## AFI AVIATION WEEK – 8th EDITION STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE AFI SECFAL PLAN

Report on the status of implementation of the 10th RASFALG AFI Meeting Recommendations, Activities, and the Operationalization of the AFI-CES Cooperative Scheme

**AFCAC PRESENTATION** 



## **Executive Summary**

This PPT presents a comprehensive report on the implementation of the recommendations from the 10th RASFALG-AFI, with a particular focus on key areas such as enhancing communication tools and response rate among African states, intensifying partnerships and programs of cooperation in aviation security. It also covers aviation security technical assistance activities, the operationalization of the AFI-CES cooperative scheme, the new initiative on the creation of AFCAC AVSEC working groups and sub-groups, as well as the one-stop security arrangements initiative. Additionally, it discusses a trial project for the implementation of one-stop security.

#### **INTRODUCTION**



- ☐ The Tenth Session of the Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (RASFALG-AFI/10) was convened in Dakar, Senegal on December 14th and 15th, 2022.
- The meeting was attended by 93 participants from 34 AFCAC member States, 2 ICAO Aviation Security Training Centers, Senegal and Tanzania, and 9 International and Regional organizations AFRAA, ACAO, ECAC, IATA, ACI-Africa, TSA, CASSOA, ICAO and AFCAC.





#### **SCOPE OF THE MEETING**

□ ICAO Annex 17 - Aviation Security Amendment 18;

☐ Progress on the Implementation of the Recommendations and Activities of the 9th RASFALG-AFI Meeting; ☐ Progress on the Implementation of the Decisions and Recommendations of the 11th AFI SECFAL Plan Steering Committee; ☐ Status of Implementation of the new Windhoek Targets; ☐ Report on the AFCAC assistance activities; ☐ Assistance activities for Benin: Sharing of experiences and results (Benin **Civil Aviation Authority)**; ☐ USAP- CMA results in Africa;

#### **SCOPE OF THE MEETING**

☐ Correlation analysis between the level of implementation of Windhoek Targets and the USAP-CMA results; □ 2023 AFCAC Assistance activities: Program and challenges; Implementation of AFI SECFAL Assistance ☐ Report the Plan **Activities/Projects**; ☐ 41st Assembly AVSEC Security and Facilitation resolutions; ☐ Updates on the ACI-Africa Programs; ☐ ECAC activities and CASE II project activities;

#### SCOPE OF THE MEETING



- ☐ AFCAC-TSA Cooperation;
- ☐ Latest developments by AFRAA;
- ☐ Latest AVSEC developments by CASSOA; and
- ☐ ICAO Aviation Security Training Centre (ASTC) Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.





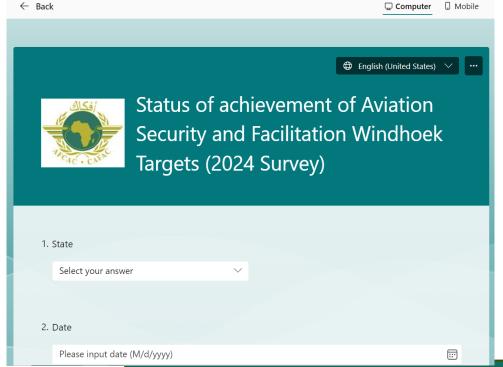
## **Enhancing Communication Tools and Response Rate:**

- □ In accordance with the recommendations put forth by the RASFALG Group, AFCAC has worked on the development, reinforcement, and maintenance of its newly established Point of Contacts (PoC) platform. This has involved designating focal points and conducting online tests to ensure its effectiveness.
- □ AFCAC has leveraged web-based solutions, including surveys, to foster improved communication, interaction, and response rates to AFCAC State letters, surveys as well as enhance participation in AFCAC events.
- The response from member states regarding the new communication process has been highly positive, with a remarkable level of engagement, active interactions, and extensive participation. Notably, the surveys conducted, such as those on capacity-building program needs, the status of Windhoek implementation, and the designation or amendment of the AFI-CES experts list, have received encouraging levels of response.

#### Data collection for the 2024 Surveys











AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION COMMISSION



COMMISSION AFRICAINE DE L'AVIATION CIVILE

AC/HQ/1.1-271

19 June 2023

Subject: Request for Designation of AFI CES Experts

Action required: to complete the online form by July 28, 2023.

