

**IMPLEMENTATION OF FREE ROUTE AIRSPACE - LOCAL
IN KANO FIR**

**FRA SAFETY RISK
ASSESSMENT REPORT**



BACKGROUND

Consequent upon APIRG 22 Conclusion 22/36(a); “That, to foster the concept of free routing in the AFI continental airspace in preparation for the ASBU B1 module, States consider incorporating Free Route Airspace concept into their national airspace concept and ATM Master Plan in line with the B1-FRTO ASBU module and AAO Sub-Group project plans, Nigeria considered and put machineries in motion for a seamless implementation of FRA concept in its airspace.

The consideration and subsequent decision to implement was strengthened by the successful participation of Nigeria at the Route Lab Workshop held in Accra, Ghana from 15th to 19th December 2019 which resulted in the implementation of more than eleven Flight Plannable Direct Routes in the Nigerian airspace.

Coupled with the recent investment in Communication, Navigation, and Surveillance as well as Air Traffic Management infrastructure embarked upon by Nigeria towards a seamless and harmonized implementation of Block 0 Modules of the ASBU, the stage seems set for a safe and efficient implementation of the FRA in the Nigerian airspace.

SCOPE



The scope of this safety risk assessment is limited to that associated with the implementation of the Free Routing Airspace (Local) in the Nigerian Airspace in accordance with the Concept of Operations (CONOP) submitted for the conceptualization, development, publication, charting and implementation of Free Route Airspace - Local.

It must be made clear from the very beginning that the hazards identified for assessment here have been assessed and their risk(s) sufficiently mitigated to have permitted safe operation despite their presence. They are identified here for specificity and probability of further mitigation for the specific purpose of FRA implementation. Some of them had lent themselves to further mitigations, while SMS is satisfied with the indices of others. Therefore, the document is purely for assessment of identified hazards consequent upon implementation of FRA in the Nigerian airspace. It contains recommendations based on data submitted by Directorate of Operations and the FRA Project Manager.

THE APPROACH



- **The identification of States/ANSPs that have the capacity to implement free routing based on ATM systems infrastructure and capability.**
- **Develop the concept of operations and an implementation plan.**
- **Trial period before full implementation**

PURPOSE



The purpose of this exercise and this paper is to document the Safety Assessment of the Implementation of FRA within the Nigerian Airspace with the sole aim of showing stakeholders and reporting to the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) that the safety risks associated with the implementation of this project have been evaluated by relevant statutory body under the guidance of competent and qualified personnel. It is also to demonstrate that appropriate mitigation actions have been applied where necessary, and that an acceptable level of safety has been created and shall be maintained in the implementation of the FRA in the Nigerian Airspace.



KANO FIR



Lagos Sub-FIR

Kano Sub-FIR

LAGOS EAST

LAGOS WEST

KANO EAST

KANO WEST

ACC Frequency

Pry - 127.3MHz
Sec - 122.8 MHz

ACC Frequency

Pry - 120.9 MHz
Sec - 128.8 MHz

ACC Frequency

Pry - 124.1 MHz

ACC Frequency

Pry - 124.1 MHz

APP Frequency

Pry - 124.7 MHz

APP Frequency

Pry - 125.7 MHz

TWR Frequency

Pry - 118.1 MHz

TWR Frequency

Pry - 118.1 MHz

3R-CWP/3R-ACWP/1S-WP/4P-CWP

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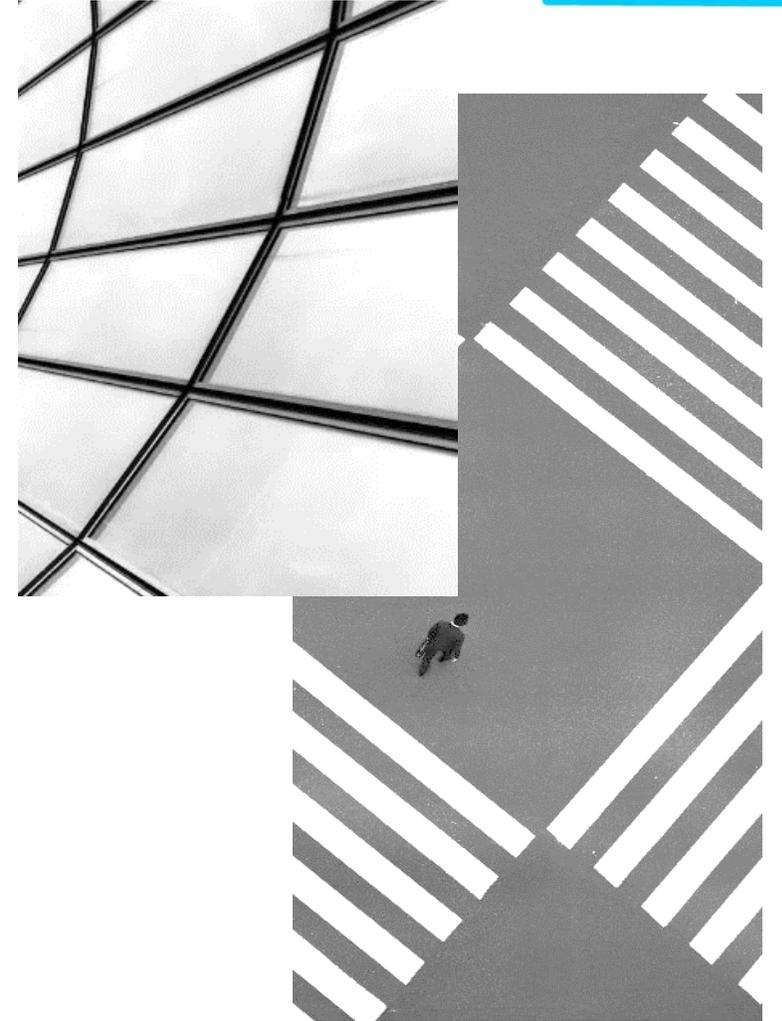
LIMITATIONS

CPDLC

- **Poor ergonomics in the equipment layout,**
- **Low Pilot and aircraft capabilities and patronage especially in Lagos**
- **Sub-optimal ATCO competencies in operating the system.**

POWER SUPPLY AND CNS SYSTEMS

- **Public mains power supply facilitated by FAAN on behalf of the Local Distribution Company.**
- **Power generators, UPS Batteries and Solar Panels installed and maintained by NAMA.**
- **Procedures, Regulations and Instructions are contained in the LOAs, LATCI and ATM Manuals that require amendments**
- **Automation of flight planners, printers, etc. awaiting TRACON upgrade.**
- **Inadequate TRACON workstation floor space with no available VCCS**



TRAFFIC FLOW PATTERN



PREDICTABILITY WITHIN THE FIR

- ❖ ***0600 - 1800 UTC*** - High density east-bound traffic for departure, and west-bound traffic for arrival, comprising mainly domestic operations interspersed with some overflights.
- ❖ ***1800 - 0600 UTC*** - High density westbound overflight traffic controlled in Kano sub-FIR), and mixed-direction overflights traffic controlled by Lagos.

