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### 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*

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#### Agenda Item 5 - Review of recent developments with ICAO Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP), AFI Regional Aviation Safety Plan (AFI-RASP), and Significant Safety Concerns in the Region.

##### 5.1 Review of recent developments with GASP and AFI-RASP

*(Presented by the Secretariat)*

SUMMARY
<p>This Paper presents the recent developments in the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) and the AFI Regional Aviation Safety Plan (AFI-RASP).</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>• ICAO Doc 10004 - Global Aviation Safety Plan</li><li>• AFI-RASP, 2023-2025 Edition</li><li>• AASPG Procedural Handbook</li></ul>
<p><b>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s):</b> This working paper relates to the ICAO Strategic Objective on <b>Safety</b>.</p>

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP, ICAO Doc 10004) presents the global strategy for the continuous improvement of aviation safety. GASP is the master planning document, upon which regional and national aviation safety plans are developed and implemented. It has a three-year cycle within which the document is reviewed and updated for the subsequent cycle, to ensure it remains relevant to the aviation community.
- 1.2. The 2023-2025 Edition of the GASP is currently being reviewed by the GASP Study Group (GASP-SG) for alignment with the current and forecast aviation safety trends for the next triennium (GASP 2026-2028 Edition). In a similar token, the AFI-RASP 2023-2025 Edition will be reviewed by the Safety Management and Oversight Sub-Group (SMO/SG) of the Africa-Indian Ocean Aviation System Planning and Implementation Group (AASPG) to align it with the GASP 2026-2028 Edition, after the latter receives the approval of the ICAO Council.

## 2. DISCUSSIONS

- 2.1. The GASP was developed and revised through the efforts of the GASP Study Group (GASP-SG), a joint regulatory-industry expert group established by ICAO, to ensure that the Plan and its content reflect the needs of the aviation community at the international, regional and national levels.
- 2.2. In line with ICAO's Strategic Objective on Safety, the 2026-2028 Edition of the GASP lists global safety issues and sets global safety goals and targets for the triennium, upon which Regional Aviation Safety Plans (RASPs) and National Aviation Safety Plans (NASPs) should be developed and implemented. The GASP provides a collaborative framework for States, regions and industry to manage operational safety risks and organizational challenges, through their respective RASPs and NASPs.
- 2.3. In preparation for the Fourteenth Air Navigation Conference (AN-Conf/14), ICAO conducted a survey via an online Questionnaire on the GASP Update. The questionnaire provided an opportunity for key stakeholders to give specific feedback on the 2023-2025 Edition of the GASP and to provide suggestions for the 2026-2028 Edition, as well as for updating guidance material to support the implementation of RASPs and NASPs. Proposed global safety issues for the 2026-2028 Edition of the GASP, as well as a proposal to update the GASP goals and targets were presented to the Conference, held in Montréal, 26 August to 6 September 2024, to obtain wider feedback from States and international organizations.
- 2.4. The GASP was also restructured to ensure better alignment between the global, regional and national aviation safety plans. Additionally, guidance material related to the GASP was updated to align with the 2026-2028 edition of the GASP. This includes the *Global Aviation Safety Roadmap* (Doc 10161), the *Manual on the Development of Regional and National Aviation Safety Plans* (Doc 10131), and the *Manual on Monitoring Implementation of Regional and National Aviation Safety Plans* (Doc 10162).
- 2.5. The GASP 2026-2028 Edition will be presented for endorsement by the 42nd Session of the ICAO Assembly.
- 2.6. The draft RASG-AFI Regional Aviation Safety Plan (AFI-RASP 2023-2025 Edition) was developed by the RASG-AFI Secretariat and presented at a workshop conducted virtually from 2 to 5 October 2023 for validation by the Safety Support Teams (SSTs) – Contributory Bodies of the RASG-AFI, prior to its approval by the ninth meeting of the RASG-AFI Plenary in November 2023. The workshop was attended by 201 participants from Civil Aviation Authorities, Airlines, Air Navigation Services Providers, Aircraft Accident Investigation Authorities, Approved Training Organizations, Regional and International Organizations.
- 2.7. The AFI-RASP, like the GASP, has a three-year cycle within which the document should be reviewed and updated for the subsequent cycle, to be consistent with relevant GASP.
- 2.8. The AASPG Procedural Handbook outlines that Project Teams shall be established, composed of subject matter experts possessing the qualifications and experience required in the specific projects to which they are selected and familiar with the areas under consideration. Accordingly, a Team should be established, responsible for revising the AFI-RASP 2023-2025 Edition, to ensure that it is consistent with the GASP 2026-2028 Edition to continually reduce fatalities and the risk of fatalities in the Region; and by extension the world at large. In carrying out its work, the Project Team should consider the operational safety risks and organizational challenges within the Region; and States should be supported in the development and implementation of their NASPs, which should be consistent with the current Edition of the AFI-RASP.

- 2.9. The Project Team upon completion of its work, should present the draft revised AFI-RASP 2026-2028 Edition to the Programme Review and Coordination Committee (PRCC) for endorsement prior to its approval by the next AASPG Plenary in 2026.

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

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Take note of the information provided in this paper;
- b) Establish a Team to be responsible for revising the AFI-RASP 2023-2025 Edition, in line with the GASP 2026-2028 Edition; and endorse the process as outlined in this Paper; and
- c) Encourage the members of the Project Team to work diligently and ensure that their work is accomplished by 30 June 2026.

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