Dear Director General,

As the Secretary General of the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) and within the framework of the AFI Cooperative Security and Facilitation Experts Scheme (AFI-CES), I am writing to formally request the designation of new or reaffirmation of highly qualified and experienced AFI CES experts from your esteemed State.

As you may be aware, the AFI-CES plays a pivotal role in facilitating technical assistance among African member States, fostering collaboration, and sharing experiences to enhance aviation security and facilitation measures. It is essential that you designate qualified experts from your State to further strengthen the collaborative efforts and maximize the effectiveness of assistance activities within the AFI-CES framework. This designation will significantly contribute to addressing aviation security and facilitation challenges and overall improvement in aviation security and facilitation measures across the African continent. Through close cooperation with States, international, and regional organizations, AFCAC is committed to achieving these objectives.

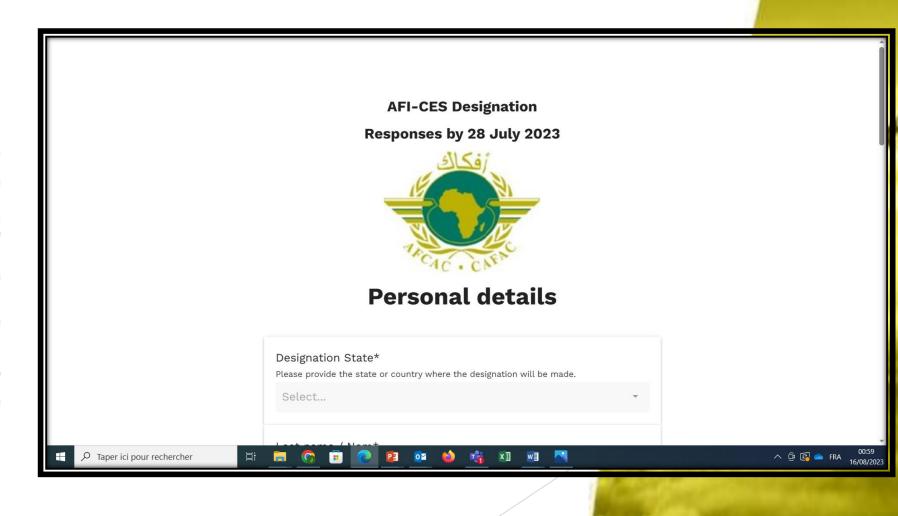
Once designated, the SME must complete the online form and attach the authorization letter from the Director General. For your reference and convenience, we have taken the liberty of attaching a sample authorization letter. The online form can be accessed through the following link <u>Designation AFI-CES Expert</u>. To provide easy access, we have included a dedicated QR code below



The deadline for completion is July 28, 2023.

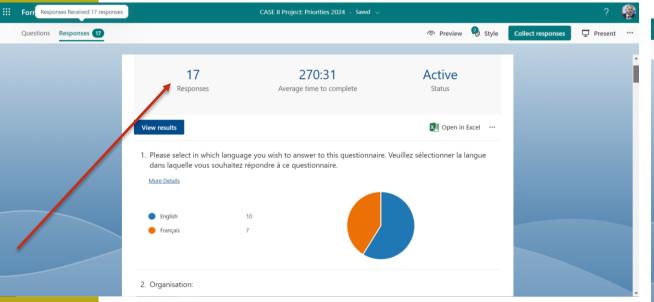
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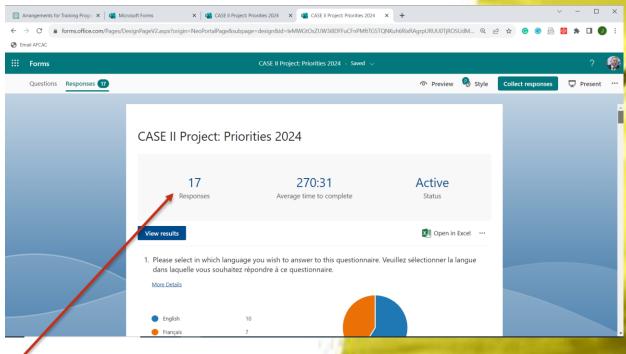
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Intensification of Partnerships and programs of Cooperation in Aviation security: Activities under the AfDB project "Institutional Support to the AFCAC for the Implementation of the SAATM":