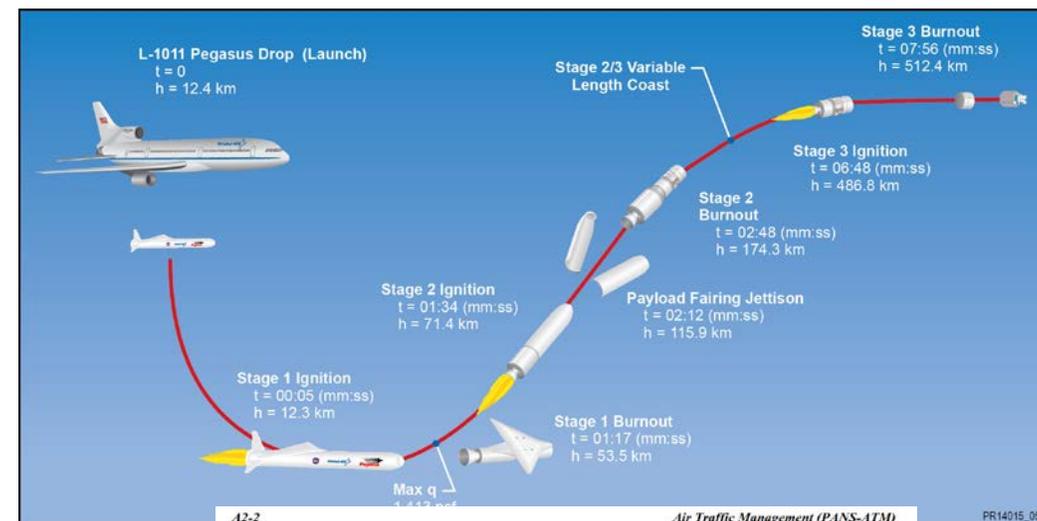


CHARACTERISTICS OF FRA

Free Route Airspace (FRA) is defined as an airspace within which users may freely plan a route from a defined entry point to a defined exit point (may require an intermediate significant point) subject to airspace availability.

Characterized by;

- ✓ Preferred trajectory
- ✓ Free flight plan routing
- ✓ Direct Route Operations (DRO)



1. ICAO model flight plan form

FLIGHT PLAN PLAN DE VOL	
PRIORITY Préférence	ADDRESSES (s) Destinations
FF →	
FLYING TIME Temps de vol	ORIGINATOR Expéditeur
SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION OF ADDRESSES AND/OR ORIGINATOR Identification précise du/des destinataire(s) et/ou de l'expéditeur	
3 MESSAGE TYPE Type de message	4 AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION Identification de l'aéronef
5 (FPL)	6 FLIGHT RULES Règles de vol
8 NUMBER Numéro	7 TYPE OF AIRCRAFT Type d'aéronef
9 DEPARTURE AERODROME Aérodrome de départ	10 WAY POINTS, ENCL. CAT Cat. de l'aériodrome de village
11 CRUISE SPEED Vitesse croisière	12 EQUIPMENT Équipement
13 DEPARTURE ALTITUDE Altitude de départ	14 TIME Masse
15 CRUISE ALTITUDE Altitude croisière	16 ROUTE Route
17 DESTINATION AERODROME Aérodrome de destination	18 TOTAL SET Quatrième partie
19 OTHER INFORMATION Renseignements divers	19 ALTN AERODROME Aérodrome de décollage
	20 2ND ALTN AERODROME 2 ^e aérodrome de décollage

CHARACTERISTICS OF FRA



Airspace Classification

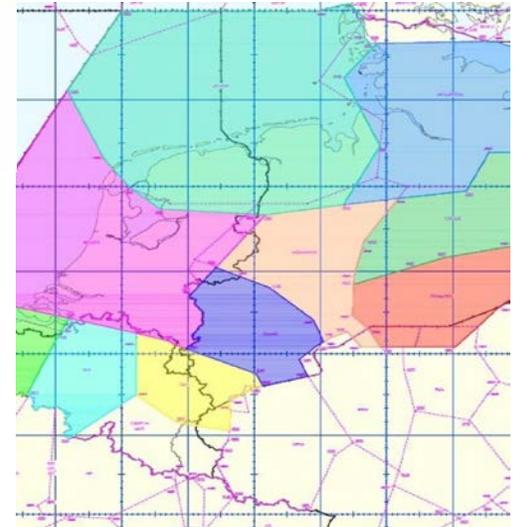
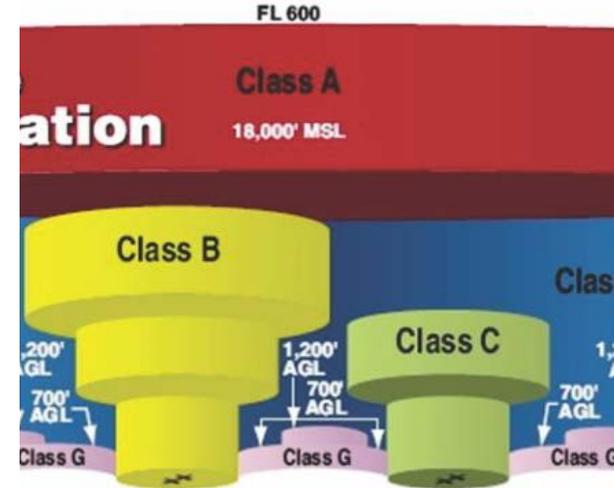
- Class A
- Application of Flight Level Orientation Scheme (FLOS)

Airspace Organisation

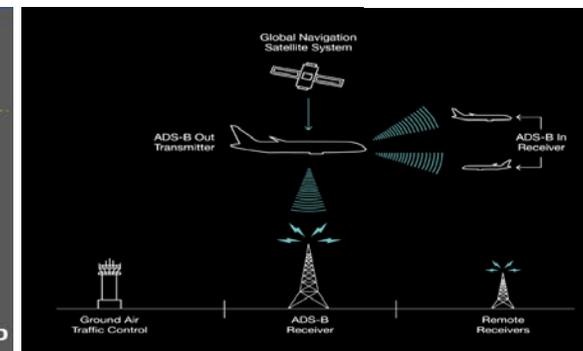
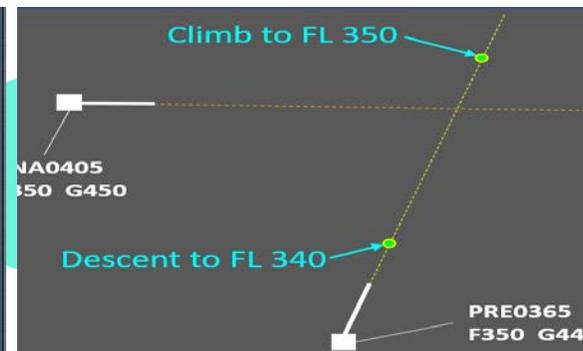
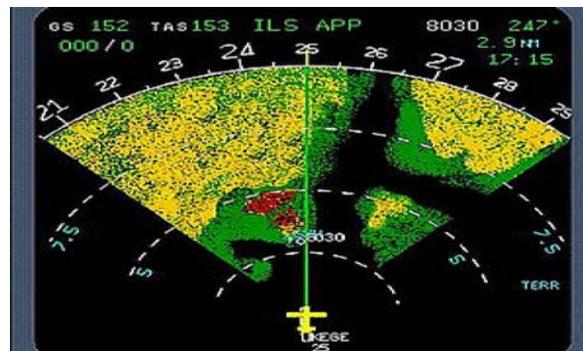
- Civil/Military Cooperation
- Publication and maintenance of ATS Route Network eg. 5NLC
- No airspace sectorization restructure required

