

FCWM-Nairobi

OUTCOME OF GROUP DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT BY STATES

TECHNICAL INTEROPERABILITY ISSUES		
State/ANSP	Action Required	Timeline
DRC	Flight plans not being received from DRC	
Ethiopia	No issues recorded.	
Kenya	• Kenya has maintenance contract issue to address (will address impact on the 15 th of November implementation)	
	 Kenya to address interoperability issue between internal systems (Eurocat & Thales). 	
	• Kenya to correct system time which has up to 14 minutes transit time difference (clock time stamp) Kenya to advise concerned States & ICAO by 4 May 2012, when the problem will be fixed.	By 4 May 2012
	• Kenya's switch system takes time to recover after a failure and re-sets to 0000, without keeping the days numbers. Problem to be investigated and rectified. Kenya to seek assistance from other parties and/or the vendor.	
Madagascar	• Entebbe was concerned with the transit times of AFTN messages received from Madagascar. Entebbe to further coordinate with Madagascar to have this issue resolved.	
Mauritius	• Entebbe was concerned with the transit times of AFTN messages received from Mauritius. Entebbe to further coordinate with Mauritius to have this issue resolved.	
Seychelles	• Seychelles was not present. There was a concern that an AFTN terminal in Seychelles was not properly connected. Nairobi to coordinate with Seychelles in order to address this issue.	
	Mogadishu was not receiving FPL originating from Seychelles. Mogadishu, Seychelles and Nairobi to coordinate.	
Somalia (CACAS)	• Somalia (CACAS) has manual FPL operation. In order to address filing of the NEW FPL, it was identified that staff need to be familiar with the changes in fields 10 and field 18.	
	• Somalia to implement checks and balances, including quality management system to assure quality of data transmitted.	
	IAT Template needs to be upgraded, THALES to be approached.	
	• Staffing level - Needs to be addressed in-house, a shortage of staff has been identified.	
	• Training plan for ICAO 2012 FPL implementation - Will approach various organizations to look at addressing the training needs before end of June 2012.	Before end June 2012
	Will issue a circular to all operators providing instructions on training requirements with regard to the NEW FPL.	Immediately
	• Communication infrastructure is lacking for now. Somalia is not able to transmit FPL and can receive only. No FPL is transmitted in the country, only radio estimates given to next FIR. NOTAM issued indicating requirement for operators to file their FPLs in adjacent FIR's.	

	• AMHS implementation in 2013 will address lack of communication in the country. To be implemented in phase 2.	In 2013
I	An alternate to the Nairobi circuit required, in case of systems failure. Has indicated intention to approach NAFISAT	
	for alternate circuit. Somalia will also approach the CNS SG for advice. AMHS was recommended as a solution.	
	• Somalia is still not assured that it is ready for ICAO FPL 2012, even though it has a manual system for processing flight data.	
	• THALES will be contracted to upgrade IAT template, staff working in the FIC just need to be ready and familiar with the new requirements in fields 10/18.	
	Test to be coordinated with South Africa and Kenya for AFTN to AFTN.	
South Africa	No issues recorded.	
Tanzania	 Tanzania has communication challenges with other national and adjacent stations. VSAT is being considered as an option. VSAT Board to be approached. 	
	Tanzania to implement AMHS in a strategic plan, in July 2012.	By July 2012
	• Contract for AMHS not yet signed with vendor. This is expected to be finalized by mid-May 2012.	By May 2012
	• Current maintenance contract has been identified as lacking in proper assistance. Deficiencies identified to be considered for inclusion with new contract.	
	There is no back-up communication system. This is to be addressed in-house by TCAA.	
	• Concern was raised with regard responses to queries from Tanzania CAA which were not being addressed. Tanzania requested to implement processes to ensure that queries from other states are addressed promptly. There has been no response from Tanzania regarding information on AMBEX.	
Uganda	• No contract signed yet with vendor, this could possibly be finalized by May 2012. According to information provided, it will take the vendor 5 to 6 months to implement after the contract has been signed.	By May 2012
	• Uganda to approach Kenya to negotiate a Letter of Understanding (LOU) for assistance.	
	Uganda has only one communication centre (Automation of other units)	
	• Implementation of AMHS has been delayed; new implementation date is from July 2012. It is expected that AMHS will address all internal communication infrastructure.	From July 2012
	Uganda has a VSAT AFTN Link to Entebbe.	
	• FPL 2012 Training; will engage with other States to search for a solution.	
All AFI States	As part of addressing the issue of missing flight plans, States are to review their procedures, compliance	
	thereto and training related to initiation and response to RQS/RQP messages and to implement necessary corrective action with immediate effect.	Immediately