- □ Within the SAATM Project framework, a range of successful assistance and capacity-building initiatives were carried out for the SAATM States based on the predefined criteria for selecting beneficiary States. The Arrican Development Bank (AfDB) provided the necessary financing for these activities.
- ☐ The following States received assistance through these activities: Benin, Lesotho, Mozambique, Guinea, Republic of Congo, Chad, and Gambia.
- □ Furthermore, before the year ends assistance activities are scheduled to be conducted for the following States i.e., the Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Niger, Central African Republic, and Zimbabwe.

Intensification of Partnerships and programs of Cooperation in Aviation security: AFCAC-ECAC Cooperation

- □ AFCAC and the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC), as the implementing body of the European Union funded CASE Project, have organized joint activities:
- ✓ Interregional Workshop on Security and Facilitation-Border Security from 10 to 11 May 2023 in Togo (Participation of 41 AFCAC member States).
- ✓ Workshop on the Impact of Covid-19 on Aviation Security (Participation of 33 AFCAC member States);
- ✓ Interregional workshop on Innovation and Cybersecurity, September 2022, Marrakesh, Morocco; (Participation of 40 AFCAC member States);
- ✓ Regional workshop on evaluation and certification of security equipment November 2022 Kigali, Rwanda (Participation of 40 AFCAC member States);



Two Training courses on covert and overt testing of Aviation Security measures 25 AFCAC members States);	ures (Participation of
One training course on covert and overt testing for Liberia;	
Best practices for national auditors - Level 2 for Angola from 23 to 25 Januar	y 2023;
Best practices in overt testing for Mozambique from 13 to 17 February 2023;	
MANPADS for Madagascar from 06 to 17 March 2023;	
Best practices in risk assessment for Zambia from 13 to 15 March 2023;	(A)
Best practices in overt testing for Zambia from 15 to 18 May 2023; and	
Best practices in risk assessment for Malawi from 05 to 07 June 2023;	

Intensification of Partnerships and programs of Cooperation in Aviation security: AFCAC-ACAO Cooperation

□ AFCAC and the Arab Civil Aviation Organisation (ACAO), have organized joint activities:

- ✓ Interregional Workshop on Security and Facilitation-Border Security from 10 to 11 May 2023 in Togo (Participation of 41 AFCAC member States).
- ✓ Interregional workshop on Innovation and Cybersecurity, September 2022, Marrakesh, Morocco; (Participation of 40 AFCAC member States);

Intensification of Partnerships and programs of Cooperation in Aviation security: AFCAC-TSA Partnership

AFCAC and the United States Government nave established a cooperative partnership under the United States Counter Terrorism Assistance (ATA) program. The primary objective of this collaboration is to provide essential training courses to African States, aiming to minimize vulnerabilities, establish robust security programs, enhance oversight of security operations, and cultivate leadership at airports designated as Last Points of Departure (LPDs) to the United States.

May - June, 2022: Airport Physical Security, Airport Patrol Management and Airport Security Management;

August - September, 2022: Audit and Inspection Techniques, Excellence in Screening Techniques and Insider Risk with Random and Unpredictability;



Intensification of Partnerships and programs of Cooperation in Aviation security: AFCAC-Qatar Civil Aviation Authority Cooperation



AFCAC and the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority jointly organized a training course on "Security Crisis Management." The course was held in Doha, Qatar. This program demonstrated a strong commitment to capacity-building efforts, with the participation of 19 African experts representing 19 member states. The course aimed to enhance expertise in managing security crises within the aviation sector, addressing the specific needs and challenges faced by AFCAC member states.



Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore

Intensification of Partnerships and programs of Cooperation in Aviation security: AFCAC-Singapore Civil Aviation Authority

AFCAC, the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS), and the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) organized a virtual training course titled "Security Risk Assessment and Developing Security Programmes." The course was well-received, with 24 participants representing 23 AFCAC member states in attendance.







#### Affoh Atcha Dédji 🤣 @AffohAtcha · 15 mai

Le Togo se réjouit d'avoir abrité un important rendez-vous africain autour des questions de sûreté de l'aviation civile et de facilitation du transport aérien.