Trajectory Adherence

- Enhanced Monitoring Aids (MONA) to support ATC service



GROUND BASED AND AIRBORNE SAFETY NETS



STCA

SHORT TERM COLLISION ALERT

ground-based safety net intended to assist the controller in preventing collision between aircraft by generating, in a timely manner, an alert of a potential or actual infringement of separation minima

APW

AREA PROXIMITY WARNING

ground-based safety net intended to warn the controller about unauthorized penetration of an airspace volume by generating, in a timely manner, an alert of a potential or actual infringement of the required spacing to that airspace volume, which require attention/action.

CD/R

CONFLICT DETECTION AND RESOLUTION

tools that provide automated assistance to the Planning Controllers (PC), as well as Tactical Controllers (TC).

MONA

MONITORING AIDS

helps controllers to reduce the workload associated with traffic monitoring tasks by providing warnings if aircraft deviate from a clearance or plan and reminders of instructions to be issued and providing conformance monitoring triggering trajectory recalculation essential for the CDT

FRA SIGNIFICANT POINTS



E - **ENTRY POINT**

X - **EXIT POINT**

I - **INTERMEDIATE POINT**

EX - **ENTRY/EXIT POINT**

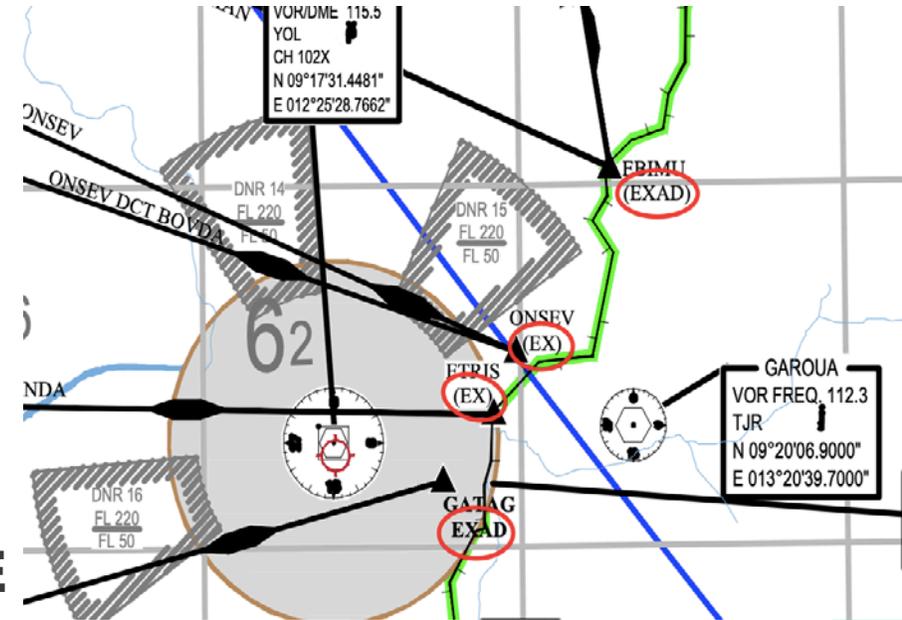
AD - **ARRIVAL CONNECTION POINT**

EXAD - **ENTRY/EXIT/ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE**

AI - **ARRIVAL CONNECTION/INTERMEDIATE CONNECTION**

BI-DIRECTIONAL - 

UNI-DIRECTIONAL - 





GENERAL PROCEDURES (FRA - LOCAL)

APPLICABILITY

Nigeria (Kano FIR) is implementing FRA between Latitudes 3° and 14° north to be mainly used by overflying Traffic.

AIRSPACE CLASSIFICATION

Nigeria (Kano FIR) FRA is classified as class A Airspace

LATERAL LIMITS

The Nigeria (Kano FIR) FRA characteristics are described in Appendix 3 of the Nigeria AIP.

VERTICAL LIMITS

FL 245 / UNL

TIME OF AVAILABILITY

H24

SEPARATION MINIMA

No change in enroute separation minima required



SEPARATION MINIMA

No change in En-Route separation minima (i.e. Vertical and horizontal separation minima based on ATS surveillance) is needed in relation to Free Route operations. Separation minima between aircraft are expected to continue to be based on guidance, regulations, and factors used in today's environment (ICAO Doc 4444 Procedures for Air Traffic Management). Differences from DOC 4444 standards (if any) are to be published in AIP

