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MID REGION AIR NAVIGATION STRATEGY

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the MID Air Navigation Strategy, as endorsed by the MIDANPIRG/15 meeting, for review and update, as deemed necessary.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- AIM SG/2 Report
- ATM SG/2 Report
- MET SG/6 Report
- MIDANPIRG/15 Report
- MID Region Air Navigation Strategy (MID Doc 002)
- PBN SG/2 Report

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 States and planning and implementation regional groups (PIRGs) are transitioning to a performance-based approach to support their air navigation infrastructure planning.

1.2 Performance-Based Navigation (PBN), Continuous Descent Operations (CDO), Continuous Climb Operations (CCO), Aeronautical Information Management (AIM), Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) and estimated environmental benefits accrued from operational improvements have been identified as the global air navigation priorities.

2. DISCUSSION

Endorsement of the MID Region Air Navigation Strategy as MID Doc 002

2.1 The meeting may wish to note that the MIDANPIRG/15 meeting reviewed and updated the MID Region Air Navigation Strategy (MID Doc 002) and agreed to the following Conclusion:

CONCLUSION 15/10: MID REGION AIR NAVIGATION STRATEGY

That,

- a) *the revised MID Region Air Navigation Strategy:*
 - i. *is endorsed as the framework identifying the regional air navigation priorities, performance indicators and targets; and*
 - ii. *be published as MID Doc 002*
- b) *MID States be urged to:*
 - i. *develop their National Air Navigation Performance Framework, ensuring the alignment with and support to the MID Region Air Navigation Strategy; and*
 - ii. *provide the ICAO MID Regional Office, on an annual basis (by the end of November), with relevant data necessary for regional air navigation planning, reporting and monitoring.*

2.2 As a follow up action to the MIDANPIRG/15 Conclusion 15/10, the ICAO MID Regional Office issued State Letter Ref.: AN 1/7– 15/191 dated 25 June 2015 requesting States to take necessary measures to ensure the implementation of the provisions of the above Conclusion and provide the ICAO MID Regional Office, not later than 30 November 2015, with relevant data necessary for regional air navigation planning, reporting and monitoring. Replies received from Bahrain and Lebanon, only.

2.3 The meeting may wish to note that detailed information on the monitoring of certain ASBU modules has been included in Volume III of the MID eANP, in order to be used as planning tools for the measurement of the air navigation systems performance.

Updates by the MIDANPIRG Subsidiary Bodies

2.4 MET SG/2 meeting reviewed the elements and performance indicators and targets of the B0-AMET and agreed to the inclusion of a performance indicator related to the implementation of SIGMET in Volume III B0-AMET.

2.5 The AIM SG/2, ATM SG/2 and PBN SG/2 meetings reviewed the performance indicators and targets included in the MID Region Air Navigation Strategy and considered that they are still valid.

2.6 A revised version of the MID Region Air Navigation Strategy taking into consideration the inputs from the MET SG/6 meeting is at **Appendix A**.

Planning for ASBU Block 1 Modules Implementation

2.7 The meeting may wish to note that in accordance with the fourth edition of the Global Air Navigation Plan (Doc 9750), the implementation of Block 1 ASBU Modules should start in 2018. However, the ICAO Assembly 39 (Montreal, Canada, 27 September-7 October 2016) will review the proposal of the fifth edition of the GANP aligning the periodicity of the ASBU Modules with the Assembly 3-year cycle. Therefore, the commencement of Block 1 implementation would be postponed to 2019. Nevertheless, for a timely planning of the ASBU Block 1 Modules implementation, it would be necessary to start the consultation process between all stakeholders to identify those ASBU Block 1 Modules that are considered a priority for the Region, based on operational needs/improvements.

2.8 The prioritization of ASBU Block 0 and Block 1 Modules as well as the assignment of the MIDANPIRG subsidiary bodies responsible for monitoring the implementation is shown in the Draft MID Region ASBU Prioritization and Monitoring Table at **Appendix B**.

2.9 In connection with the above, the MIDANPIRG subsidiary bodies will have to develop the performance indicators and targets related to the proposed priority 1 Block 1 ASBU Modules, for review/endorsement by MIDANPIRG and/or MSG.

2.10 A Workshop on ASBU Block 1 implementation might be required to provide a forum for discussion gathering all stakeholders and ensure harmonization.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) review and update, as deemed necessary, the MID Air Navigation Strategy at **Appendix A**;
- b) urge States to implement the provisions of the MIDANPIRG/15 Conclusion 15/10;
- c) review the Draft MID Region ASBU Prioritization and Monitoring Table at **Appendix B**; and
- d) agree on the proposals at para. 2.11 - 2.13.



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MID REGION AIR NAVIGATION STRATEGY

1. Introduction

1.1 As traffic volume increases throughout the world, the demands on air navigation service providers in a given airspace increase, and air traffic management becomes more complex.

1.2 It is foreseen that the implementation of the components of the ATM operational concept will provide sufficient capacity to meet the growing demand, generating additional benefits in terms of more efficient flights and higher levels of safety. Nevertheless, the potential of new technologies to significantly reduce the cost of services will require the establishment of clear operational requirements.

