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Subject: Second Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-AFI/2), Dakar, Senegal, 01 - 02 November 2013

Action required: Confirmation of participation not later than 1st October 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the Second Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for the AFI region (RASG-AFI/2) will be held at the ICAO Regional Office for Western and Central Africa (WACAF) in Dakar, Senegal on 1st and 2nd November 2013, and your Administration/Organization is being invited to this meeting.

You will recall that the first meeting of the AFI Regional Aviation Safety Group was held in Kampala, Uganda from 26 to 27 March 2012 as an outcome of which the overall RASG-AFI structure was adopted and Safety Support Teams (headed by Champions) created for the following priority projects viz Significant Safety Concerns (SSCs), Fundamentals of Safety Oversight (FSO), Accident Investigation (AI) and Emerging Safety Issues (ESI). It was also agreed that the future work programme of the Group would take into account various safety targets that were to be identified, developed and submitted for adoption by the Ministerial Conference on Aviation safety held in Abuja in July 2012.

In fact in March 2013, a Planning and Implementation Group (PIRG) and Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG) Global Coordination Meeting was held at ICAO Headquarters in Montreal. One important outcome of the Montreal Meeting requires that all ICAO Regions set priorities and targets consistent with the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) and the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) whilst taking into account the specific needs of each region. Such safety targets have already been set by the Abuja Ministerial Conference held in July 2012, and endorsed by the African Union (AU) Heads of State and Government's Summit held in Addis Ababa in January 2013.

Collective safety performance of the Region must be improved; therefore, RASG-AFI/2 will review and adopt the terms of reference of the relevant subsidiary bodies which will assist in achieving the set safety targets for the Region. The Group will also select the required metrics and indicators to ensure that achievements are measured and reported regularly.

In line with the need for global coordination between RASGs on the one hand, and RASG's and PIRGs on the other, this second meeting of RASG-AFI will be preceded by APIRG/19 from 28 to 31 October 2013 at the same venue. The outcomes of the meetings of both Groups will be presented, also in Dakar, to the Fifth Meeting of AFI Directors General of Civil Aviation on 4th November 2013.

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Attachments A1, A2 and B to this letter comprise the tentative Agenda for the RASG AFI/2 meeting, the explanatory notes and the venue information bulletin with a list of hotels in Dakar. In making your choice of hotel, please note that transportation between the hotels and meeting venue will be provided only for hotels in the following areas of Dakar: Yoff, Ngor and Almadies.

The meeting will be conducted in English and French and the documentation in both languages, will be posted on ICAO websites; <http://www.icao.int/wacaf> and <http://www.icao.int/esaf>.

Those intending to present papers should ensure that these papers reach the Secretariat not later than 20 September 2013 and preferably in both languages. Working Papers received after the 20th of September 2013 will be distributed in the language in which they are received, without translation. As it is going to be a paperless meeting, no working papers will be distributed during the meeting. Participants are therefore advised to download these papers from the indicated websites and bring along their laptops and tablets to handle the meeting documentation.

Kindly confirm your participation at your earliest opportunity but not later than 1st October 2013. Kindly also complete the attached registration form to enroll the participants of your Administration/Organization by providing the relevant information through the following email addresses: icaowacaf@icao.int and icaoesaf@icao.int. In anticipation of your confirmation, we look forward to working with you at RASG-AFI/2 for the improvement of aviation safety in the Region.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Mam Sait Jallow
Regional Director
(Secretary of RASG-AFI)

Attachments:

- A: Tentative Agenda
- B: Information bulletin