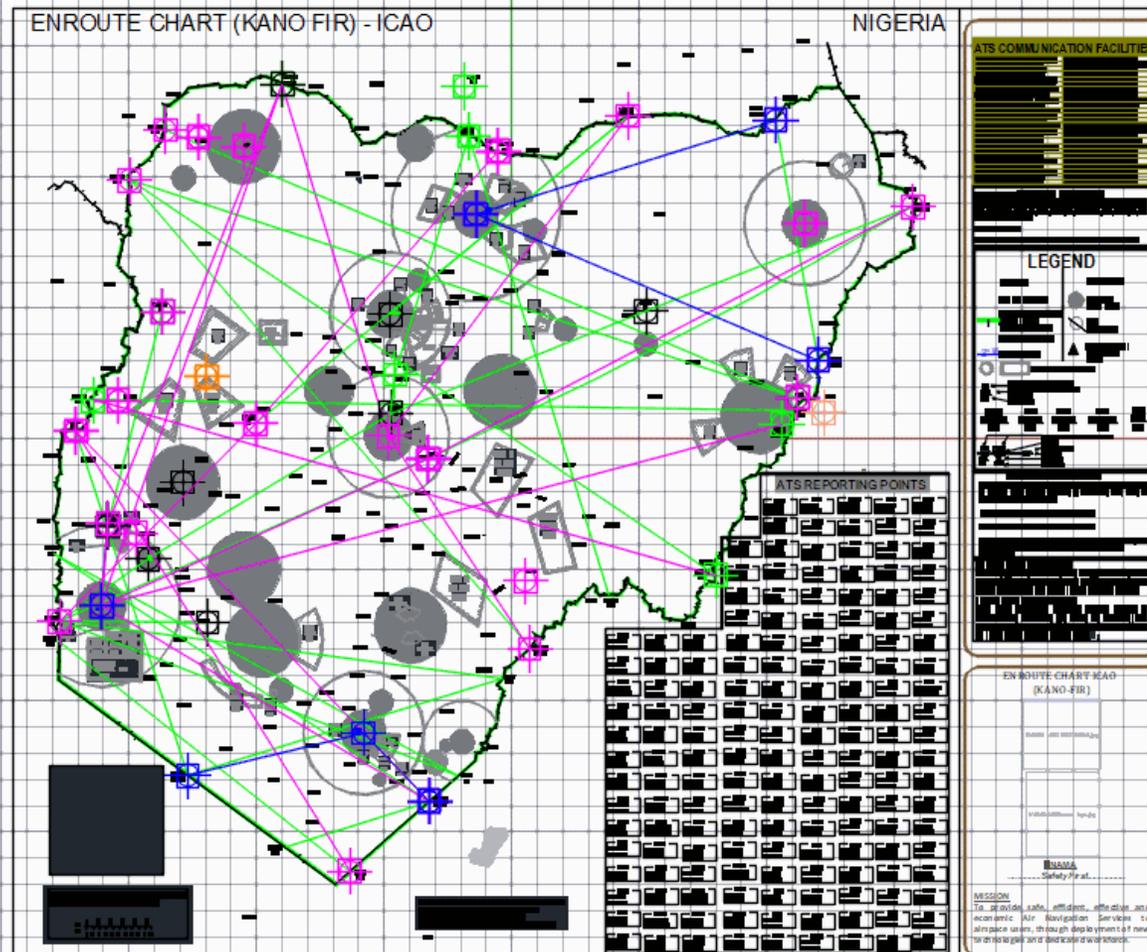
FRA ATM CONTINGENCY



Free Route Airspace shall be available for flight planning and operations within the Kano FIR, except under the following conditions;

- In the event of total failure of surveillance system (Radar and ADS-C / CPDLC).
- In the event of total or partial failure of communication system within the designated Free Route Airspace or portion thereof.
- In the event of severe weather conditions that may not permit flight over direct route as planned.
- During ATM contingency that may affect the safety and efficiency of flight operations on such Direct Routes.

FLIGHT PLANNABLE DIRECT ROUTES IN FRA - LOCAL IN KANO FIR USING PHX SOFTWARE



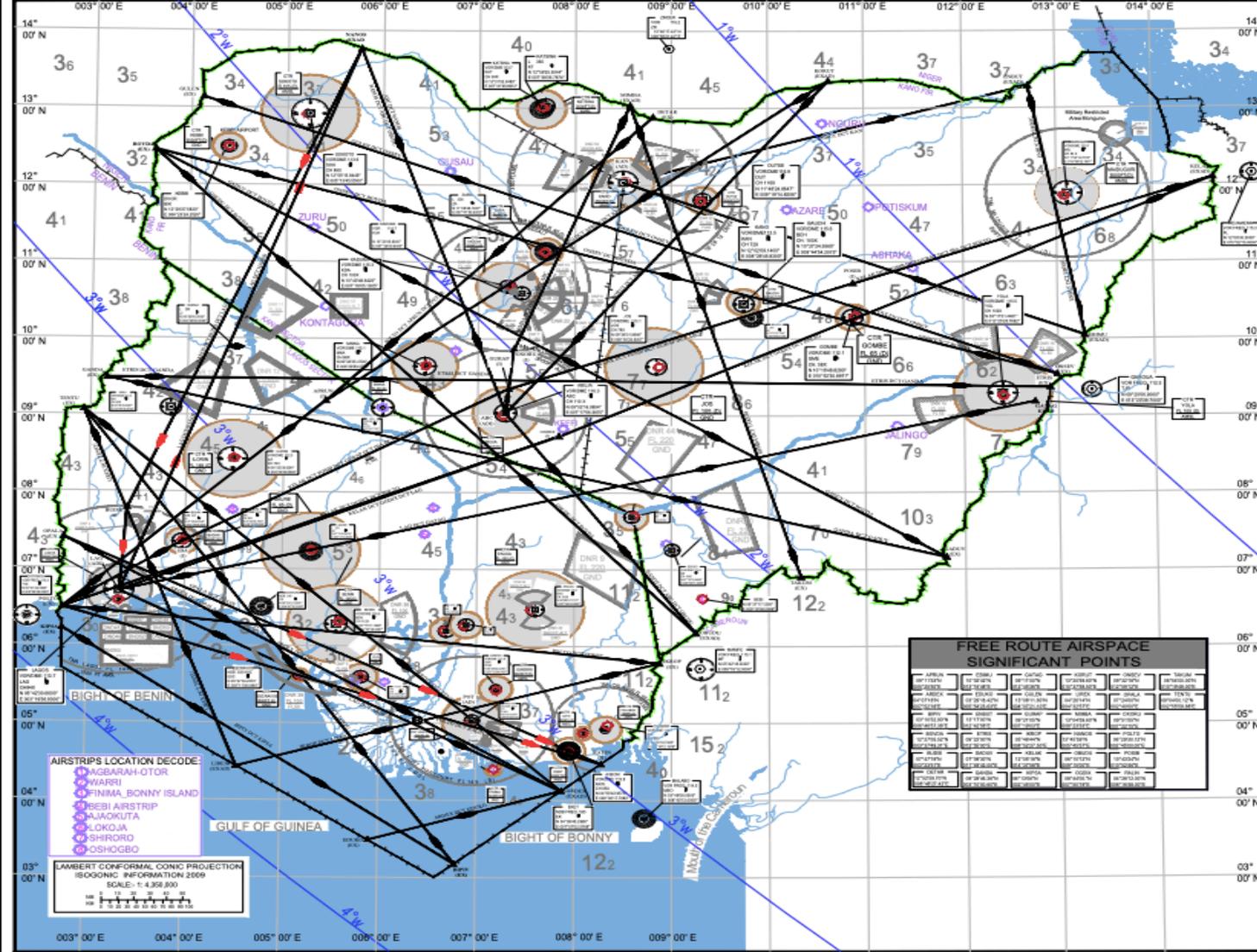
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NIGERIA AIP

ENROUTE CHART (KANO FIR) - FREE ROUTE AIRSPACE

ENR 6-13



ATS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES

ATIS W/W APP	1100 MHz / 119.0MHz
ARISIA M/F / RADAR	127.0 MHz
ARISIA ATIS	127.05MHz
KANO ACC/APP (EAST)	124.1MHz
KANO ACC/APP (WEST)	128.5MHz
KANO TOWER/APP	118.1MHz
KANO GND	125.7MHz
KANO ATIS	125.6MHz
LAGOS ACC/APP (EAST)	127.3MHz
LAGOS ACC/APP (WEST)	120.0MHz
LAGOS TOWER/APP	118.1MHz / 119.5MHz
LAGOS GND	124.5MHz
LAGOS ATIS	123.8MHz

OPERATING PROCEDURES

All flights entering KANO FIR Lagos East sector should call Kano ATIS on 125.6MHz and Lagos West Sector on 120.0MHz.
 All flights entering KANO FIR Kano East sector should call Kano ATIS on 125.6MHz (Secondary Freq: 122.8MHz) and Kano West Sector on 125.6MHz (Secondary Freq: 122.8MHz).
 All flights shall not be planned closer than 3NM to the published KANO FIR boundaries.
 For more details see ENR 2.2
 ATS users will guard the international EMERGENCY FREQ - 121.5MHz

LEGEND

- VORTME
- AERODROME
- CONTROL ZONE (CTR)
- TMA/ATS ROUTE
- FRA SIGNIFICANT POINTS
- FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR)/STATE BOUNDARY
- ISOGONIC LINE
- DND = DANGER AREAS
- DNR = RESTRICTED AREAS
- DNP = PROHIBITED AREAS

FREE ROUTE AIRSPACE

- 1) VERTICAL LIMIT - (IL/DENLVL)
- 2) TIME AVAILABILITY - (DANGER/1200)
- 3) E
- 4) I
- 5) I
- 6) I
- 7) A
- 8) A
- 9) AD
- 10) AD
- 11) AD
- 12) UNIDIRECTIONAL
- 13) UNIDIRECTIONAL

CAUTION

Consult current NOTAMS and AIP - NIGERIA (ENR section) or Aeronautical Charts Services, NAMA for latest information and other chart revision update.

