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Agenda Item 7: Review of the Future Work Programme of the RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies.

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
<p>This Paper presents proposed activities of the RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies for 2023 for review and adoption by the RASG-AFI/8 meeting.</p> <p>Action to be taken by the Meeting is provided at paragraph 3 of the Paper.</p>
<p>REFERENCE(S):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook, Third Edition; • RASG-AFI/7 Report; • RASG/8 meeting Report; • ARC-TF/4 meeting Report.
<p>Related ICAO Strategic Objective:</p> <p>This Working Paper relates to the ICAO Strategic Objective on Aviation Safety.</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC) was established to guide the work of the Group and to ensure that safety initiatives are accomplished in a timely, effective and efficient manner. In this regard, the RASC was mandated, amongst other things, to propose an Annual Work Programme in addition to ensuring that the activities of the Group are properly coordinated.

2. DISCUSSIONS

2.1 RASG-AFI Activities and Future Work programmes require RASC to exercise flexibility, at its discretion, on the contents and frequency of its activities whilst considering, the logical chronology and sequence for effective implementation. Therefore, the proposed 2023 activities were developed with these objectives in mind.

2.2 The proposed 2023 Activities cover those of the RASC, the Safety Support Teams (SSTs) and RASG-AFI meetings. The revised terms of reference for APIRG and RASG-AFI, the restructuring of the SSTs, and the new working arrangement of the Groups' Meetings (Joint Opening and Closing Plenaries and sessions in-between) have necessitated the amendment

of the RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook. This working arrangement is intended to ensure proper coordination between the Groups and ensure that all safety activities at the regional and sub-regional levels are properly coordinated amongst actors to avoid duplication of efforts.

- 2.3 With the restructuring of the Safety Support Teams to better align their functions to the Goals and Targets of the current Edition of the GASP; and give the States the leadership role and ownership of the activities of the Teams, the key focus areas will include but not limited to, the development and subsequent implementation of the Regional Aviation Safety Plan for the region (AFI-RASP); and the assistance to be provided to States by the Regional Offices and other stakeholders to develop and implement their National Aviation Safety Plans (NASPs), in alignment with the AFI-RASP and the GASP.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1. The meeting is invited to:

- a) Review and adopt the proposed Activities of RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies for 2023 as contained in the **Appendix** to this paper; and
- b) Provide further guidance as appropriate.

EIGHTH MEETING OF THE REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP FOR AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN (RASG-AFI/8)**Proposed RASG-AFI Work Programme for 2023**

RASG CONTRIBUTORY BODY	ACTIVITY	TARGETS/DATES	LOCATION/ STATES	LEADER/ PARTICIPANTS	Status of Implementatio
RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC)	Teleconferences	Quarterly or as determined by RASC	Not Applicable (N/A)	Co-Chairpersons; ICAO Secretariat; members of RASC.	
	Nineth Meeting of the RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC/9), - review the status of implementation of the 2022 Work Programme.	March, 2023	Virtual Meeting.	Co-Chairpersons and members of the RASC.	
SAFETY SUPPORT TEAMS (SSTs)	Coordinate implementation assistance for the approved projects				

<p>State Safety Oversight System Support Team (SSO-SST). (see ToRs and Composition).</p>	<p>Identify and coordinate the implementation of Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) to address any existing SSCs and avoid emergence of new ones.</p> <p>Harmonise the identified SEIs with existing ones (i.e. ROST missions; AFI-CIS missions; assistance from other States, etc.), in order to avoid any duplication of efforts, inconsistencies and contradictions.</p> <p>Monitor the implementation of the SEIs and provide quarterly reports on progress to the RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC); make adjustments as considered necessary.</p>	<p>All SSCs to be resolved by 31 December 2023.</p>		<p>SSO-SST Members; RASG-AFI States ICAO Regional Offices; ICAO HQ.</p>	
	<p>Identify and coordinate the implementation of Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) to improve the Effective Implementation (EI) of the Critical Elements (CEs) of a State's Safety Oversight System to 75%.</p> <p>Harmonize the identified SEIs with existing ones (i.e. ROST missions; AFI-CIS missions; assistance from other States, etc.), in order to avoid any duplication of efforts, inconsistencies and contradictions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 50% of RASG-AFI States (24) to meet the target of 75% EI by 31 December, 2023. Subject to USOAP CMA Activities. <p>OR</p>	<p>ESAF: Five (5) States achieved the target. Seven (7) more States to be targeted.</p>	<p>SSO-SST Members; ICAO Regional Offices; ICAO HQ.</p>	

