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Subject: Twenty-first meeting of the AFI Satellite Network Management Committee (SNMC/21), Conakry, Guinea, 16-20 December 2013

Action Required: Reply not later than 02 December 2013

Sir /Madam,

I have the honour to invite your Administration / Organization to the Twenty-first Meeting of the AFI Satellite Network Management Committee (SNMC/21) which is being hosted by Roberts FIR and will take place in **Conakry, Guinea, from 16 to 20 December 2013**. The name and location of the venue will be specified in due course.

As the provisional agenda hereto attached indicates, the SNMC/21 meeting will, among other things, mainly review the follow-up actions taken by SNMC members on matters arising from SNMC/20 Conclusions/Decision; examine and finalize the proposal for the appointment of the experts for the external Technical Evaluation of AFISNET and for the network re-engineering aiming to modernize AFISNET in line with **SP AFI/RAN Recommendation 6/18**; review and assess the network performance (facilities and services availability); and discuss AFISNET integration and interoperability with its neighboring networks in the framework of **SP AFI/RAN Recommendation 6/19**.

In this regard, the attention of your Administration/Organization is being drawn to the need to participate actively by preparing Working Papers and providing the necessary inputs in relation to the individual Agenda items. Such inputs should include operational end-to-end circuit statistics, and updates on present network parameters and expected/future applications, with a view to facilitating the upgrading of the AFISNET performance and ensuring its smooth integration.

Within the framework of the implementation of the AFI Air Navigation Plan the Conclusions and Decisions of APIRG 19th meeting and the derived requirements to be provided by the network for the implementation of ICAO Aviation System Blocks Upgrades (ASBU) components within the AFI Region will be presented to the meeting for implementation.

In line with the provision contained in the Form of Agreement of AFISNET Management Committee, observers as facilities providers, satellite spectrum providers, Air Navigation Service Providers, Airline Associations have been invited to give information about the current technologies and their development in the future.

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The general information bulletin with the List of Hotels in Conakry will be posted on the WACAF Website as soon as they are received from Roberts FIR. Meanwhile, be advised that Working Papers prepared by the Secretariat will be circulated in due course.

Kindly advise at your earliest convenience but not **later than 02 December 2013** through e-mail to icaowacaf@icao.int whether your Administration/Organization intends to participate in the SNMC/21 Meeting, and accordingly indicate the name and designation of your delegate(s).

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Mam Sait Jallow
Regional Director

Attachments: - **Provisional Agenda**
- **Registration Form**



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WESTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA OFFICE
Twenty-first Meeting of the AFI Satellite Network Management Committee
(SNMC/21)
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DRAFT AGENDA

- Agenda Item 1: Follow up Conclusions and Decisions of SNMC/20th meeting**
- Agenda Item 2: Review of AFISNET operational and technical statistics of availability**
- Agenda Item 3: Interconnection and interoperability of AFISNET with its neighboring networks (CAFSAT, NAFISAT, SADC2)**
- Agenda Item 4: Evaluation and Re-engineering of AFISNET (*Implementation of Special AFI/RAN meeting Recommendations 6/18*)**
- Agenda Item 5: Review of the Recommendations of the ICAO 12th Air Navigation Conference and the Resolutions of the ICAO 38th Assembly related to VSAT Technology**
- Agenda Item 6: Review of the Conclusion & Decision of APIRG/19 related to AFISNET**
- Agenda Item 7: Outcome of ITU WRC-12 pertaining to VSATs Networks and preparation of WRC-15**
- Agenda Item 8: AFISNET band width re-engineering;**
- Agenda Item 9: Review of the Term of reference and Work Programme of SNMC**
- Agenda Item 10: Review of the Draft Conclusions/Decisions of SNMC/21**
- Agenda Item 11: Any other business**
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Registration Form

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