ATTENTION

The area Minimum Altitude figures shown in quadrangles bounded by lines of Latitude and Longitudes represented in thousands and hundreds of feet AASL. Example 24,500 feet=24.

ENROUTE CHART KANO-FIR FRA



MISSION
 To provide safe, efficient, effective and economic Air Navigation Services to airspace users, through deployment of new technologies and dedicated workforce.

FREE ROUTE AIRSPACE SIGNIFICANT POINTS

NAME	COORDINATES	ALTITUDE	TYPE
APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	1
APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	2
APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	3
APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	4
APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	5
APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	6
APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	7
APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	8
APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	9
APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	10
APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	11
APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	12
APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	13
APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	14
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APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	30
APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	31
APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	32
APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	33
APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	34
APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	35
APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	36
APRIL	08° 20' N 07° 40' E	10000	37

CHANGES: New Chart.

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NIGERIAN AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AIRAC AMDT 02/2022

SAFETY RISK MANAGEMENT



HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

TYPE OF OPERATIONS:

Air Traffic Management (ATM)

GENERIC HAZARD:

FRA Implementation

ATM (Airspace Reorganisation)

SPECIFIC COMPONENTS OF HAZARD:

- Loss of situational awareness by ATCO.
- Aircraft crossing the length and breadth of the Nigerian airspace on an unusual trajectory.
- Inter-FIR route traffic conflict because of aircraft maneuvers to avoid widespread weather.
- RCF/poor readability involving one aircraft in one sub-FIR while entering into another sector.
- Uneven ATCO competencies operating in the different Sub FIR.
- Convergence of traffic from the two different sectors at an exit point adjacent to neighboring FIR
- Failure/lack of coordination between Lagos and Kano ACC
- Inadequate trained manpower
- High ATCO Workload / Reduction of Separation (AIRPROX)

SAFETY RISK MANAGEMENT



HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

HAZARD RELATED CONSEQUENCES:

- Collision avoidance maneuver
- Level Burst and inability to maintain level
- Substantial damage to aircraft hull
- Injuries to passengers
- Mid-Air collision
- Death of crew and passengers
- Damage to State, ANSP and Airlines reputations
- Bankruptcy due payment of huge reparation

EXISTING DEFENCES:

- Development of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)
- Conduct of preliminary FRA Gap Analysis - Annex 2
- Issuance of AIP Supplement (AIRAC AIP SUP - AS08/2021 - Publication date - 21st Oct. 2021, with Effective implementation date of 2nd December 2021, three months prior to initial FRA Local implementation
- Conduct of physical and virtual training/sensitization workshop/seminar on implementation
- Update of radar maps and charts
- Enhanced ATC Coordination procedures
- Availability of reliable and rapid inter-unit coordination systems.
- Identification and tagging of flash points of traffic conflict, especially at route intersections.
- Continual monitoring and reporting shortcomings of implementation lapses.
- Availability of high integrity radio communication system.
- Availability of high integrity surveillance coverage of the entire sectors and safety nets.
- Adequate contingency procedures for transiting from Surveillance to Procedural Control
- Availability of adequate manpower for seamless implementation of FRA - Local.

SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS



**The FRA implementation is still work in progress
for Nigeria**

Undergoing continuous monitoring

Ongoing observations and reviews

Need for a new SRA



SAFETY DEFENSES

Technology

Training

Regulations

19 KANO FIR EQUIPMENT QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FRA – LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION

RISK CONTROL/MITIGATION QUESTION	RESPONSE	ADDITIONAL DEFENCES REQUIRED
Are the CNS systems that will support the required prompt and reliable coordination available?	Yes, but has recorded intermittent hitches recently that are handled by the reconditioning.	Power supply has been identified as the source of failure. Work is almost completed for rectifying it.
Is the manpower requirement sufficient to service the intended operation?	Yes, meets minimum requirement, but need improvement.	Plan for more trained ATCOs posting presented and approved.
Do the CNS systems required for effective coordination function as required?	Yes, had been made better through upgrade.	Surveillance reliability and integrity are also increased through upgrade.
Are the CNS systems defenses practical for use under working conditions?	Yes	Minimize system failure rate, and reduce average down time through upgrade
Are staff involved aware of the safety risks of the consequences of the hazards, and the defenses in place?	Yes, through training and unit briefing.	Iterate the briefing and review training requirements whenever necessary. Communicate safety risk assessment to operation staff
Are additional safety risks mitigation/control measures required?	Yes. Make available electronic flight progress strip for ATCOS	Review ATC procedures to make for reduction of controllers' workload.
Are procedures on ground to accommodate trainee ATCOS in FRA – Local operations	Yes, under supervision	Entrench increased supervision of trainees to forestall unsafe acts and breakdown of separations
Are procedures on ground to brief operational staff on the progress recorded in the FRA implementation	No	Institute procedures for communication of progress made in the implementation of FRA – Local including sharing statistical data.

Kano FRA Equipment Questionnaire (FRA-Local)



Risk Control/Mitigation Question



Response



Additional Defenses Required

SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT OF FREE ROUTE AIRSPACE – LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION IN NIGERIA



Type of Operations	Generic Hazards	Specific components of the Hazard	Hazard Related Consequences	Existing Defenses to Control Risk(s) and Risk Index	Further Actions to Reduce Risk(s) and Resulting Index
Operations (Air Traffic Management)	FRA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extreme and marginal weather condition. 2. Partial or complete RAADAR failure 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Level burst/ inability to maintain level due turbulence, 2. Death and/or injury of Passengers and crew, haul loss or damage to aircraft 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct of preliminary FRA Gap analysis - Annex 2 2. Issuance of appropriate AIP Supplements 3. Updating of LOAs, LOPs and LATCIs 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct of more robust FRA Gap analysis - Annex 2 2. Obtain 5NLC for an un-named intermediate waypoint "OGDIX".

SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT OF FREE ROUTE AIRSPACE – LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION IN NIGERIA (Cont'd)



Type of Operations	Generic Hazards	Specific components of the Hazard	Hazard Related Consequences	Existing Defenses to Control Risk(s) and Risk Index	Further Actions to Reduce Risk(s) and Resulting Index
Operations (Air Traffic Management)	FRA	3.RCF/Poor readability of radio frequency, 4.Loss of situation awareness, 5.Inadequately trained manpower in FRA Local procedures.	3. Damage to State, ANSP or Airlines' reputations. 4. Bankruptcy due high payment of reparations.	. Nigeria Airspace Route Chart/Navigation Chart 5. Radar map Update of Intermediate Waypoints. 6.Training/sensitization workshop for ATCOS and AIS personnel	3. Conduct of additional Training/sensitization workshop for ATCOS and AIS personnel 4. Installation of High-Integrity air-ground radio equipment. 5. RADAR upgrade.

SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT OF FREE ROUTE AIRSPACE – LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION IN NIGERIA (Cont'd)



Type of Operations	Generic Hazards	Specific components of the Hazard	Hazard Related Consequences	Exiting Defenses to Control Risk(s) and Risk Index	Further Actions to Reduce Risk(s) and Resulting Index
Operations (Air Traffic Management)	FRA			8. Enhanced co-ordination procedures 9. Safety nets on radar 10. High integrity radio communication 11. Operational posting of ATCOS for adequate manpower	
				Risk Index: 2D	Resultant Risk Index: 1D

HAZARD ASSESSMENT

S/N	Hazard ID	Hazard Description	Resultant Risk Index
1.	ATM/OPS 01	Radio Communication Failure	2D
2.	ATM/OPS 02	Surveillance Equipment Failure (Full or Partial)	2E
3.	ATM/OPS 03	Failure/lack of coordination between Lagos and Kano	3D
4.	ATM/OPS 04	Failure of VSAT and Satellite Systems	2E
5.	ATM/OPS 07	Inadequate ATCO Training for FRA	1B
6.	ATM/OPS 06	Power Failure	1B

Severity	Catastrophic	Hazardous	Major	Minor	Negligible
Probability	A	B	C	D	E
Frequent 5	5A	5B	5C	5D	5E
Occasional 4	4A	4B	4C	4D	4E
Remote 3	3A	3B	3C	3D	3E
Improbable 2	2A	2B	2C	2D	2E
Extremely Improbable 1	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E

ICAO RISK ANALYSIS MATRIX

Fig.1: Risk Assessment Analysis Matrix Source: NAMA SMS Manual

Unacceptable Risk
Acceptable with Mitigation
Acceptable Risk

Fig. 2: Legend to the Risk Analysis Matrix

SAFETY RISK PROBABILITY

Likelihood	Meaning	Value
FREQUENT	Likely to occur many times (has occurred frequently)	5
OCCASIONAL	Likely to occur sometimes (has occurred infrequently)	4
REMOTE	Unlikely, but possible to occur (has occurred rarely)	3
IMPROBABLE	Very unlikely to occur (not known to have occurred)	2
EXTREMELY IMPROBABLE	Almost inconceivable that the Event will occur	1

Table 2: ICAO Safety Risk Probability Table

SAFETY RISK SEVERITY

Severity	Meaning	Value
CATASTROPHIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equipment Destroyed - Multiple Deaths 	A
HAZARDOUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A large reduction in safety margins, physical <u>distress</u> or a workload such that the operators cannot be relied upon to perform their tasks accurately or completely. - Serious injury - Major Equipment Damage 	B
MAJOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A significant Reduction in safety margins, a reduction in the ability of the operators to cope with adverse operating conditions because of an increase in workload or because of conditions impairing their efficiency - Serious incident - Injury to persons 	C
MINOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nuisance - Operating limitations - Use of emergency procedures - Minor incidents 	D
NEGLIGIBLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Few consequences 	E

Table 3: ICAO Risk Severity Table

Source: NAMA SMS Manual

ATC Environment of SAFETY RISK SEVERITY

+ Catastrophic – A	Hazardous – B	Major – C	Minor – D	Negligible – E
Collision with other aircraft, obstacles, or terrain.	Reduction in separation as defined by a high severity operational error, or a total loss of ATC.	Reduction in separation as defined by a low/moderate severity operational error, or significant reduction in ATC capability.	Slight reduction in ATC capability, or significant increase in ATC workload.	Slight increase in ATC workload.

Table 4: Example of risk severity using ATC environment

Source: NAMA SMS Manual

HAZARD REGISTER for FRA SRA

(Radio Communication Failure)



NIGERIAN AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT AGENCY (NAMA)		
Hazard ID: ATM/OPS 01	Project: Free Route Airspace	Date: 09/02/23
Hazard Description: Radio Communication Failure		
Risk Probability: Improbable	Severity: Minor	Risk Index: 2D
Hazard Related Consequences:	Existing Defenses:	
Loss of separation	ATCO training	
Increased ATCO workload	CPDLC	
	Secondary radio frequency	
	Route Design	
	Contingency Procedures	
Further Mitigation (If required):		
Radar upgrade		
ATCO Training		
ATCO refresher		
Mode S (On-going)		
Integration of PSR, SSR and ADS-C (on-going)		
Resultant Risk Probability: Improbable	Resultant Severity: Negligible	Resultant Risk Index: 2E
Mitigation By:	Director of Operations and Director of Engineering	
Date Completed:	November, 2022	

Type of Operation	Generic Hazard	Specific component of Hazard	Hazard Related Consequence	Existing Defences	Risk Index	Further Actions	Resultant Index	
ATM	Free Route Airspace	Radio Communication failure (ATM/OPS 01)	Loss of separation	ATCO trained	2D	Installation of high integrity radio	2E	
			Increased ATCO workload	CPDLC				
		Surveillance Equipment Failure (full or Partial) (ATM/OPS02)	Loss of separation	Back up radar	2D	Radar upgrade Mode S	Integration of PSR, SSR and ADS-C	2E
			Increased ATCO workload	Contingency Procedures				
			Fall-back to procedural control	Trained ATCOS				
			Loss of situation awareness	SLOP				
			Congestion and increased fuel burn	ADS-C				
		Height deviation and level burst undetected						
		Failure/lack of coordination between Lagos and Kano (ATM/OPS03)	Increased ATCOS workload	Enhanced Coordination Procedures	2D	Safety Nets ATCOS Refresher ATCO Supervisors Training	2E	
			Loss of separation	CPDLC				
Delayed Aircraft Movement	Installation of Telephones							
Failure of VSAT and satellite systems (ATM/OPS04)	Long-range RT failure	Contingency Procedures	2D	VSAT Redundancies Solar power IDU7000	2E			
	Loss of separation	ATCOS						
	Loss of connectivity of radar system	ATCOS Training						
	Increased ATCOS workload	SLOP						
Inadequate ATCO Training for FRA (ATM/OPS07)	ATCO workload	ATCO Training	2C	More ATCO Training Update of radar map FRA Charts Replacement	2D			
	AIRPROX	Contingency Procedure						
	Air Traffic Congestion	FRA Manager workshop						
	Radar failure	Public power						

FIG: FRA Safety Risk Analysis



HAZARD REGISTER for FRA SRA

(Surveillance Equipment Failure - Partial or Total)

