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**Subject: Invitation to the ICAO Seminar/Workshops (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia):**

- **Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU), 17-19 November 2014; and**
- **African Flight Procedure Programme (AFPP), 20-21 November 2014**

**Action required: Reply by 20 October 2014 concerning participation**

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to refer to the outcome of the Nineteenth Meeting of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/19) (Dakar, Senegal, 28-31 October 2013), specifically to discussions on the implementation of the ICAO Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU), and the AFI Flight Procedure Programme (AFPP).

The APIRG/19 meeting recognized the importance of providing capacity building through workshops and seminars to AFI States and regional stakeholders as the needs arise at different levels of ASBU. In this regard, the meeting adopted Conclusion 19/06: *Adoption of AFI Regional Air Navigation System Implementation Plan Aligned with the ICAO Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU)*. Amongst others, the Conclusion requests ICAO to continually provide capacity building through workshops and seminars to AFI States and regional stakeholders as the needs arise in the different levels of ASBU.

Pursuant to Conclusion 19/06, therefore, an ICAO ASBU Seminar/Workshop is planned to be held from **17 to 19 November 2014** in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The objective of the Seminar/Workshop is to enhance States' ability to carry out detailed planning leading to implementation of ASBU modules that have been identified for the AFI Region. The Workshop will also address the ICAO Fuel Savings Estimation Tool (IFSET) which is supportive to the ASBU implementation.

The APIRG/19 meeting also noted the successful establishment of the AFI Flight Procedure Programme (AFPP) to support the implementation of PBN in the Region pursuant to Assembly Resolution A37-11, and, in this regard, recalled that all AFI States are invited to participate in the FPP as beneficiaries and/or in support roles. Accordingly, in addition, a regional Seminar/Workshop on the African Flight Procedure Programme (AFPP) is planned to be held from **20 to 21 November 2014**, also in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The objective of the AFPP Workshop is to provide the ESAF States with the necessary information to facilitate their effective participation in the AFPP.

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As may be noted, the two Seminar/Workshops are planned to be held in tandem, in the same week and venue, to achieve logistical and other efficiencies as well as to facilitate improved participation. A detailed programme covering the two workshops, as well as a bulletin providing useful information for participants including accommodation will be provided in due course.

In view of the above, this letter serves to formally invite your Administration to participate in the two events (ASBU Seminar/Workshop and AFPP Seminar/Workshop).

Kindly confirm the participation of your State at your earliest convenience preferably by **20 October 2014**, to [icaoesaf@icao.int](mailto:icaoesaf@icao.int), with a copy to ([smachobane@icao.int](mailto:smachobane@icao.int)), providing the names of your delegation. In addition, as soon as possible, after being nominated by their Administration, participants are to complete and return the attached **Registration Form**, to the email addresses provided therein.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping loops and curves, positioned above the printed name.

**Prosper Zo'o Minto'o**  
**Acting Regional Director**

**Attachment A:**      Registration Form