INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

**FIRST MEETING OF THE AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN
REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP (RASG-AFI/1)
Kampala, Uganda (26 – 27 March 2012)**

Agenda Item 2: RASG-AFI Terms of Reference and Organizational Structure

RASG-AFI working relationship with AIAG and TAG

(Presented by IATA)

SUMMARY
AFI Incident Analysis Group (AIAG) TOR and Tactical Action Group (TAG) SOP are overlapping and its members are same organisations. With the establishment of RASG-AFI, some of the activities will overlap with AIAG & TAG. To avoid duplication and to ensure efficiency, this working paper invites for discussion on how RASG-AFI TOR should incorporate AIAG and TAG activities.
REFERENCE(S): ICAO SP AFI RAN 2008 conclusions 4th Meeting of 190th Session of the ICAO council conclusions
Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s):

1.   **INTRODUCTION**

1.1   ICAO SP AFI RAN 2008 endorsed activities of the AFI Incident Analysis Group (AIAG) which is multidisciplinary group[1] that reviews reported incidents in the region on a yearly basis and formulate recommendations to prevent similar incidents in the AFI region. IATA is secretariat of this group.

---

[1] AIAG compromise of IATA; ICAO; various ANSPs (such ASECNA, NAMA and ATNS) , CAAs (such as Kenya CAA) various operators; IFATCA, IFALPA, ARMA, etc.

1.2   ICAO SP AFI RAN 2008 endorsed establishment of the Tactical Action Group (TAG), and that the group[2], through its by-weekly teleconferences, tactically address any deficiencies or operational errors identified.

1.3   ICAO SP AFI RAN 2008 endorsed establishment of ARMA Scrutiny Group to monitor and analyze the safety of operations in the AFI region in a formal basis.

1.4   4th Meeting of 190th session of the ICAO Council approved the establishment of Regional Aviation Safety Groups.

2.   **DISCUSSION**

2.1   As shown in table and figure below, some AIAG, TAG and ARMA Scrutiny Group tasks are overlapping, while their membership is almost the same.

AIAG	TAG	ARMA Scrutiny Group
↗ Assess incidents by type, e.g, aircraft proximity, procedure, facility and establish associated risk.	↗ Assess operations safety, including ATC loop errors, CNS issues and any other item affecting safety of operations (bi-weekly).	↗ Monitor and analyze the safety of operations in a formal basis.
↗ Identify causes and recommend corrective actions.	↗ Review all errors and deviation reports, investigate and propose corrective actions.	↗ Analyze operational errors and deviations and propose mitigation measures.
↗ Determine IFBP and ACAS efficiency in conflict resolution.		↗ Analyze ARMA CRA reports.
↗ Coordinate activities with TAG and ARMA.	↗ Coordinate activities with ARMA and AIAG.	↗ Coordinate activities with TAG.
↗ Develop submissions to ICAO, APIRG, users, States and ANSPs.	↗ Provide yearly report to APIRG.	↗ Provide yearly report to APIRG.
↗ Meet yearly	↗ Meet yearly	↗ Meet yearly

2.2   With the establishment of RASG-AFI, some of the activities will overlap with AIAG & TAG. To avoid duplication and to ensure efficiency, RASG-AFI TOR should incorporate both groups activates in its TOR.

---

[2] Core AFI TAG members: ARMA, ASECNA, IATA, ICAO, IFALPA, IFATCA, Kenya CAA, NAMA and ATNS

3.   **ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1   The meeting is invited to:

      a)   Recognize overlapping activities of AIAG, TAG and ARMA Scrutiny Group;

      b)   RASG-AFI TOR to incorporate AIAG and TAG activities.

-END-