



**COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AVIATION  
SAFETY IN AFRICA (AFI PLAN)**

**SEVENTEEN AFI PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING  
(Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, 30 June 2016)**

**Agenda Item 1:- Review of the Progress Report on the implementation of the AFI Plan since the sixteenth meeting of the Steering Committee and Status of Implementation of the 2016 Work Programme**

*(Presented by AFI Plan Secretariat)*

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This paper presents information on the implementation of the Decisions and Recommendations of the 16<sup>th</sup> AFI Plan Steering Committee meeting which was held on 26 November 2015 in Montreal, Canada and the status of implementation of the 2016 work programme.

***Action:** The Steering Committee is invited to:*

- a) Note the information contained in the paper;
- b) Note the related information contained in Discussion Papers **02, 05** and relevant Presentations;
- c) Provide further instructions and guidance for the continued implementation of the Decisions and Recommendations of its 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, considering the status of implementation (column 7 of **Attachment A**);
- d) Provide further instructions and guidance for the continued implementation of the 2016 Work Programme in line with Column 5 of **Attachment B**; and
- e) Review and endorse the ANS targets and performance indicators which were adopted by APIRG/20 as presented in **Attachment C**;

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Steering Committee at its 16<sup>th</sup> meeting had reviewed the actions taken since its fifteenth meeting on the implementation of the AFI Plan and approved the proposed 2016 AFI Plan activities and Work Programme.

1.2 This paper summarizes the progress made in the implementation of the Decisions and Recommendations of the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the AFI Plan Steering Committee and the status of implementation of the 2016 Work Programme.

## 2. SUMMARY OF PROGRESS: NOVEMBER 2015 - JUNE 2016

2.1 The list of Decisions and Recommendations of the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the AFI Plan Steering Committee (SC/16) along with an update on actions undertaken so far as well as actions required from this meeting are attached herewith as **Attachment A**. On the other hand, the status of implementation of the 2016 Work Programme is presented as **Attachment B** to this Discussion Paper.

2.2 As per the decision (SC16/Dec 03) of the 16<sup>th</sup> AFI Plan Steering Committee meeting the targets of the ANS performance indicators were developed, presented and adopted at the APIRG/20 meeting, which was held in Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire from 30 November to 02 December 2015. The ANS indicators and targets as adopted by APIRG/20 are presented as **Attachment C** to this Discussion Paper for endorsement and further guidance.

2.3 Following the endorsement of the selected ANS targets by this meeting, the AFI Plan Secretariat will continue to work closely with AFCAC in order to coordinate with the African Union Commission (AUC) on means to secure high level endorsement and commitment by African States to achieve these regional targets.

2.4 With regard to Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs) and Regional Accident and Incident Investigation Organizations (RAIOs), the establishment and/or operationalization of such entities is still continuing. In support of this endeavour and based on the decision and recommendation of the SC/16 meeting, the AFI Plan Secretariat has begun to work on facilitating the future integration and enlargement of such entities. Accordingly, the AFI Plan Secretariat together with EASA plans to hold a joint Global RSOO meeting in the AFI region with the involvement of AFI RSOOs/RAIOs, in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2016.

2.5 Meanwhile, considering the challenge faced by the Seven Partner States following the likelihood of Libya, Egypt and Sudan to join the ACAC and MID RSOOs and its potential impact on the scope of the initial seven partners' RSOO/RAIO, the SC/16 meeting had requested the Secretariat to study the matter and propose viable solutions. The proposal from the Secretariat in this respect is to consider to either establish an RSOO/RAIO for the remaining countries or to integrate them to a larger group(s). The Secretariat further proposes that these options be discussed with the remaining States at the planned AFI

RSOOs/RAIOs meeting later this year. A Memorandum of Cooperation to be concluded between SASO and CASSOA has been initiated and is under consideration. A plan of action for cooperation in identified priority areas and activities related to all ICAO strategic objectives, that was pending for a couple of years, was finally signed with the UEMOA Commission during the ICAO Secretary General's Visit to Burkina Faso from 2 to 3 May 2016. Similar Plans of Action were signed in 2014 with ECOWAS and CEEAC.

