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Assessment and development of QMS applied to AIM in AFI states

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INTRODUCTION

* Purpose.

To present updates on the progress made in AIM project 1 on levels of implementation of QMS applied to AIM in the AFI region.

Metrics

Percentage of AFI States with ISO 9001: 2015 with a goal of having 60% of AFI States implement by December 2023.

As a continuation of APIRG Project 2019/001, the steering committee during their 22nd meeting of the AFI plan approved the establishment of an "AIM Go-Team for the AFI region to enhance AIM Project 1 mechanisms.

Member states contributing to the project are: Angola, Botswana, Senegal, Gambia, Nigeria, Tanzania, Mozambique, Ghana, Mali, South Africa, Uganda, Cote d' Ivoire, ASECNA, IATA and Kenya (PTC)

2 DISCUSSION

- 2.1 scope
- To implement guides applicable to QMS in a digital/electronic AIM environment in AFI region.
- The Project focuses on assessment and identification of implementation levels associated with Quality management in AIM services in the region and draft an action plan.

- 2.2 Actions undertaken
- ❖ A questionnaire was developed and circulated by the secretariat via state letter ref ES AN 1/6 − 0018 dated 29th January 2021 for states to complete by the end of March 2021.
- ❖States are encouraged to continuously take measures as necessary for the effective and active attendance of their experts in the APIRG IIM Project activities. (APIRG 23 Conclusion 23/18)

- ❖ Eleven (11) States took the survey as follows: Botswana, Mozambique, Madagascar, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Angola, South Africa, Nigeria, Zambia and Ghana
- ❖ ASECNA shared an ISO certificate with the PTC indicating that all its Member States are ISO 9001:2015 certified.
- ❖ Nine (9) indicated that they are ISO 9001:2015 certified while Angola and Ghana indicated that they are not ISO certified

- Ghana indicated that there is an AIM quality manual and an AIM Quality policy in place even though the State is not ISO certified.
- The State has signed a contract with a certifying body to begin the process.
- Angola hasn't started the process yet.
- The two States requested for assistance from ICAO to implement QMS in AIM.
- Zambia indicated that the organization is ISO certified, but doesn't have a AIM Quality Manual and AIM Quality policy in place.

The State requested for assistance in technical training from ICAO.

Analysis of the survey:

- Implemented QMS in AIM 25 States (52%) –(inclusive of ASECNA Member States)
- ❖ Not implemented -2 states (4%)
- ❖ Not known 21 States (44%)

2.3 Challenges and solutions

- Slow rate of response to the questionnaire.
- States not receiving the State letter circulating the questionnaire.
- More than one person taking up the questionnaire providing contradicting information.
- PTC not receiving feedback as agreed during the meeting.
- Lack of participation by team Members.

2.4 Way forward

- Conduct Follow up on States who have not undertaken the survey to do so.
- Follow up on ambiguous/contradicting information from States for clarifications.
- Conduct follow up to ensure QMS maintenance.
- Conduct survey to check effectiveness of QMS in States

- 3.0 Action by the meeting
 - **3.1** The meeting is invited to:
 - ❖ Note the information provided in this working paper.
 - Discuss and conclude the rolling out of Go-Teams activities for the States that have expressed need for assistance in the implementation of QMS in AIM.
 - Encourage States to consider virtual visits due to the air travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Encourage States that have not taken the survey to do so to enable the Project establish levels of implementation.

3.2 Draft Conclusion/Decision 4/XX: Guidance on the implementation of AIM Go team activities in AFI States

That:

For effective implementation of AIM Go-Team activities in AFI region;

- a) the Secretariat provides the project with guidance on the implementation as per the APIRG 23 Conclusion 23/23.
- b) ICAO to provide resources to facilitate the implementation process.
- c)States to nominate focal points to the PTC for effective coordination and implementation of the project.



