



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Third Meeting of APIRG Infrastructure and Information Management Sub Group (IIM/SG/3)  
(Virtual Meeting, 12-14 October 2020)

**Agenda Item 05:** Air Navigation Planning, Deficiencies and Reporting in the AIM, CNS and MET Areas

*Africa and Indian Ocean Aeronautical Information Management Action Group*

*(Presented by IATA)*

SUMMARY
<p>This paper provides the IIM SG with information on the formation of an aeronautical information management collaborative forum for the Africa and Indian Ocean (AFI) Region.</p> <p>The forum known as the AFI AIM Action Group (AIM AG), is aimed at improving the availability, quality and integrity of aeronautical information in the region through deliberation and collaboration across the AIM value chain.</p>
<p><b>REFERENCE(S):</b></p> <p><b>Related ICAO Strategic Objective (s):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Safety</li><li>• Capacity and Efficiency</li></ul> <p><b>Related ASBU KPIs &amp; B0 Modules:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• B0-DATM</li></ul>

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Fit for purpose, high quality, timely aeronautical information is paramount for safe, efficient Air Traffic Management as well as flight operations.
- 1.2 In order to achieve this there is a need for deliberation and collaboration between all role-players in the aeronautical information value chain.
- 1.3 A collaborative forum has been formed in the AFI Region, known as the AFI Aeronautical Information Management Action group (AIM AG).

**2. DISCUSSION**

- 2.1 The African Indian Ocean (AFI) Aeronautical Information Management Action Group (AIM AG) is a multi-stakeholder collaborative forum for the purpose of identifying deficiencies and challenges in the AFI aeronautical information and through collaborative engagement between parties develop and implement recommendations and actions to improve the availability and quality of aeronautical information pre- and post-publication.
- 2.2 The AIM AG is open to all role players on the aeronautical information value chain with interest in the AFI aeronautical information. Below a non-exhaustive list:
  - 2.2.1 Civil Aviation Authorities (regulators)



- 2.2.2 Air Navigation Service Providers
- 2.2.3 Airspace users
- 2.2.4 Data houses
- 2.2.5 Aeronautical information data providers
- 2.2.6 International organizations
- 2.3 The core membership comprises of ICAO, IATA, IFAIMA and CANSO and the AIM AG will provide reports of meetings to:
  - 2.3.1 ICAO IIM
  - 2.3.2 IATA AFI RCG
  - 2.3.3 CANSO ATM WG
  - 2.3.4 All participants
- 2.4 The first meeting of the AIM AG took place virtually on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2020; chaired by Ms. Boni Debate, Director CANSO Africa, with participation from across the AIM value chain.
- 2.5 The meeting had the following main topics of discussion:
  - 2.5.1 AIM AG terms of reference (ToR)
  - 2.5.2 Analysis results of the 2020 COVID related publications and NOTAM
  - 2.5.3 COVID NOTAM templates and aeronautical information publication guidance
  - 2.5.4 Introduction of the AIM AG Microsoft Teams collaboration platform
- 2.6 The first AIM AG meeting:
  - 2.6.1 Endorsed the AIM AG ToR
  - 2.6.2 Took note of the COVID NOTAM and related publications analysis results
  - 2.6.3 Undertook to make use of the COVID NOTAM templates and aeronautical information publication guidance where possible
  - 2.6.4 Agreed to nominate representatives to participate on the AIM AG Microsoft Teams collaboration platform.

### 3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to take note of the information provided.
- 3.2 The meeting is invited to consider the following actions:
  - 3.2.1 Nominate an AIM point of contact for each state/organization wishing to be a member of the AIM AG and the AIM AG Microsoft Teams Collaboration Platform through e-mail to the AIM AG secretariat ([kirkmanl@iata.org](mailto:kirkmanl@iata.org))
  - 3.2.2 Participate in the activities of the AFI AIM AG
- 3.2 **Draft Conclusion/Decision 3/xxxx: *Africa and Indian Ocean Aeronautical Information Management Action Group***

**That; States wishing to participate in the AFI AIM AG Nominate their Representative/s for the AIM AG and the AIM AG Microsoft Teams Collaboration Platform through e-mail to the AIM AG secretariat ([kirkmanl@iata.org](mailto:kirkmanl@iata.org)) and actively participate in the activities of the AFI AIM AG.**

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