2.6 The SC/16 meeting in Montreal, Canada had noted the continuous effort made by AFCAC to obtain information from member States in order to monitor the Abuja Safety Targets. However, it was also noted that the report presented during the 16<sup>th</sup> SC meeting did not provide a complete picture on the status of implementation of the Abuja safety targets. On that basis the SC requested AFCAC, with the support of the AFI Plan Secretariat, RSOOs, Industry and other partners to effectively continue the evaluation and report the progress made to its next meeting. To this effect, AFCAC will present a report to this meeting on the progress made so far to evaluate the status of implementation of the Abuja safety targets.

2.7 The SC/16 meeting decided that the recommendations of the evaluation of the AFI Plan conducted in 2015 by ICAO EAO, be followed up and implemented. The evaluation found the programme to be a relevant mechanism for the improvement of aviation safety capability in the region, and recommended that the programme be continued beyond 2016 at least for the next triennium in order to build on the results achieved so far and to ensure their sustainability. This evaluation and the AFI Plan's extension for the next triennium were approved by the ICAO Council. In accordance with the evaluation report's recommendation, the AFI Plan Secretariat drafted a working paper for the 39<sup>th</sup> Assembly Session, requesting the continuation of AFI Plan activities beyond 2016 and within the work programmes of the regional offices, and its expansion to cover all safety areas.

2.8 The AFI Plan secretariat continued supporting AATO on the basis of the Decision of the 16<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting. Accordingly, the ICAO - ESAF Regional Office played a key role in the process of securing the Headquarters Agreement with the Federal Democratic Republic Ethiopia. Consequently, the Secretary General of AATO begun operations from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia based on this Agreement. Furthermore, ICAO-GAT and the AFI Plan Secretariat provided support during the 8<sup>th</sup> AATO Council meeting and in the preparation of the draft African Training Roadmap. AATO will present a report to this meeting on the later as per Rec 12 of the SC/16 meeting.

2.9 The AFI Plan Secretariat made a follow up on the progress made so far on establishing the African ANSP Safety and Quality Assurance (ASQA) Programme as per the Decision of SC/15. The ASQA Programme Steering Committee is established and a follow up meeting was held on 3 December 2015 in Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire.

2.10 In response to SC/16 Dec. 15 and in order to facilitate attainment of 2016 AFI Safety Goals, the AFI Plan Secretariat has prepared, for consideration and approval by the SC/17 meeting, project proposals for 2016 and beyond. These include implementation of the ANSP peer review mechanism; Resolution of SSCs; Certification of International Aerodromes; Search and Rescue Organization; SMS/SSP courses; etc. These projects are expected to be launched in July 2016.

2.11 Concerning the 2016 AFI Goals, in addition to the project proposals:

- priority States (8 WACAF and 5 ESAF) have been identified and are being assisted for attainment of 60% EI;
- the four (4) ESAF States with outstanding SSCs are receiving intensified ROST assistance whilst all States scheduled for Audits and ICVMs are being closely monitored to pre-empt any new SSCs; and
- eight WACAF States and eight ESAF States have been identified and slated for assistance in certification of one principal international airport. For a more realistic approach aimed at building capacity for aerodrome certification in line with the NCLB aspirational goals, it is proposed that the SC/17 meeting reviews the 2016 Aerodrome Certification Goal to require certification of one principal aerodrome in 45% of States by end 2016.

2.12 The support from the United States Department of Transportation Safe Skies for Africa Program (SSFA) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as well as the EU project for “Support to the Improvement of Aviation Safety in Africa” (SIASA) aimed at assisting African States in improving the level of implementation of ICAO safety standards, is ongoing.

2.13 The Secretariat collaborated with ICAO-endorsed Aviation Training Centres such as the Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) Academy, Johannesburg, South Africa; East African School of Aviation (EASA), Nairobi, Kenya; Ecole Africaine de la Météorologie et de l' Aviation Civile (EAMAC), Niamey, Niger and Ecole Régionale de la Navigation Aérienne et de Management (ERNAM), Dakar, Senegal, to provide necessary information to member States. These training centres have been conducting ICAO Government Safety Inspector (GSI) courses on Personnel licencing, Airworthiness of aircraft and Aircraft operations as well as Inspector courses on Air Traffic Management, Communications, Navigation and Surveillance and Meteorology.

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