Au nom du Président de la République, Son Excellence, Monsieur Faure Essozimna GNASSINGBÉ, Champion du MUTAA, j'ai... Voir plus





#### RwandaCAA @RwandaCAA · 23 nov. 2022

En réponse à @RwandaCAA

In his opening remarks, DG @RwandaCAA also serving as the President of @Afcac\_Cafac, Mr. Silas Udahemuka noted: It is very interesting that we have got 47 countries taking part for the first time to review and share knowledge on Africa's aviation security.















- AFCAC-ECAC-ACAO-TSA Interregional seminar on "Unmanned Aircraft Systems", 4-5 October, Tangiers, Morocco;
- Partnership Between African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) and Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS), 9-13 October, Tunis, Tunisia;
- Risk Assesment Seminar, 14-15 November 2023, Doha, Qatar;
- Orientation training for the AFI-CES Experts, 11-12 December, Dakar, Senegal





#### **OPERATIONALISATION OF THE AFI-CES SCHEME**

- □ Eleven (11) AFI-CES experts from Ghana, Senegal, Nigeria, Cabo Verde, Guinea, Seychelles, South Africa, Kenya and instructors from Mali and Cameroon, facilitated by the ERNAM Training Center, were mobilized to provide ground support and technical assistance to Mozambique, Lesotho, Gambia, Chad, the Republic of Congo, and Guinea.
- ☐ An orientation training course, conducted jointly with ICAO, will be organized before the end of the year specifically for the AFI-CES Experts. This training aims to further enhance their expertise and ensure their preparedness to effectively fulfil their roles within the Cooperative Experts Scheme.

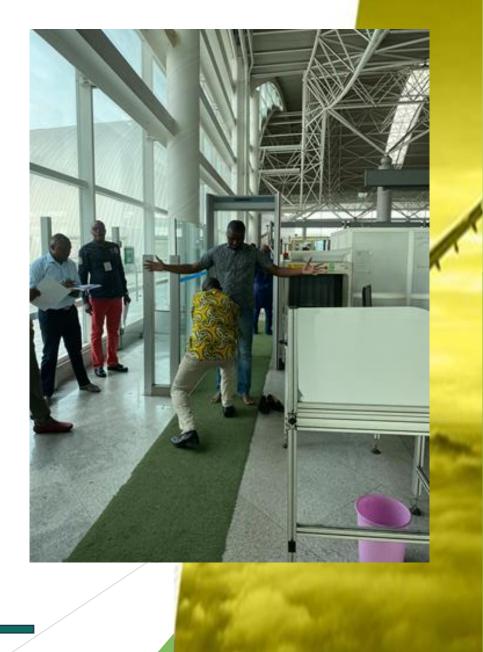














#### IMPLEMENTATION OF ONE-STOP SECURITY IN AFRICA



- ☐ On 23 and 24 November 2022, AFCAC jointly with ECAC, under the CASE II Project, organized a workshop on the Evaluation and Certification of Aviation Security Equipment.
- ☐ On 15 December 2022, a promotion day on the concept of One Stop Security arrangements was organized by AFCAC.
- One-Stop Security Trial, was also an AFCAC initiative in order to promote and prepare States for the implementation of One-Stop Security in Africa. The project will cover Eastern, Western and Southern regions with a focus on Kenya to South Africa, Senegal to Togo, based on the volume of passenger and air cargo transportation and the consultations with the four States.



#### **ACTIONS BY THE MEETING**



The Steering Committee is invited to:

- a) Acknowledge and take note of the information presented in this Working Paper;
- b) Acknowledge the actions undertaken thus far in the implementation of the RASFALG-AFI Group;
- c) Encourage member states to actively participate and respond to the online surveys concerning capacity-building needs, the status of Windhoek target implementation, and the designation or amendment of AFI-CES Experts;
- d) Recognize the importance of promoting the implementation of One-Stop Security in Africa and urge member states to prioritize its adoption;
- e) Strongly recommend member states' active engagement and participation in the AFCAC Aviation Security Working Group and its Sub-Groups; and
- f) Provide valuable guidance on establishing clear mechanisms for the equitable sharing among African institutions of the voluntary funds allocated to Africa.



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