NIGERIAN AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT AGENCY (NAMA)		
Hazard ID: ATM/OPS 02	Project: Free Route Airspace	Date: 09/02/23
Hazard Description: Surveillance equipment Failure (full or partial)		
Risk Probability: Improbable	Severity: Minor	Risk Index: 2D
Hazard Related Consequences:	Existing Defenses:	
Loss of separation	Back-up radar	
Increased ATCO workload	ATCO training	
Congestion and increased fuel burn	ADS-C	
Loss of situation awareness	SLOP	
Revert to procedural control	Route Design	
	Contingency Procedures	
Further Mitigation (If required): Installation of high integrity radio Additional ATCO training		
Resultant Risk Probability: Improbable	Resultant Severity: Negligible	Resultant Risk Index: 2E
Mitigation By:	Director of Operations and Director of Engineering	
Date Completed:	June, 2022	

Type of Operation	Generic Hazard	Specific component of Hazard	Hazard Related Consequence	Existing Defences	Risk Index	Further Actions	Resultant Index
ATM	Free Route Airspace	Radio Communication failure (ATM/OPS 01)	Loss of separation	ATCO trained	2D	Installation of high integrity radio	2E
			Increased ATCO workload	CPDLC			
		Surveillance Equipment Failure (full or Partial) (ATM/OPS02)	Loss of separation	Back up radar	2D	Radar upgrade Mode 5	2E
			Increased ATCO workload	Contingency Procedures			
			Fall-back to procedural control	Trained ATCOS	SLOP	ADS-C	Integration of PSR, SSR and ADS-C
			Loss of situation awareness	SLOP			
			Congestion and increased fuel burn	ADS-C			
Height deviation and level burst undetected							
Failure/lack of coordination between Lagos and Kano (ATM/OPS03)	Increased ATCOS workload	Enhanced Coordination Procedures	2D	Safety Nets	2E		
	Loss of separation	CPDLC					
	Delayed Aircraft Movement	Installation of Telephones					
Failure of VSAT and satellite systems (ATM/OPS04)	Long-range RT failure	Contingency Procedures	2D	VSAT Redundancies	2E		
	Loss of separation	ATCOS Training					
	Loss of connectivity of radar system	SLOP					
	Increased ATCOS workload						
Inadequate ATCO Training for FRA (ATM/OPS07)	ATCO workload AIRPROX	ATCO Training	2C	More ATCO Training	2D		
	Air Traffic Congestion	Contingency Procedure					
	Radar failure	Public power		Update of radar map			
				FRA Manager workshop			
				Replacement			

FIG: FRA Safety Risk Analysis



HAZARD REGISTER for FRA SRA

(Failure/Lack of Coordination between Lagos and Kano)

NIGERIAN AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT AGENCY (NAMA)		
Hazard ID: ATM/OPS 03	Project: Free Route Airspace	Date: 09/02/23
Hazard Description: Failure or lack of coordination between Lagos and Kano ACC		
Risk Probability: Improbable	Severity: Minor	Risk Index: 2D
Hazard Related Consequences:	Existing Defenses:	
Loss of separation	Enhanced coordination procedures	
Increased ATCO workload	ATCO training	
Congestion and increased fuel burn	CPDLC	
Loss of situation awareness	Installation of telephones	
Delayed aircraft movement	Contingency Procedures	
Further Mitigation (If required):		
Safety Nets		
ATCO Refresher		
ATCO Supervisor training		
Resultant Risk Probability: Improbable	Resultant Severity: Negligible	Resultant Risk Index: 2E
Mitigation By:	Director of Operations	
Date Completed:	May, 2022	

Type of Operation	Generic Hazard	Specific component of Hazard	Hazard Related Consequence	Existing Defences	Risk Index	Further Actions	Resultant Index	
ATM	Free Route Airspace	Radio Communication failure (ATM/OPS 01)	Loss of separation	ATCO trained	2D	Installation of high integrity radio	2E	
			Increased ATCO workload	CPDLC				
		Surveillance Equipment Failure (full or Partial) (ATM/OPS02)	Loss of separation	Back up radar	2D	Radar upgrade Mode 5	Integration of PSR, SSR and ADS-C	2E
			Increased ATCO workload	Contingency Procedures				
			Fall-back to procedural control	Trained ATCOS				
			Loss of situation awareness	SLOP				
			Congestion and increased fuel burn	ADS-C				
Height deviation and level burst undetected								
Failure/lack of coordination between Lagos and Kano (ATM/OPS03)	Increased ATCOS workload	Enhanced Coordination Procedures	2D	Safety Nets	ATCOS Refresher	2E		
	Loss of separation	CPDLC						
	Delayed Aircraft Movement	Installation of Telephones						
Failure of VSAT and satellite systems (ATM/OPS04)	Long-range RT failure	Contingency Procedures	2D	VSAT Redundancies	Solar power	2E		
	Loss of separation	ATCOS Training						
	Loss of connectivity of radar system	SLOP						
	Increased ATCOS workload							
Inadequate ATCO Training for FRA (ATM/OPS07)	ATCO workload	ATCO Training	2C	More ATCO Training	Update of radar map	2D		
	AIRPROX	Contingency Procedure						
	Air Traffic Congestion	FRA Manager workshop						
	Radar failure	Public power		Replacement				

FIG: FRA Safety Risk Analysis



HAZARD REGISTER for FRA SRA

(VSAT and Satellite System Failure)

NIGERIAN AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT AGENCY (NAMA)		
Hazard ID: ATM/OPS 04	Project: Free Route Airspace	Date: 09/02/23
Hazard Description: Failure of VSAT and Satellite System		
Risk Probability: Improbable	Severity: Minor	Risk Index: 2D
Hazard Related Consequences:	Existing Defenses:	
Loss of separation	Contingencies	
Loss of radar connectivity	ATCO Training	
Increased ATCO workload	SLOP	
Further Mitigation (If required):		
Upgrade to IDU7000		
VSAT Redundancies		
Solar power system (Additional on-going)		
Resultant Risk Probability: Improbable	Resultant Severity: Negligible	Resultant Risk Index: 2E
Mitigation By:	Director of Operations	
Date Completed:	May, 2022	

Type of Operation	Generic Hazard	Specific component of Hazard	Hazard Related Consequence	Existing Defences	Risk Index	Further Actions	Resultant Index	
ATM	Free Route Airspace	Radio Communication failure (ATM/OPS 01)	Loss of separation	ATCO trained	2D	Installation of high integrity radio	2E	
			Increased ATCO workload	CPDLC				
		Surveillance Equipment Failure (full or Partial) (ATM/OPS02)	Loss of separation	Back up radar	2D	Radar upgrade Mode 5	Integration of PSR, SSR and ADS-C	2E
			Increased ATCO workload	Contingency Procedures				
			Fall-back to procedural control	Trained ATCOS				
			Loss of situation awareness	SLOP				
			Congestion and increased fuel burn	ADS-C				
Height deviation and level burst undetected								
Failure/lack of coordination between Lagos and Kano (ATM/OPS03)	Increased ATCOS workload	Enhanced Coordination Procedures	2D	Safety Nets	ATCOS Refresher	2E		
	Loss of separation	CPDLC						
	Delayed Aircraft Movement	Installation of Telephones						
Failure of VSAT and satellite systems (ATM/OPS04)	Long-range RT failure	Contingency Procedures	2D	VSAT Redundancies	Solar power	IDU7000		
	Loss of separation	ATCOS Training						
	Loss of connectivity of radar system	SLOP						
	Increased ATCOS workload							
Inadequate ATCO Training for FRA (ATM/OPS07)	ATCO workload	ATCO Training	2C	More ATCO Training	Update of radar map	2D		
	AIRPROX	Contingency Procedure						
	Air Traffic Congestion	FRA Manager workshop						
	Radar failure	Public power		Replacement				

