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Strengthening AVSEC in Africa: The EU-CASE Project

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Aviation Security Cooperation

- Confirmed threat to civil aviation
- International baseline measures for mitigating threats (ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices)
- Request to strengthen aviation security partnership between European and African States
- Enhance aviation security through swift elimination of identified vulnerabilities (e.g. ICAO USAP findings)
- Jointly overcome structural and political difficulties detrimental to high aviation security standards



EU Actions and Cooperation at International Level - 1

Europe – Africa dialogue : joint interest in combating terrorism (7th College-to-College meeting, 22 April 2015)

Euromed - regional projects on aviation safety and security

European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP)



EU Actions and Cooperation at International Level - 2

- *ASACA - Support Project to strengthening civil aviation security in Africa*
- *ACP cooperation - Improvement of Aviation Security in Africa*
- *Instrument for Peace and Stability – CASE project*
- *2014-2020 11th EU Development Fund for East-African Community*



EU Actions and Cooperation at International Level - 3

AFCAC – European Union agreed cooperation

- EC-AFCAC agreement on Common strategic objectives and commitments (October 2013)
- AFCAC-EU Air Cargo Security Agreement (March 2014)

African - European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) aviation security cooperation

- MOU with AFCAC, ECOWAS and WAEMU

European – African coordination on policy and assistance activities at international level (ICAO)



The Civil Aviation Security (CASE) project: A European Union initiative for strengthening AVSEC in Africa

- Background
- Objectives and main features
- Implementation plan
- International coordination
- Keys to success



Background

- The EU overall initiative for countering terrorism
- Building on existing projects by different States/organisations
- Recent amendments to Annex 17
- The EU cargo security regime and its implications



Objectives and Main Features

- Overall objective:
 - to counter the threat of terrorism by the improvement of aviation security level in Beneficiary States
- Implementation: ECAC, through a Grant from European Commission
 - Establishment of an ECAC project team
 - 7M€ - Duration 4 years (mid-2015 to mid-2019)
- Beneficiaries: African States, airports and airlines
- Four main components



Implementation Plan

■ Main components of the Project

1. Creation of viable and sustainable security culture (eg risk management, threats, MANPADS)
2. Review and adjustment of aviation security legislation/regulations (cargo security)
3. Creation of viable and sustainable AVSEC quality assurance (eg training of national auditors, cargo inspectors, covert tests)
4. Compliance with international baseline AVSEC standards

■ Activities: workshops, on-site mentoring/coaching, training, joint audits/vulnerability assessment



International Coordination

- Objectives:
 - Coordinate activities under the Project
 - Search for synergies for benefit of States
- Implementation of EU Project in coordination with (through Steering Group):
 - ECAC Member States
 - ICAO AFI SEC/FAL Plan
 - Regional organisations: AFCAC, ACAC, WAEMU, ECOWAS
 - Other international partners
 - Industry partners: ACI, IATA



Keys to Success

- Careful identification of Beneficiary States
- Strong commitment from Beneficiary States
- Tailored activities to specific needs of States and regions
- Coordination efforts with international partners



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