

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

**Fifth Meeting of the APIRG Infrastructure and Information Management Sub-Group
(IIM/SG5)***(Virtual, 26 - 29 July 2022)***Agenda Item 3: Achievements in AIM, CNS, and MET****3.1. Status of implementation of applicable ASBU elements****WP3.4C Outcome of the 5th Meeting of African ANSPs***(Presented by the Secretariat)***SUMMARY**

This working paper presents the summary of the outcome of the African ANSPs Peer Review and seeks for the way forward for effective implementation of the conclusion/recommendations.

Action by the meeting in paragraph 3

REFERENCE(S):

- Reports on APIRG 24 and APIRG precedent Meetings
- Reports on the 5th meeting of the ANSPs Peer review
- Report on the AFI Plan Steering Committee Meeting

This working document is related to **ICAO Strategic Objectives: A: Safety and B: Capacity and Efficiency** and all concerned ASBU Threads and Modules governing ATS AIM, CNS and MET service provision.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The fifth Meeting of the African Air Navigation Service Providers (5th Meeting African ANSPs) was held in-person in Lomé (Togo) from the 28th mars to 1st April 2022.

1.2 The meeting was attended by more than one hundred and fifty (150) participants from African ANSPs, Regional and International Organizations, and Industry Partners. The meeting registered the participants from the Agence Nationale de l'Aviation Civile (ANAC) of Togo and Gabon.

1.3 Mr. MOHAMED Moussa, Director General of ASECNA, designated by his peers as President of the ANSPs chaired the meeting. The moderation was done in turn by the DG/ASECNA, DG/ATNS, DG/ANAC Togo, DG/KCAA. The secretariat was chaired by the ICAO WACAF regional office and composed of ASECNA and CANSO Africa.

2. DISCUSSIONS

2.1 Under its Agenda Item 2-*Review of the status of implementation of the recommendations of the last meeting of the African ANSPs*, the meeting examined the status of implementation of the recommendations of the last meeting of the African ANSPs held in 2019. The meeting was provided with

the report on the pilot peer review conducted between ASECNA and GCAA, as well as on the review between ATNS and Eswatini.

2.2 The meeting acknowledged the contribution of the ANSPs to the pilot phase activities despite the difficult period imposed by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Some ANSPs testified on the improvements they could achieve from the lessons learned from the Peer Review pilot phase and the meeting concurred that the process should be improved and strengthened based on the lesson learned.

2.3 Under its Agenda Item 3-***AFI Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs) Peer Review mechanism***, the meeting was briefed on the mechanism governing the African Air Navigation Services Providers (ANSPs) Peer Review Programme.

2.4 Recognizing the importance of the peer review in the improvement of the quality of service, the meeting called for the consolidation and effective implementation of the peer review programme and invited the ANSPs as well as the African ANSPs Peer Review Steering Committee to consider the proposed way forward to address the challenges identified.

2.5 Under its Agenda Item 4-***Air navigation services and the COVID-19 pandemic***, the meeting analyzed the multidimensional impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on ANSPs, shared the sustainable experience for a normal Air Navigation Services provision and identified common challenges in this context. The meeting was provided with ANSPs and Partners perspectives and initiatives in addressing challenges and developing recovery strategies through projects and innovation towards industry resilience.

2.6 Under its Agenda Item 5-***Support to the AU Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM) flagship programme***, the meeting discussed issues related to the implementation of the ANS components of the AFCAC Joint Priority Action Plan for the operationalization of the Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM) championed by the Republic of Togo, as a follow up to the AFCAC/AU Stakeholders meeting held in January 2022.

2.7 The meeting was also appraised of the existing initiatives within ASECNA Member States through the CUPA (single sky for Africa) project to build seamless ATM framework in Africa. The meeting also noted the existing opportunities and lessons arising from regional cooperative management of airspaces in Africa and recognized the role of the ANSPs as key enablers to the implementation of the SAATM.

2.8 Under its Agenda Item 6-***Implementation of the Global and Regional Air Navigation Plans (GANP & AFI ANP) and ANSPs Priority Areas of Cooperation***, the meeting discussed priority areas of cooperation between the African ANSPs as well as the modalities for their implementation, with a particular emphasis on the spare parts and expertise sharing, the implementation of a seamless sky in support of the SAATM as well as the pooling of data and innovative technologies.

2.9 Under its Agenda Item 7-***Future work programme***, the meeting discussed and adopted the future work programme aiming to achieve the required actions as a way forward. In this work programme, some tasks are listed for each major item, with a responsible team and completion timelines. The meeting also agreed on the periodicity of its next sessions to be 2 years, as well as the sessions of the Steering Committee to be held yearly.

2.10 Under its Agenda Item 8-***Any Other Business***, the meeting was presented the emerging issue related to the lack of appropriate framework for the integration of the UAS in the airspace and their safe operation. The meeting recognized the challenges posed by the operation of UAS to the ANSPs in the current context of lack of regulatory framework and proposed some way forward to address these challenges

2.11 Under each of the above Agenda items the meeting identified detailed challenges and proposed way forward to address them. The details of the challenges and ways forward are attached in Appendix to this Working Paper

3. ACTIONS BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to :

- a) Take note of the information provided in this Working Paper
- b) Consider the relevant outcome of the African ANSPs 5th meeting when planning and implementing Information and Infrastructure supporting ATM provision

3.2 **Draft Decision 5/xx : Consideration of the outcome of the 5th Meeting of the African ANSPs for projects Update**

That;

Projects consider the provision of the 5th Meeting of the African ANSPs when revising the AFI Regional AIM, CNS and MET

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