

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION**Seventh Meeting of the APIRG Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group
(AAO/SG7)****Nairobi, Kenya, 12 - 16 August 2024****Agenda Item 3: Achievements in Airspace and Aerodrome Operations****3A3 REPORT OF THE TRAINING AND QUALIFICATION OF AGA
TECHNICAL STAFF (REGULATOR AND AIRPORT OPERATORS) PROJECT TEAM***(Presented by Training and Qualification Project Team)*

SUMMARY
<p>This paper presents progress report on the status of the activities of the project team on training and qualification of AGA technical staff for both the aerodrome regulator and operators.</p> <p>Action by the meeting is in paragraph 3</p>
<p>REFERENCE(S):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- AAO/SG reports- APIRG/23 and APIRG/26 Reports
<p>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s):</p> <p>A – Safety</p> <p>B – Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The meeting will recall APIRG/23 Conclusion 23/10 required the Aerodrome Operations Project teams to be reorganised for effective and efficient reporting. It is desirable that adequate capacity be built in the AFI Region through training and qualification of aerodrome operational personnel and regulatory personnel.

1.2 The objective of the Training and Qualification project is to increase training opportunities of aerodrome inspectors and technical personnel in the region by facilitating the development of comprehensive training programmes, in coordination with the AFI region Training Centers.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting will recall the Sixth meeting of the Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-group (AAO/SG6), which noted priorities identified by the team in the project report presented and mandated the project team to include the identified priorities in the project document and finalize it.

2.2 The project proposes to enhance the profile of the region and Training organisations by developing suitable courses to be hosted by the Approved Training Organisations (ATOs) and therefore ensure sustainability in the training and qualification of aerodrome personnel across the region.

2.3 The project approach proposed in the project document considers the main challenges raised by the States regarding training which included:

- 2.3.1 Insufficient funds to train the aerodrome inspectors and operators;
- 2.3.2 lack of specialized training within the region, in English and French languages;
- 2.3.3 Few training centres within the AFI Region;
- 2.3.4 Lack of in-house instructors in the States; and
- 2.3.5 High cost of foreign training, including cost of travel to destinations with the required training courses.

2.4 The project approach proposes to engage the Training organizations that responded to the questionnaire, as was presented in the project report in the Sixth meeting of the Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-group (AAO/SG6).

2.5 The project team has updated the project document as directed by the AAO/SG6 meeting. There is need for States and Organizations to avail course developers and instructors who will be instrumental in the implementation of the project and the sustainability of aerodrome experts' capacity building in the region.

2.6 The project document is included as an appendix to this paper.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Take note of the progress made by the project team;
- b) Urge States to commit to the capacity building activities; and
- c) Recommend the provision of resources to support the project for implementation.
