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Subject: The invitation to attend:

- a) Fourth Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Aviation Safety Symposium;
- b) Nineteenth Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan) Steering Committee Meeting;
- c) Second AFI Security Symposium;
- d) Fifth Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation (AFI SECFAL Plan) Steering Committee Meeting;
(Gaborone, Botswana, from 22 to 25 May 2017)

Action required: Register online by 21 April 2017

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite you to the Fourth Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Aviation Safety Symposium, the Nineteenth Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan) Steering Committee Meeting, the Second AFI Security Symposium and the Fifth Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation (AFI SECFAL Plan) Steering Committee Meeting to be held in Gaborone, Botswana, from 22 to 25 May 2017.

The programmes and objectives of the meetings and criteria for participant eligibility are outlined in the attachment to this letter. You are kindly requested to circulate this invitation to the appropriate entities within your State and to advise whether your State/Organization plans to participate in the above events by registering online on the events' website at <http://www2010.icao.int/ESAF/AFI-Aviation-Week-2017/Pages/default.aspx> no later than **21 April 2017**. The general information on the venue, local arrangements, preliminary agendas/programmes, documentation and presentations, will be provided in due course on the events' website. Kindly note that all the events will be conducted in both the English and French languages.

I strongly encourage you to participate in these important meetings aimed at developing the appropriate strategies and providing the necessary support towards the enhancement of the aviation system in the AFI Region.

I will be in Gaborone to participate in the events, to which representatives of the AFI Plan and AFI SECFAL Steering Committees from the AFI Region and other regions, as well as representatives of organizations, have also been invited.

For more information on the events, please contact the ICAO Western and Central African Regional Office (AFI Plan Secretariat) at icaowacaf@icao.int or the ICAO Eastern and Southern African Regional Office (AFI SECFAL Plan Secretariat) at icaoesaf@icao.int.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fang Liu', with a horizontal line underneath.

Fang Liu
Secretary General

Enclosure:

Programme of Meetings – AFI Aviation Week

**PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS – AFI AVIATION WEEK
Gaborone, Botswana, from 22 to 25 May 2017**

Monday, 22 May Fourth AFI Aviation Safety Symposium

- Objectives:*
- To review the status of implementation of the various ICAO safety initiatives for Africa, share success stories and challenges, and agree on relevant strategies to further enhance safety in the region.
 - Capacity building - to present the progress report on the establishment and implementation of the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) for Africa and discuss next steps.

- Participants:*
- Directors General of Civil Aviation and aviation safety representatives of AFI Region Member States; and
 - Representatives from partner States, international and regional organizations, and industry.
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Tuesday, 23 May Nineteenth Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan) Steering Committee Meeting

- Objectives:*
- To review activities of the AFI Plan work programme and in particular the status of implementation of the Abuja safety targets and 2016/2017 goals.

- Participants:*
- AFI Plan Steering Committee Members;
 - Directors General of Civil Aviation from AFI Region Member States; and
 - Invited representatives of other Member States and international organizations.
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Wednesday, 24 May Second AFI Security Symposium

- Objectives:*
- To provide an overview on ICAO Assembly Resolution A39-38 on aviation security, various ICAO security and facilitation initiatives for Africa, emerging security threats, share success stories and challenges, capacity building and agree on relevant strategies to further enhance security in the region.
 - Capacity building - to present the progress report on the establishment and implementation of the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) for Africa and discuss next steps.

- Participants:*
- Directors General of Civil Aviation and aviation security representatives of AFI Region Member States; and
 - Representatives from partner States, international and regional organizations, and industry.
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Thursday, 25 May Fifth Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation (AFI SECFAL Plan) Steering Committee Meeting

- Objective:*
- To review activities of the implementation of the AFI SECFAL Plan work programme and in particular the Windhoek Declaration and Targets.

- Participants:*
- AFI SECFAL Plan Steering committee members, Directors General of the appropriate authorities for aviation security and facilitation from AFI Region Member States and any others as shall be invited by the ICAO Secretary General.