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for AFRICA

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AFI Plan Objectives

Medium-term objectives

- To strengthen civil aviation authorities with respect to their safety oversight capabilities;
- To increase compliance with ICAO SARPs and industry's best practice;
- To increase the number of qualified personnel at the industry and oversight levels;
- To improve the quality of inspectors and other civil aviation staff through training;
- To ensure impartial and unimpeachable investigation and reporting of serious accidents and incidents;
- To enhance regional cooperation;
- To enhance capacity of regional and sub-regional safety oversight systems;
- To ensure expeditious implementation of aviation safety management systems for airports, air navigation services providers and airlines;
- To improve assistance in oversight to least developed States;
- To provide expert aviation knowledge within the reach of the targeted States via the web

Long-term objectives

- To increase credibility of States and regional organizations, attracting investors and customers for the industry;
- To increase relevance of the global SARPs development and implementation process to the region, as well as the participation of States in the SARPs development process;
- To heighten transparency into the region's aviation oversight activity, enabling more rapid problem resolution and regionally prioritized action;
- To provide a structured and coordinated approach for participation of all stakeholders active in the effort to increase aviation safety in the Africa-Indian Ocean Region, allowing efforts to be driven not only to States but also to all stakeholders involved in the air transport system;
- To establish coordination and cooperation in training activities undertaken in the AFI Region



U.S. Strategic Interests in Africa

- **Strengthen democratic institutions**
- **Spur economic growth, trade and investment**
- **Advance peace and security**
- **Promote opportunity**



DOT's International Objectives

- **Increase transportation system capacity and market access**
- **Improve the safety, efficiency and resiliency of the transportation system**
- **Promote transportation innovation**
- **Support U.S. foreign policy objectives through technical assistance**



Safe Skies Partnership

Aviation Safety

- Aerodrome Workshops
- Air Traffic Safety Oversight Workshops
- Air Navigation Support through Training and Technology
- Capacity Building through Training
- Bilateral Technical Assistance

Accident Investigation

- Technical assistance and training in best practices
- Bilateral Assistance

Aviation Security

- Collaborate with other donors to ensure aviation security concerns are addressed



Safe Skies Next Steps

1. **Support Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs)**
2. **Provide guidance on developing sustainable aviation academies**
3. **Promote and support sustainable capacity development**
4. **Assist our partners with building the next generation of aviation professionals and leaders through targeted outreach activities**
5. **Communicate through collaboration and coordination**





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Thank you!