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# ***SUPPORTING AND STRENGTHENING RSOOS IN AFI REGION : AGREEING ON A ROADMAP***

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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- 1. Background**
- 2. Implementation modalities and expected deliverables**
- 3. Tentative schedule**
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## Background

- **Number of RSOOs have been established in last 10 years or in the process of being established in the AFI Region supported by ICAO and Regional Economic communities**
- **The RSOO are competing with other players (e.g.: CAAs, AFI-CIS) for the limited financial and human resources**
- **There is risk of wastage of resources due to overlap or duplication of functions;**
- **Acceptance and recognition of delegation of functions to RSOOs as appropriate remains to be a challenge especially where CAA are well established.**



## Background cont'd



- There is need identify solutions to the existing challenges in a coordinated and integrated framework to cover *inter alia*;**
- **The optimum number and configuration of RSOOs**
  - **The financial sustainability of AFI RSOOs**
  - **The effectiveness of AFI RSOOs**
  - **The delegation of tasks and functions as appropriate**
  - **The coordinated implementation of work, training programmes and projects by RSOOs**



## Strategy for Supporting and Strengthening AFI RSOOs

### Terms of Reference

- **Project for development and Implementation of a Strategic Plan to establish a regional framework to ensure effective and sustainable implementation and operation of RSOOs and address the existing challenges**
  
- **Beneficiaries : All AFI RSOOs and States;**
  
- **Implementation agency: ICAO in collaboration with AFCAC and partners;**
  
- **Major deliverables of the project:**
  - A study on the development of a strategic plan for supporting and strengthening AFI RSOOs
  - Model Service level Agreement documents and MoU for delegation of functions and tasks



## Study elements

- A SWOT analysis of the AFI Region, to review status of safety oversight and effective implementation of the eight critical elements in the AFI States.
- Review/survey of operationalization of existing RSOOs
- Review of mechanisms/options for the sustainable funding of RSOOs,.
- Overview of options for the appropriate staffing of RSOOs
- Analysis of current RSOOs setup to streamline the number and size
- Review of issues related to the autonomy/independence of RSOOs, the delegation of functions and duties by its member/partner States



## Tentative schedule of events

- **March 2017** (RSOO Conference): Ministerial Declaration including support for a project for the ToRs for development of the Strategic Plan for supporting and strengthening AFI RSOOs;
- **June – October 2017** : Conduct of the study and development of the strategic plan
- **November 2017** : adoption of the Strategic Plan by AFI States
- **January 2018** : Inception date for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Supporting and Strengthening RSOOs



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## Action by the Ministerial Forum

- To consider and adopt the Draft ToRs on the development and implementation of a strategic plan for supporting and strengthening RSOOs in the AFI Region; and
- Request ICAO through the AFI Plan and in collaboration with the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) and partners, to coordinate the funding of the development of the Strategic Plan

