

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION**Fourth Meeting of the APIRG Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group
(AAO SG/4), Virtual Meeting, 16 to 18 August 2021****Agenda Item 3 Planning and Implementation****Agenda Item 3.1: Airspace (Safety, Capacity and Efficiency) projects.****THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFI SAR PLAN**

(Presented by AFI SAR Plan Project Team)

SUMMARY

This paper presents information on the ongoing development of an African- Indian Ocean (AFI) Region Search and Rescue (SAR) Plan.

The development of the AFI SAR Plan was a result of the recommendation from the AFI SAR workshop held virtually on 8-9 October 2020/12 November 2020.

Action required is per Paragraph 3

REFERENCE(S):

European Regional SAR Plan
Asia/Pacific Regional SAR Plan
IAMSAR Manual, Doc 9731.

Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s):

A: Safety – Enhance Global Civil Aviation Safety

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The need to develop an Africa and Indian Ocean (AFI) Search and Rescue (SAR) Plan was identified at the SAR interregional workshop held in Shalala, Oman on 26-29 August 2019, where it was noted that AFI should develop and align its Search and Rescue (SAR) Plan with SAR plans from other ICAO Regions.

1.2 The AFI regional SAR workshop held virtually on 8-9 October and 12 November 2020 established a project team to develop an AFI Regional SAR Plan.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The development of the AFI SAR Plan is carried out as a project under the leadership of the AFI Technical Experts Team (TET), assisted by other experts from the Region. The membership of the AFI SAR Plan Project Team includes South Africa (Chairperson), Kenya, Uganda, ASECNA,

Zambia, Mauritius and ICAO. The Joint Working Group (JWG) assists the team.

2.2 The AFI SAR Plan Project Team is expected to develop a regional SAR Plan for enhancement of SAR capability within the AFI Region, and align it with SAR plans of the neighboring ICAO regions.

2.3 Although the First draft of the AFI SAR Plan (*Appendix A*) has been completed, the team encountered a few challenges during the process; the major challenge was lack of response by State Focal points to queries from the team during information gathering.

2.4 In order to complete the drafting of the plan it is important to determine the relevant SAR material from the Regional Air Navigation Plan to be contained within the Regional SAR Plan. The project team therefore appeals to all stakeholders to review the draft AFI SAR Plan and provide directions on the completion of it.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the progress made in the development of the AFI SAR Plan.
- b) Urge the States and other stakeholders to review the draft AFI SAR Plan and provide feedback to the project by 31 August 2021

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