

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
AFI PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP (APIRG)
AFI OPMET MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE FOURTH MEETING (AFI OPMET MTF/5)
(Nairobi, Kenya, 3-5 July 2013)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- Agenda Item 1: Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Task Force and adoption of the Agenda**
- Agenda Item 2: Review of MTF/4 Recommendations and Decisions**
- Agenda Item 3: a) Provision of tropical cyclone and volcanic ash advisories for the AFI Region
b) The corresponding SIGMET by MWOs and
c) Review of report on SIGMET Tests Conducted in November 2012**
- Agenda Item 4: Review of regional guidance material on OPMET exchange**
- Agenda Item 5: Future Developments with regards to OPMET information**
- Agenda Item 6: Terms of reference, work programme and composition of the AFI OPMET**
- Agenda Item 7: Any other business**

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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- Agenda Item 1: Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Group**
The Task Force will elect its Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
- Agenda Item 2: Review of MTF/4 Recommendations**
A review will be carried out on actions taken and progress made on the recommendations of AFI OPMET MTF/4 meeting and related conclusions and decisions of the MET/SG and APIRG.
- Agenda Item 3: Provision of tropical cyclone and volcanic ash advisories for the AFI Region and of the corresponding SIGMET by MWOs and Review of report on SIGMET Tests Conducted in November 2012**
The meeting will review the provision of these advisories for the AFI Region and will review the AFI SIGMET test results. The meeting will also review the IAVWOPSG/7 report.
- Agenda Item 4: Review of regional guidance material on OPMET exchange**
The following regional guidance material on OPMET exchange will be reviewed and updated:
a) AFI Regional SIGMET Guide
b) AMBEX Handbook including AMBEX Implementation Status Report by AFI RODBs
c) AFI ICD
d) OPMET related FASID Tables
- Agenda Item 5: Future Developments with regards to OPMET information**
The meeting will be briefed on the Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU) methodology arising from the 12th Air Navigation Conference as it relates to OPMET information. Information concerning the introduction of digital exchange (using XML/GML) for METAR/SPECI, TAF and SIGMET by States in position to do so as part of Amendment 76 to Annex 3 (applicable 14 November 2013) will be provided to the task Force. An XML/GML transition plan for the AFI region will be drafted.
- Agenda Item 6: Terms of reference, work programme and composition of the AFI OPMET MTF**
The meeting will update the OPMET MTF work programme taking in consideration new developments at ICAO vis a vis the business planning and the composition of the MTF.
- Agenda Item 7: Any other business**
The meeting will discuss any technical matter not contained in the above agenda items and being of an urgent nature.