



AFI VOLCEX Workshop

Virtual, 06 – 08 April 2021

Concept Note

Title: Workshop on AFI Regional Volcanic Ash Exercises Introduction:

Drivers and objective of the workshop:

APIRG/23 Conclusion 23/28 calls States that have not developed volcanic ash contingency plans and conducted Volcanic Ash exercises should do so, using the guidance in the AFI Volcanic Ash Contingency Plan as contained in Appendix H of the AFI Regional ATM Contingency Plan by 30 June 2021; and ICAO to assist States in planning and conducting a coordinated regional Volcanic Ash exercise by 31 December 2021.

In line with agreed procedures, volcanic ash exercises should be conducted by ICAO on a regional basis in order to practice and develop inter-agency response to volcanic activity, in order to maintain safety, regularity and efficiency of aviation in the event of a volcanic eruption.

In the view of conducting the AFI regional volcanic ash exercise later on this year, the ICAO ESAF and WACAF Regional Offices have coordinated and organized this workshop to prepare all the stakeholders involved in the provision of the volcanic information to aeronautical users.

Main objectives

The main objectives of the workshop aim at:

- a) providing information on the operational response procedures to volcanic activity in the event of a volcanic eruption in the AFI Region.
- b) demonstrating the provision and exchange of volcanic ash information - in

support of coordination and communication between information providers, (including Volcano Observatories (VOs), VAACs and MWOs, and information users) for appropriate response to Volcanic disasters in order to minimize impacts on ATM from any volcanic activity.

Intended outcomes:

1. Participants are updated on the AFI ATM Contingency Plan and its related AFI Volcanic Ash Contingency Plan.
2. Participants are updated on the operational response procedures to volcanic activity in the event of a volcanic eruption in the AFI Region.
3. Participants have good knowledge of guidances developed by ESAF/WACAF Offices to support States in the preparation and the implementation of the process of conducting the VA Exercises.

Conduct of the workshop

The workshop will be conducted according the adopted work programme. It will consist of presentations followed by discussions. This is a workshop, so we need the inputs, the experience and the best practices of all the participants.

The resources of the workshop are available at the webpage of the workshop, accessible through this link:

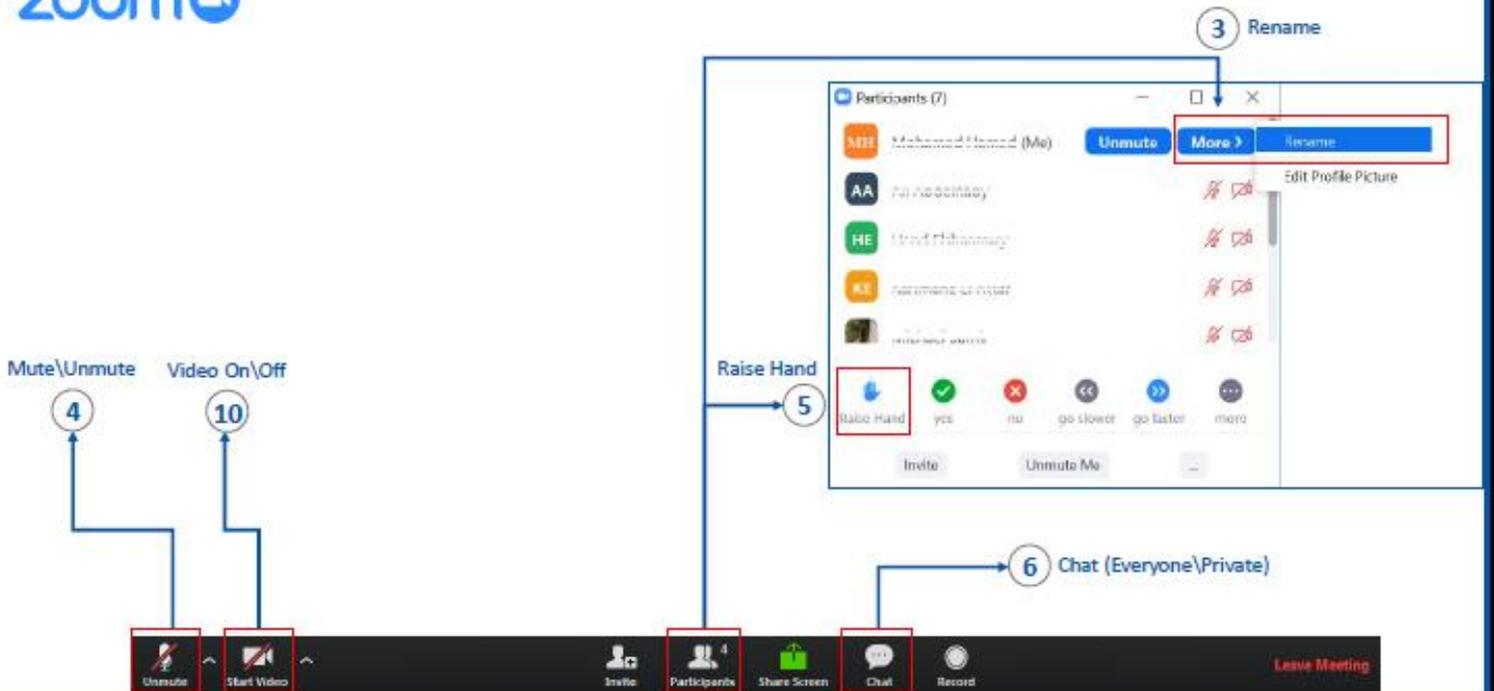
<https://www.icao.int/ESAF/Pages/AFI-Volcanic-Ash-2021.aspx>

Workshop documents

- a) Most of the documents are available in English version.
- b) The French version will be uploaded progressively
- c) The workshop will be supported by interpretation services

Workshop platform

The following will be your work screen once joining the meeting



How to operate during the work sessions:

- a) During all the time you have not the floor, please make sure your microphone is muted
- b) You are also invited to keep your camera deactivated, only activate it on request
- c) How to ask a question or how to take the floor:
 - a. to ask a question, you can raise your hand, by clicking on the icon of participants, and then, the More icon, and finally, the icon of raised hand. Click again to get your hand down.
 - b. You can also use the chat to ask your questions, or to share information with the participants.

d) Interpretation services:

To benefit from the interpretation services:

- a. Those who are English speaking should use ‘‘English Chanel’’
- b. Those who are French speaking, should chose the ‘‘French Chanel’’

The work programme

- Provided in the document PDF 02

Recording:

- The workshop will be recorded.

Thank you for attention

Any question?