



## INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

**Meeting on the establishment of the Safety Management and Oversight Sub-Group (SMO/SG) of the Africa–Indian Ocean Aviation System Planning and Implementation Group (AASPG), Nairobi, Kenya.**

*From 24 to 25 April 2025*

**Agenda Item 3 - Nominations of members of the SMO/SG; and Elections of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Group**

*(Presented by the Secretariat)*

SUMMARY
<p>This Paper presents items related to the nomination of the members and the election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to conduct the business of the AASPG Safety Management and Oversight Sub-Group (SMO/SG) for review and adoption.</p> <p>Action by the meeting is at <b>paragraph 3</b> of this Paper.</p>
<p><b>REFERENCE(S):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• APIRG/27 and RASG-AFI/10 Report</li><li>• AASPG Procedural Handbook</li></ul>
<p><b>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A – <i>Safety</i></li></ul>

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The terms of reference of the Safety Management and Oversight Sub-Group (SMO/SG) of the Africa–Indian Ocean Aviation System Planning and Implementation Group (AASPG) and the Provisional Agenda for the Meeting on the establishment of the SMO/SG were communicated to the States and Organizations, as attachments to the invitation letter Ref.: ES AN 1/6 - 0118 dated 20 March 2025.
- 1.2. The States may nominate officials to participate in the activities of the AASPG and its Contributory Bodies (i.e. the Programme Review and Coordination Committee (PRCC); SMO/Sub-Group; Project Teams, etc.); and may serve in various elected positions (AASPG Procedural Handbook (§2 refers)).
- 1.3. Officiating members will be required to perform various duties and functions during meetings and events, as well as in the period between meetings. In this regard, States should ensure that officials elected in such capacities are adequately facilitated to participate and serve in their elected capacities.
- 1.4. In order to ensure geographical balance in representation, officers shall be elected from different ESAF and WACAF regions, so that a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson

shall not come from the same area. A similar distribution shall apply to the election of members to serve on the Project Teams.

- 1.5. The Sub-Group shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson from amongst the representatives of the States present at a meeting. In order to facilitate a broader possible involvement of States of the AFI region as officers in the activities of the SMO/SG, elected officials may serve for a period **not exceeding two consecutive meetings or three consecutive Calander years**, whichever comes last, as indicated in Sec. 4.6.3 of the procedure handbook.
- 1.6. Members of the Sub-Group may at any time request that the election of the Chair and/or Vice-Chair be included on the agenda of the meeting.

## **2. DISCUSSIONS**

- 2.1. The SMO/SG shall be composed of officials with requisite qualifications and experience in aviation safety. The AASPG may request States and international Organizations to nominate specific officials to serve in the Sub-Group, providing information on the nominee's qualifications and experience (i.e., CV) for vetting and subsequent acceptance by the AASPG, as appropriate, to ensure focus and continuity in the functionality of the Sub-Group.
- 2.2. While every State that is likely to make a valid contribution shall be given an opportunity to participate, membership of the Sub-Group shall be kept to a limited number of States and organizations, to facilitate efficiency aspects such as consideration of business, costs, logistics and the application of non-formal working methods.
- 2.3. In addition, to enable the desired continuity and the benefits thereof, States should minimize changes of the nominated experts, and instead, allow the nominated experts.
- 2.4. Following the endorsement of the Africa – Indian Ocean Aviation System Planning and Implementation Group (AASPG), its Organizational Structure and Procedural Handbook, by APIRG/27 and RASG-AFI/10 joint plenary in November 2024 (replacing APIRG and RASG-AFI), the Secretary of the AASPG SMO/SG, was appointed with effect from 15 February 2025.

## **3. ACTIONS BY THE MEETING**

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
  - a) Take note of the information provided in this paper;
  - b) Nominate the members of the Sub-Group; and
  - c) Elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the SMO Sub-Group.

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