FIG: FRA Safety Risk Analysis

HAZARD REGISTER for FRA SRA

(Inadequate ATCO Training for FRA)



NIGERIAN AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT AGENCY (NAMA)		
Hazard ID: ATM/OPS 07	Project: Free Route Airspace	Date: 09/02/23
Hazard Description: Inadequate ATCO Training for FRA		
Risk Probability: Improbable	Severity: Major	Risk Index: 2C
Hazard Related Consequences:	Existing Defenses:	
ATCO workload	Contingency Procedure	
AIRPROX	ATCO Training	
Congestion	FRA Manager Workshop	
Further Mitigation (If required): More ATCO Training Update of radar map FRA Charts 5NLC for waypoint		
Resultant Risk Probability: Improbable	Resultant Severity: Minor	Resultant Risk Index: 2D
Mitigation By:	Director of Operations	
Date Completed:	May, 2022	

Type of Operation	Generic Hazard	Specific component of Hazard	Hazard Related Consequence	Existing Defences	Risk Index	Further Actions	Resultant Index	
ATM	Free Route Airspace	Radio Communication failure (ATM/OPS 01)	Loss of separation	ATCO trained	2D	Installation of high integrity radio	2E	
			Increased ATCO workload	CPDLC				
		Surveillance Equipment Failure (full or Partial) (ATM/OPS02)	Loss of separation	Back up radar	2D	Radar upgrade Mode 5	Integration of PSR, SSR and ADS-C	2E
			Increased ATCO workload	Contingency Procedures				
			Fall-back to procedural control	Trained ATCOS	ADS-C			
			Loss of situation awareness	SLOP				
			Congestion and increased fuel burn	ADS-C				
Height deviation and level burst undetected								
Failure/lack of coordination between Lagos and Kano (ATM/OPS03)	Increased ATCOS workload	Enhanced Coordination Procedures	2D	Safety Nets ATCOS Refresher ATCO Supervisors Training	2E			
	Loss of separation	CPDLC						
	Delayed Aircraft Movement	Installation of Telephones						
Failure of VSAT and satellite systems (ATM/OPS04)	Long-range RT failure	Contingency Procedures	2D	VSAT Redundancies Solar power IDU7000	2E			
	Loss of separation	ATCOS Training						
	Loss of connectivity of radar system	SLOP						
	Increased ATCOS workload							
Inadequate ATCO Training for FRA (ATM/OPS07)	ATCO workload	ATCO Training	2C	More ATCO Training Update of radar map	2D			
	AIRPROX	Contingency Procedure						
		Air Traffic Congestion		FRA Manager workshop				
		Radar failure		Public power Replacement				

FIG: FRA Safety Risk Analysis

HAZARD REGISTER for FRA SRA

(Power Failure - Partial or Total)



NIGERIAN AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT AGENCY (NAMA)		
Hazard ID: ATM/OPS 06	Project: Free Route Airspace	Date: 09/02;23
Hazard Description: Power Failure (Partial or total)		
Risk Probability: Improbable	Severity: Major	Risk Index: 3D
Hazard Related Consequences:	Existing Defenses:	
Radar Failure	Contingency Procedures	
Radio outage	Public power supply	
AIPROX	Generator	
Loss of separation	Batteries	
	Solar power system	
Further Mitigation (If required):		
Replacement of old generators		
Installation of additional solar power system		
Additional redundancies		
Resultant Risk Probability: Improbable	Resultant Severity: Minor	Resultant Risk Index: 2D
Mitigation By:	Director of Operations	
Date Completed:	May, 2022	

Type of Operation	Generic Hazard	Specific component of Hazard	Hazard Related Consequence	Existing Defences	Risk Index	Further Actions	Resultant Index
ATM	Free Route Airspace	Radio Communication failure (ATM/OPS 01)	Loss of separation	ATCO trained	2D	Installation of high integrity radio	2E
			Increased ATCO workload	CPDLC			
		Surveillance Equipment Failure (full or Partial) (ATM/OPS02)	Loss of separation	Back up radar	2D	Radar upgrade Mode 5	2E
			Increased ATCO workload	Contingency Procedures			
			Fall-back to procedural control	Trained ATCOS	SLOP	ADS-C	Integration of PSR, SSR and ADS-C
			Loss of situation awareness				
			Congestion and increased fuel burn				
Height deviation and level burst undetected							
Failure/lack of coordination between Lagos and Kano (ATM/OPS03)	Increased ATCOS workload	Enhanced Coordination Procedures	2D	Safety Nets	2E		
	Loss of separation	CPDLC					
	Delayed Aircraft Movement	Installation of Telephones					
Failure of VSAT and satellite systems (ATM/OPS04)	Long-range RT failure	Contingency Procedures	2D	VSAT Redundancies	2E		
	Loss of separation	ATCOS Training					
	Loss of connectivity of radar system	SLOP					
	Increased ATCOS workload						
Inadequate ATCO Training for FRA (ATM/OPS07)	ATCO workload	ATCO Training	2C	More ATCO Training	2D		
	AIPROX	Contingency Procedure					
	Air Traffic Congestion	FRA Manager workshop					
	Radar failure	Public power		Replacement			

FIG: FRA Safety Risk Analysis



FURTHER ACTIONS

- ✓ *Obtaining 5NLC from ICAO WACAF for an un-named 'Intermediate' waypoint (OGDIX) causing loss of situation awareness and update on radar map.*
- ✓ *Conduct of more robust FRA Gap Analysis – Annex 2 – more parameters were analyzed*
- ✓ *Conduct of additional training/sensitization workshop for ATCOS and AIS personnel*
- ✓ *Installation of high-Integrity digital radio equipment for long range Air-ground communication*
- ✓ *Commencement of TRACON Recondition project pending upgrade*

RISK INDEX

2D

**RESULTANT
RISK INDEX**

1D

Hazard Identification and Risk Management (HIRM) Log can be found in Appendix 1 to this SRA

FRA INCREMENTS BASED ON ENHANCED SAFETY RISK INDEX

- 1D



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CONCLUSION



After very careful considerations of the six (6) hazards associated with the implementation of FRA – Local in the Nigerian airspace, it was assessed that all were within acceptable zones of safety risk, with the current conclusions being;

RISK INDEX – 2D

RESULTANT RISK INDEX: 1D

This therefore implies that risk(s) posed by the identified hazards have been sufficiently mitigated to pose no safety risk to the implementation of FRA – Local operations in the Kano FIR.

It is therefore the considered opinion of NAMA SMS that the free route airspace – Local is safe for implementation in the Nigerian airspace (Kano FIR) based on the data provided by the Directorate of Operations and the FRA Project Manager.

THANK YOU

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