	<p>Monitor the implementation of the SEIs and provide quarterly reports on progress to the RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC); make adjustments as considered necessary.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 75% of RASG-AFI States to have completed CAPs/Self-Assessment at least 75% per State (using OLF) by 31 December, 2023. 	<p>WACAF: Five (5) States achieved the target. Seven (7) more States to be targeted.</p>		
	<p>Follow-up Actions (both physical and virtual) to be conducted on the RAIO Project to support establishment and strengthening of Regional Accident Investigation Organizations (RAIOs) as well as assist States in improving %EI in AIG with respect to CEs -1 to 5.</p>	<p>March, May, September, November, 2023 – assess the level of adoption/adaptation of harmonized legislations, regulations and procedures.</p>	<p>ESAF: One physical Meeting; One virtual meeting.</p> <p>WACAF: One physical Meeting; One virtual meeting.</p>	<p>SSO-SST Members; ICAO Regional Offices; RASG-AFI States.</p>	

<p>Operational Safety Issues Support Team (OSI-SST) (see ToRs and Composition).</p>	<p>Identify and coordinate the implementation of Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) to assist in addressing Runway Safety related issues (Runway Excursions and Incursions) by establishing RSTs at all international airports. Harmonize the identified SEIs with existing ones (i.e. on-site and remote Runway Safety Go Teams; assistance from other States, etc.), in order to avoid any duplication of efforts, inconsistencies and contradictions. Monitor the implementation of the SEIs and provide quarterly reports on progress to the RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC); make adjustments as considered necessary.</p>	<p>Achieve a continuous reduction of operational safety risks - December 2023.</p>	<p>All States without SSCs.</p>	<p>OSI-SST Members; RASG-AFI States.</p>	
	<p>Identify and coordinate the implementation of Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) to help address issues related to Loss of Control In-flight (LOC-I) through implementation of the relevant project. Harmonise the identified SEIs with existing ones (i.e. conduct of annual LOC-I/UPRT Workshop, etc.), in order to avoid any duplication of efforts, inconsistencies and contradictions. Monitor the implementation of the SEIs and provide quarterly reports</p>	<p>Achieve a continuous reduction of operational safety risks - December 2023.</p>	<p>All States.</p>	<p>OSI-SST Members; RASG-AFI States.</p>	

on progress to the RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC); make adjustments as considered necessary.				
Identify and coordinate the implementation of Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) to help address issues relating to Controlled Flight Into Terrain (CFIT). Harmonise the identified SEIs with existing ones (i.e. conduct of annual CFIT Workshop, etc.), in order to avoid any duplication of efforts, inconsistencies and contradictions. Monitor the implementation of the SEIs and provide quarterly reports on progress to the RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC); make adjustments as considered necessary.	Achieve a continuous reduction of operational safety risks - December 2023.	All States.	OSI-SST Members; RASG-AFI States.	
Implementation of the AIM Project in coordination with the AFI Plan and other stakeholders.	Achieve a continuous reduction of operational safety risks - December 2023.	All States	OSI-SST Members; RASG-AFI States.	
Monitor the Development and Implementation of the Regional and National Aviation Safety Plans (AFI-RASP and NASPs)!	Development and Implementation of the Regional and National Aviation Safety Plans – December, 2023.	On-site and remote assistance and monitoring of the implementation of NASPs – All States.	OSI-SST; ICAO Regional Offices (ESAF/WACAF); RASG-AFI States.	
1. All SSTs are required to carry out this task.				

State Safety Programme Support Team (SSP – SST) (see ToRs and Composition).	To assist States implement a State Safety Programme (SSP)	75% of RASG-AFI States (36) to complete SSP Gap Analysis by 31 December, 2023.	ESAF: Eleven (11) States have so far achieved the target. Seven (7) more States to be targeted. WACAF: Eleven (11) States have so far achieved the target. Seven (7) more States to be targeted.		
Air Navigation Services Safety Support Team (ANS – SST) (see ToRs and Composition).	To assist States establish and maintain appropriate air navigation infrastructure to support safe aviation operations. To coordinate relevant APIRG and RASG-AFI activities, in order to avoid any duplication of efforts, inconsistencies and contradictions.				
Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT)	Ninth Meeting of the Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT) – To draft the 9 th Edition of the RASG-AFI Annual Safety Report via correspondences/teleconferences. Physical meeting of the members of the ASRT to collate and compile the draft Report.	May 2023	Via electronic means/physical meeting	ASRT members	
RASG/APIRG Common Areas	Review/Follow-up Teleconference/physical meeting	Review Reports from ARC-TF	Virtual/physical meeting	Co-Chairpersons; ICAO Secretariat; members of ARC-TF	
RASG-AFI Plenary Meeting	9th Meeting of the RASG-AFI (RASG-AFI/9)	November, 2023	Dates and venue to be determined (TBD)	RASG-AFI Secretariat in coordination with the Chairperson and the host State.	

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