



## INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

## WESTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA OFFICE

Twenty-seventh Meeting of the AFI Satellite Network Management Committee (SNMC/27)  
(Accra, Ghana Faso, 25-29 November 2019)**Agenda Item 3: Re-engineering of AFISNET (Implementation of Special AFI/RAN meeting Recommendations 6/18)****Outcome of the Accra Joint Technical Team (JTE) meeting****(Presented by the Secretariat)****SUMMARY**

This paper provides the meeting with the outcome of the Accra Joint Technical Team (JTE) meeting

**Reference:** RAN/AFI 8 Report  
APIRG Report  
SNMC 17<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Reports

**Action by the meeting in paragraph 3**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 In accordance with the outcome of SNMC/26 Conclusion **26/10- Follow up meeting of SNMC Board with the ECOWAS Commission**, a technical preparatory coordination meeting between the ECOWAS Department of Transport and the SNMC Joint Technical Team for AFISNET Re-engineering was convened to prepare the follow up meeting of AFISNET Directors Generals with the ECOWAS Commission.

1.2 The meeting held from 26 to 27 February 2019 at the Ghana Aviation Training Academy (GATA), Accra was attended by representatives of ASECNA, GCAA and the ICAO WACAF Office. Two core members of the JTE, NAMA and Robert FIR were absent.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 The meeting deliberated on six (06) Agenda with the main objectives to:

- Update and finalize the Technical and Administrative document for the launch of the call for tenders for Re-engineering and Modernization of AFISNET
- Review the project schedules for the call for Tenders, the evaluation of the bids
- Prepare the AFISNET Board Meeting

2.2 The reviewed and updated the technical specification document paragraph by paragraph and decided to proceed with the numbering of the tables and agreed that the required administrative documents should depend on the scenarios of funding of the project identified as follows:

**2.2.1 Scenario1: Funding by ECOWAS**

In this case, the ECOWAS Regulation will apply. ECOWAS will be requested to inform the

meeting on its Regulation documents governing projects conducted by the Commission

### 2.2.2 Scenario 2: Pre Funding by ASECNA

ASECNA and GCAA procurements experts presented a summary of documents governing their respective procurement processes.

It was recalled that the procurement Regulation and process for GCAA are governed by the Ghana National Procurement Act while the ASECNA's are governed by the provision of the Dakar Convention and its Annexes establishing and empowering ASECNA to proceed on behalf its member States.

2.2.3 The meeting noted the similarity between the two processes based on the World Bank procedures and decided to plan the following actions:

1. ASECNA will, in a timeframe of two (02) weeks, translate its applicable procurement documents in English and share it with GCAA, NAMA, and the Roberts FIR;
2. The above ANSP will identify the differences with their own documents and notify ASECNA in a time frame of one (01) week after they have received of the translated document;
3. ASECNA will in a time frame of one (01) week after notification develops a memorandum including the differences for completion of its applicable documents for the call for tenders.

2.4 The meeting shared information on how SNMC Administrations/Organizations carry out the Call for Tenders processes and procedures in order to take advantage of the best practices and agreed:

- That in case of pre-financing by an Administration, the procedures of that Administration may apply for the Call for Tenders.
- The Call for Tenders will be advertised by every SNMC member in order to have a maximum number of tenders and the best technical and cost effective solution.

2.5 The meeting discussed and updated the technical specifications document in line with the technical, operational and economical requirements. The meeting agreed that the technical specifications for the AFISNET Re-engineering and modernization document should be completed and validated latest by the next SNMC meeting and submitted to the Board for further project management action.

2.6 The project schedule was reviewed with regard to the two scenarios mentioned above. The schedule is presented in Appendix 3 to the summary report in **Appendix** to this working Paper.

2.6 The meeting reviewed the draft Agenda of the coordination meeting with ECOWAS (28th February 2019) and agreed on the JTE provision to this meeting. The draft Agenda is presented in Appendix 4 to this summary Report.

### 1. ACTION BY THE MEETING

The meeting is invited to:

- Take note of the information provided above,
- Comment and endorse the outcome of the Accra JTE Meeting
- Make any proposal to expedite the implementation of the Re-engineering and modernisation of AFISNET