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WESTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA OFFICE**

**Twenty Second Meeting of the AFI Satellite Network Management Committee
(SNMC/22)
(Lomé, Togo, 15-19 December 2014)**

Agenda Item 5: Review of the conclusions of APIRG Extraordinary meeting

(Presented by the secretariat)

SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is to review the conclusions of APIRG Extraordinary meeting and their impact on SNMC.

Reference: Report of APIRG EXO Meeting

1. Introduction

The Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Planning and Implementation Regional Group Extraordinary Meeting (APIRG/EO) was held, at Mulungushi International Conference Centre in Lusaka, Zambia, from 10 to 11 July 2014.

2. Discussion

2.1 The Meeting recalled that the Special Regional Air Navigation Meeting of 2008 (SP AFI/08 RAN) recognized the need to have a clearly defined strategy to implement Air Traffic Management (ATM) systems and to align work programmes of States, regions and ICAO Headquarters. Accordingly, the SP AFI/08 RAN Meeting had agreed that APIRG should review its structure to determine if changes would be beneficial in light of performance based approach to air navigation planning.

2.2 The Group also recalled that APIRG 19th Meeting in Dakar, Senegal from 28 to 31 October 2013 discussed the alignment of the Regional Air Navigation System Implementation Plan with the ASBU Methodology. In this regard, the APIRG/19 Meeting agreed that, within the ASBU framework, due consideration should be given to planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting aspects. Furthermore, project management principles should be applied by the APIRG and contributory bodies for ASBUs, as necessary.

2.3 APIRG EO therefore examined the current structure of APIRG and noted in this regard that this structure composed of 23 bodies, has been functionally cumbersome and operationally resource intensive to States, organizations and ICAO, mainly due to budgetary constraints. In addition, while demands for performance improvements have increased, results have been difficult to measure.

2.4 The Secretariat presented to the meeting two reorganization options based on the four Performance Improvement Areas (PIAs) of the ICAO Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBUs) methodology.

APIRG discussed proposals from the Secretariat and agreed on the following:

- a) **APIRG Projects Coordination Committee (APCC)** – Establishment of the APCC to undertake tasks that include reducing the volume of material for consideration by APIRG meetings to manageable levels, carrying out certain tasks in between the APIRG meetings in order to facilitate continuity and efficiency in implementation, and supporting the required coordination between APIRG and RASG-AFI. The APCC will be composed of elected Chairperson and Vice-chairpersons, the Secretary of APIRG, elected Officials from Sub-Groups and Secretaries of the Sub-Groups.
- b) **Sub-Groups of APIRG** – Establishment of two subgroups instead of four:
 - **Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group (AAO/SG)**. Establishment of this Sub-Group recognizes the absolute necessity for effective coordination between various areas of ANS and AGA, with particular respect to the ASBUs Performance Improvement Area (PIA) 1 (Airport Operations), PIA 3 (Optimum Capacity and Flexible Flights), PIA 4 (Efficient Flight Paths);
 - **Infrastructure and Information Management Sub-Group (IIM/SG)**. Establishment of this Sub-Group focuses on implementation in the context of PIA 2 (Globally Interoperable Systems and Data) and focuses on the role of digital processing and management of aeronautical information, meteorological information and the data link communications in support of the provision of Air Traffic Services (ATS). In addition, this grouping is in alignment with the Technology Roadmaps in the GANP (Doc 9750).

2.5 The Group agreed that with the envisaged functions of APIRG under the adopted project management approach there would no longer be a requirement for “standing” structural bodies below the Sub-Groups. In this regard, in order to carry out the work of the Sub-Groups, ‘**projects**’ will be identified by the Group, to be executed by ‘**teams**’ of experts and Champions reporting to the Sub-Groups. Project Teams shall elect from among them, **Project Team Coordinators (PTCs)** who shall facilitate and coordinate the activities including deliberations of the Project Teams and report to the Sub-Groups. Each Project Team will be supported by a **Facilitator** designated by the Secretary of APIRG from among members of the ICAO Secretariat. Additional members of the Secretariat may be assigned to support a Sub-Group as necessary.

The Projects will be derived from the ASBU Modules and the agreed regional performance objectives. A Project Team may carry out one or more projects. Furthermore, based on the nature of a project, the Group may decide that the team to carry it out should report to Group rather than the Sub-Group.

The complete APIRG EO report is available on ICAO WACAF Webpage @: <http://www.icao.int/ESAF/Pages/apirg-eo.aspx>

3. Action by the meeting

The meeting is invited to:

- a) Take note of the information here given above
- b) Align the activities of SNMC with the new structure and functionalities of APIRG;
- c) Identify possible regional/subregional projects that should be conducted under APIRG auspices.
