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

**EIGHTEENTH AFI PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Montreal, Canada, 30 November 2016**

**Agenda Item 2: Proposed Programme of activities under the AFI Plan in 2017**

(Presented by the AFI Plan Secretariat)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This paper presents information related to the proposed programme of activities under the AFI Plan for the year 2017.

*Action: The Steering Committee is invited to:*

- a) Note the information contained in the paper; and
- b) Consider and approve the proposed Work Programme for the year 2017.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 This paper presents the proposed work programme of activities under the AFI Plan for the year 2017, on the basis of the initiatives and targets set for 2017 and in accordance with the updated Programme Document following the approval of the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the ICAO Assembly for continuation of the AFI Plan beyond 2016.

## 2. SUMMARY OF PROGRESS -2016

2.1 During its seventeenth meeting, the Steering Committee made a mid-term review of progress in the implementation of the programme of activities under the AFI Plan for the year 2016.

2.2 Progress has been made in the implementation of the AFI Plan Work Programme for 2016 as discussed under Agenda item 1 with the deferment of some activities to 2017.

2.3 In addition to some activities related to training, RSOO coordination meeting etc., the implementation of approved AFI Plan projects has been extended into 2017.

## 3. PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2017

3.1 The formulation of the 2017 AFI Plan work programme takes into account the 39<sup>th</sup> Assembly decision which extended the implementation of the programme beyond 2016 for the next triennium and the expansion of the programme activities to include AIG, AGA and ANS as well as the annual initiatives and specific targets for the year. Furthermore, the Plan considers the progress made in achieving the targets set for 2016 relating to the removal of all significant safety concerns (SSCs), increase of EI rates for 70% of AFI States to 60% and certification of 45% of International airports. The details of the activities including specific targets to be achieved by the end of 2017 under each focus area has been prepared in accordance with the Updated programme Document and provided as Attachment A to this Discussion Paper.

3.2 In terms of assistance to States, efforts towards effective implementation of the ICAO Plans of Action are to be maintained with continued support by the Regional Office Safety Teams (ROSTs) including working visits by States to the Regional Offices. Assistance missions by AFI-CIS, TCB Projects, COSCAPs/RSOOs and other development and technical partners will also be coordinated and conducted within the framework of the ICAO Plans of Actions.

3.3 The AFI Plan projects which were approved during the 17<sup>th</sup> SC meeting are at various stages of implementation. The Aerodrome Certification project was launched in August 2016 and implementation has since been on-going. The groundworks for the implementation of the remaining projects namely the State Safety Programme (SSP), ANS Peer Review and Search and Rescue (SAR) Projects are almost completed with implementation set to begin by early 2017. Accordingly, these activities have also been reflected in the 2017 work programme in attachment A.

3.4 With regards to Regional Safety Oversight Organisations (RSOOs) and Regional Accident Investigation Agencies (RAIAs), it was recommended to continue working with each sub-region for the effective strengthening of existing RSOOs and RAIAs. Accordingly, the AFI Plan Secretariat will continue to proactively engage with these entities whilst maintaining focus of the establishment and operationalization of new one.

3.5 AFI Plan will also work to facilitate integration and enlargement of existing RSOOs and RAIAs, for economies of scale and sustainability.). To this end, a back-to-back

Global and Regional RSOO conference is scheduled to be convened in March 2017 in Swaziland.

3.6 On the basis of the Recommendation of the Report on the Evaluation of AFI Plan, it is proposed to facilitate the delivery of inspector courses in English and French in the areas of Operations, Airworthiness, Personnel Licensing, Aerodrome and Air Navigation Services in close collaboration with GAT and Human Resource Development Fund (HRDF) as well as the ICAO Endorsed training institutions in Africa. AFI Plan will also continue to closely work on this endeavour.

3.7 AFI Plan, as part of its activities of 2017 will also continue to serve as a coordination platform for the programs, projects and initiatives of Partners.

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