisions of the two Groups.

The APIRG/26 meeting will review under the Performance Framework for Regional Air Navigation Planning and Implementation, outcomes of the APIRG Contributory Bodies activities including progress made in the implementation of the Regional Air Navigation Plan (ANP) and APIRG related Projects as well as the AFI Airspace Monitoring issues and other Regional Air Navigation initiatives.

The RASG-AFI/9 will discuss aviation safety issues in the AFI Region, the status of the implementation of the GASP goals and targets including regional targets, the status of safety related Projects and Safety Enhancement Initiatives, as well as the Regional and National Aviation Safety Plans.

Your Administration/Organization is encouraged to contribute to the deliberations of the APIRG/26 and RASG-AFI/9 meetings with Working and Information Papers (WPs/IPs) on the items reflected in the tentative agendas of the meetings (see templates in attachments). In order to facilitate preparation of the meetings, the papers should be forwarded to the Secretariat by e-mail through [icaoesaf@icao.int](mailto:icaoesaf@icao.int) and [icaowacaf@icao.int](mailto:icaowacaf@icao.int) not later than 15 October 2023 and, where possible, in both English and French languages. In accordance with the APIRG Decision 11/23, Working Papers received after the above date will be distributed only in the language in which they are received without translation.

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Kindly advise on your Administration/Organization intention to participate at the APIRG/26 and RASG-AFI/9 meetings at your earliest convenience, but in any case, not later than 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. Participants are invited to register online using the following links for the respective meetings.

APIRG/26: <https://icao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYqduqprzwoGtQz04kiyKueDwW8CXn6hNPx>

RASG-AFI/9: <https://icao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcscuqvqzstE9LYqe9J3CkSS9owq5zNuTNk>

Yours sincerely,



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Western and Central African Office  
And Secretary of the APIRG



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And Secretary of the RASG-AFI

**Attachments:**

- PIRG and RASG terms of reference
- Draft Agenda and work programme