



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

**FOURTH MEETING OF THE REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP FOR AFRICA -
INDIAN OCEAN (RASG-AFI/4)**

(Nairobi, Kenya, from 12 to 13 October, 2017)

Agenda Item 8: Proposed RASG-AFI Activities for 2018/2019

(Presented by the Secretariat)

| SUMMARY |
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| <p>This paper presents proposed activities of the RASG-AFI and its subsidiary bodies for 2018/2019 for review and adoption by the RASG-AFI/4 meeting.</p> <p>Action by the meeting: To review and adopt the Proposed Activities of RASG-AFI for 2018/2019 as contained in Appendix 1 to this paper.</p> <p>REFERENCE(S): Approved RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook</p> |

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC) was established to guide the work of the Group and to ensure that safety initiatives are accomplished in a timely, effective and efficient manner. In this regard, the RASC was mandated, amongst other things, to propose an Annual Work Programme in addition to ensuring that the activities of the Group are properly coordinated.

1.2 The RASC also serves as an advisory body to the RASG-AFI by providing regular safety environment assessments and to undertake any action that may be required to ensure that the RASG-AFI achieves its objectives including the reduction of aviation risks and to minimize or avoid duplication of efforts in the AFI Region.

1.3 Provided as **Appendix 1** to this paper is the proposed programme of activities for 2018/2019.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 In line with Decision 2/5 of RASG-AFI/3 – *RASG-AFI Activities and Future Work programme* requiring RASC to exercise flexibility, at its discretion, on the contents and frequency of its activities whilst taking into account the logical chronology and sequence for effective implementation, the proposed 2018/2019 Activities were developed with these objectives in mind.

2.2 The frequency of the RASC teleconferences although scheduled as quarterly, may be held at the discretion of the RASC and the proposed programme also provides for flexibility in the frequency and manner in which the activities of the Group and its subsidiary bodies are conducted.

2.3 The proposed 2018/2019 Activities covers those of the RASC, the Safety Support Teams and RASG-AFI regional meetings. For proper coordination and as a cost-effective measure, it is envisaged that APIRG and RASG-AFI Meetings will continue to be held back-to-back at the same venues.

2.4 Although no new SSCs have emerged since 2015, the remaining 3 have been long standing and require intensified intervention. AIG continues to be weak generally in the region. The thinking in this respect (as well as for RSOOs) is the streamlining of regional organizations rather than their proliferation. The AFI Plan study will inform the way forward. Meanwhile, two AIG Workshops are to be held in Addis Ababa and Abuja (Back-to-back) to facilitate development of harmonized legislation and regulations in States. A key focus area relates to attention to emerging safety issues (CFIT, LOC-I etc) and progressive increase in EI levels in all areas for all States, taking into account the concept of safety margin.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 In order to optimize resources and to ensure that the activities of the Group are effectively implemented, the RASC will continue to exercise flexibility on the contents and frequency of all planned activities whilst taking into account the immediate overall impact towards achieving the objectives of the Group.

4. ACTION BY THE MEETING

4.1 The meeting is invited to:

- i. Review and adopt the proposed RASG-AFI Activities for 2018/2019 as contained in Appendix 1 to this paper; and
- ii. Provide further guidance as appropriate.

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