



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

### EIGHTEENTH AFI PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

*(Montreal, Canada, 30 November 2016)*

#### **Agenda Item 1: Review of the Status of Implementation of AFI Plan Projects**

*(Presented by AFI Plan Secretariat)*

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This paper presents information related to the progress made in the implementation of the AFI Plan projects that were approved during the 17<sup>th</sup> AFI Plan Steering Committee meeting.

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

- a) Note the information contained in this paper; and
- b) Provide further instruction and guidance as deems necessary.

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1. The Steering Committee at its 17<sup>th</sup> meeting reviewed a number of Project Proposals presented by the AFI Plan Secretariat and approved funding and implementation of projects on Aerodrome Certification, Establishment an African ANSP Peer Review programme, SSP/SMS implementation and Search and Rescue (SAR) organizations.

1.2. This paper presents the progress made in the implementation of these projects since the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the AFI Plan Steering Committee.

## **2. SUMMARY OF PROGRESS: JUNE 2016 – NOVEMBER 2016**

2.1 During its 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Steering Committee (SC) reviewed the progress made in the implementation of the programme of activities under the AFI Plan for the year 2016. The SC also approved the above mentioned four projects to be funded and implemented during the remaining year of 2016 and beyond.

2.2 The aerodrome certification project designed to support 16 African states to certify at least one of their International aerodromes was launched in August 2016 in both ESAF and WACAF Regions. At the launching sessions, Directors General of CAAs and Airport CEOs of the beneficiary States were sensitized on the importance of the project and the need for their support and commitment. The official launching was followed by aerodrome certification workshops conducted for the benefit of the CAA and airport personnel of the resource and beneficiary States.

2.3 Currently States are submitting their Plans of Action and Regional Officers have been guiding and monitoring the process closely together with resource-Experts from the region. In 2017 the implementation of these action plans is expected to be completed so that experts will assist States on-site and a final preparedness review will be conducted prior to the certification inspection and final action by the State's CAA.

2.4 The implementations of the SSP project also started by informing the 24 beneficiary States of their eligibility for the project and requesting them to nominate national focal points. The concerned States were urged to demonstrate commitment and cooperate in order to ensure the project's success.

2.5 In accordance with the project schedule of the SAR Organization the ESAF regional office conducted a workshop which was attended by 14 participants and experts from 7 beneficiary States. The workshop has successfully provided the participants with essential information and knowledge on the objective and scope of the project. The participants demonstrated clear understanding and appreciation of the scope of the project and expressed confidence that they will be able to effectively carry out what is required from them and to provide necessary feedback to ICAO on progress made. The WACAF regional office also conducted various activities including informing beneficiary States' DGs and high-level officials regarding the objective of the project through State Letter, prepared survey questionnaire to collect information on SAR implementation for the purpose of conducting gap analysis. A number of States have already nominated SAR Experts to support the project.

2.6 During the 39<sup>th</sup> session of the ICAO Assembly a working Paper A39-WP456 presented by ASECNA on behalf of ANSPs. The Assembly was informed that the African Air Navigation Services Providers (ANSPs) Peer Review Programme was launched in February 2015 by the ICAO Council President. The Assembly was also informed of the aim of this initiative of establishing a regional framework of cooperation and peer review mechanism to improve air navigation operational performance in Africa, and that some ANSPs have initiated trials and drawn useful lessons.

2.7 The Terms of reference of the ANSP Peer Review Programme Coordination Team of Executives has been established. On 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 an AFI ANSPs Coordination Meeting chaired by ICAO Council President, was held in Montreal.

2.8 Since the 17<sup>th</sup> SC meeting the AFI Plan projects have made encouraging progress. As implementation of most of the project activities will extend to next year, these have been reflected in the 2017 AFI Plan work programme (DP6).