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Subject: Validation Workshop of the Follow-up Study for the Development and Implementation of a Strategic Plan for Supporting and Strengthening RSOOs/RAIO in the AFI Region, Kampala, Uganda, 28 to 30 April 2025

Action Required: Confirm your participation and register online by 4 April 2025

Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to invite your Administration/Organization to the AFI Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOO) Strategy follow-up Study Validation workshop, to be held in Kampala, Uganda, from **28 to 30 of April 2025**, sponsored by The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) through the EU-Africa Safety in Aviation (EU-ASA) project.

Indeed, the 2017 Ezulwini Ministerial Declaration called for a study to strengthen RSOOs in the AFI region. In response, the AFI Plan developed a strategy and roadmap for enhancing the role and effectiveness of RSOOs in Africa. The recommendations were presented to the 25th AFI Plan Steering Committee Session, which proposed a high-level forum to establish a common understanding for implementing the AFI RSOO Strategic Plan.

The Second Global RSOO Forum held in October 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya, further examined ways to harmonize and ensure RSOOs sustainability. As a result, an in-depth feasibility analysis was recommended to refine the RSOO Strategy and Roadmap, focusing on funding mechanisms and optimizing the number and size of RSOOs. The 10th AFI RASG Meeting held in November 2024 in South Africa, provided an update on this study and encouraged stakeholder participation in the upcoming validation workshop.

To facilitate the necessary planning and preparatory activities, it would be appreciated if you could kindly confirm the participation of your State/Organization by registering online at <https://www.icao.int/ESAF/Pages/validation-rsoo-raio-afi-2025.aspx> at your earliest convenience and preferably not later than **4 April 2025**. The EU-ASA project will cover travel (economy class flight ticket), hotel accommodation and meals for one participant per State and two participants per RSOO/RAIO. Upon registration, please indicate the person to be sponsored so that the logistic contractor can contact them to organise their travel.

The workshop will be conducted in both English and French languages with simultaneous interpretation services. The Study Report, the Strategy and the Roadmap as well as the Concept Note and the draft Agenda of the workshop will be posted on the event website.

Yours sincerely,

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