APPENDIX 5E: AFI TRANSITION PLAN FOR DIGITAL OPMET

November 2013 - June 2015:   Dakar and Pretoria RODBs to continue to develop capability of handling OPMET data in digital format using IWXXM version 2013;

June – December 2015:   Dakar and Pretoria RODBs to continue to test the codes based on OPMET data in digital format (XML/GML) for METAR/SPECI, TAF and SIGMET with a view to fine tuning;

January – June 2016:   Dakar and Pretoria RODBs to continue to take a leading role over the transition aspect to XML/GML and provide technical assistance as required to other AFI States in implementing OPMET data in digital format

June – November 2016:   ICAO regional Offices Dakar/Nairobi and AFI RODBs Dakar/Pretoria Provider Sates start assisting AFI States in developping capability of handling OPMET data in digital format

December 2016 –
November 2019:   AFI States start progressive implementation of XML/GML-based exchange format for METAR, SPECI, TREND, TAF and SIGMET (upgrade of IWXXM version 2013) in accordance with Amendment 77 to ICAO Annex 3

November 2019 –
November 2022   AFI States continue implementation of updated XML/GML-based exchange format for METAR, SPECI, TREND, TAF and SIGMET in accordance with Amendment 78 to ICAO Annex 3, and mandatory use of XML/GML

November 2022 –
November 2025   AFI States continue implementation of improved XML/GML-based exchange format for METAR, SPECI, TREND, TAF and SIGMET in accordance with Amendment 79to ICAO Annex 3, and mandatory use of XML/GML.

From November 2025 –   AFI States continue implementation of enhanced XML/GML-based exchange format for METAR, SPECI, TREND, TAF and SIGMET in accordance with Amendment 80 to ICAO Annex 3, and mandatory use of XML/GML.