1.3 Taking into account the benefits of the ATM operational concept, it is necessary to make many timely decisions for its implementation. An unprecedented cooperation and harmonization will be required at both global and regional level.

1.4 ICAO introduced the Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU) methodology as a systemic manner to achieve a harmonized implementation of the air navigation services. An ASBU designates a set of improvements that can be implemented globally from a defined point in time to enhance the performance of the ATM system.

1.5 Through Recommendation 6/1 - *Regional performance framework – planning methodologies and tools*, AN-Conf/12 urged States and PIRGs to harmonize the regional and national air navigation plans with the ASBU methodology in response to this, the MID region is developing MID Region Air Navigation Strategy that is aligned with the ASBU methodology.

1.6 Stakeholders including service providers, regulators, airspace users and manufacturers are facing increased levels of interaction as new, modernized ATM operations are implemented. The highly integrated nature of capabilities covered by the block upgrades requires a significant level of coordination and cooperation among all stakeholders. Working together is essential for achieving global harmonization and interoperability.

2. Strategic Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency Objective

2.1 To realize sound and economically-viable civil aviation system in the MID Region that continuously increases in capacity and improves in efficiency with enhanced safety while minimizing the adverse environmental effects of civil aviation activities.

3. MID Air Navigation Objectives

3.1 The MID Region air navigation objectives are set in line with the global air navigation objectives and address specific air navigation operational improvements identified within the framework of the Middle East Regional Planning and Implementation Group (MIDANPIRG).

Near-term Objective (2013 - 2018): ASBU Block 0

3.2 Block '0' features Modules characterized by operational improvements which have already been developed and implemented in many parts of the world today. It therefore has a near-term implementation period of 2013–2018. The MID Region near-term priorities are based on the implementation of an agreed set of Block 0 Modules as reflected in **Table 1** below.

3.3 The MID Region Air Navigation Strategy is aimed to maintain regional harmonisation. The States should develop their national performance framework, including action plans for the implementation of relevant priority 1 ASBU Modules and other modules according to the State operational requirements.

Mid-term Objective (2018 - 2023): ASBU Block 1

3.4 Blocks 1 through 3 are characterized by both existing and projected performance area solutions, with availability milestones beginning in 2018, 2023 and 2028, respectively. Associated timescales are intended to depict the initial deployment targets along with the readiness of all components needed for deployment.

Long-term Objective (2023 - 2028): ASBU Block 2

3.5 The Block Upgrades incorporate a long-term perspective matching that of the three companion ICAO Air Navigation planning documents. They coordinate clear aircraft- and ground-based operational objectives together with the avionics, data link and ATM system requirements needed to achieve them. The overall strategy serves to provide industry wide transparency and essential investment certainty for operators, equipment manufacturers and ANSPs.

4. MID Region ASBU Block 0 Modules Prioritization and Monitoring

4.1 On the basis of operational requirements and taking into consideration the associated benefits, **Table 1** below shows the priority for implementation of the 18 Block “0” Modules, as well as the MIDANPIRG subsidiary bodies that will be monitoring and supporting the implementation of the Modules:

Table 1. MID REGION ASBU BLOCK 0 MODULES PRIORITIZATION AND MONITORING

Module Code	Module Title	Priority	Monitoring		Remarks
			Main	Supporting	
Performance Improvement Areas (PIA) 1: Airport Operations					
B0-APTA	Optimization of Approach Procedures including vertical guidance	1	PBN SG	ATM SG, AIM SG, CNS SG	
B0-WAKE	Increased Runway Throughput through Optimized Wake Turbulence Separation	2			
B0-RSEQ	Improve Traffic flow through Runway Sequencing (AMAN/DMAN)	2			
B0-SURF	Safety and Efficiency of Surface Operations (A-SMGCS Level 1-2)	1	ANSIG	CNS SG	Coordination with RGS WG
B0-ACDM	Improved Airport Operations through Airport-CDM	1	ANSIG	CNS SG, AIM SG, ATM SG	Coordination with RGS WG
Performance Improvement Areas (PIA) 2 Globally Interoperable Systems and Data Through Globally Interoperable System Wide Information Management					
B0-FICE	Increased Interoperability, Efficiency and Capacity through Ground-Ground Integration	1	CNS SG	ATM SG	
B0-DATM	Service Improvement through Digital Aeronautical Information Management	1	AIM SG	-	
B0-AMET	Meteorological information supporting enhanced operational efficiency and safety	1	MET SG	-	

Performance Improvement Areas (PIA) 3 Optimum Capacity and Flexible Flights – Through Global Collaborative ATM					
B0-FRTO	Improved Operations through Enhanced En-Route Trajectories	1	ATM SG		
B0-NOPS	Improved Flow Performance through Planning based on a Network-Wide view	1			
B0-ASUR	Initial capability for ground surveillance	2			
B0-ASEP	Air Traffic Situational Awareness (ATSA)	2			
B0-OPFL	Improved access to optimum flight levels through climb/descent procedures using ADS-B	2			
B0-ACAS	ACAS Improvements	1	CNS SG		
B0-SNET	Increased Effectiveness of Ground-Based Safety Nets	2			
Performance Improvement Areas (PIA) 4 Efficient Flight Path – Through Trajectory-based Operations					
B0-CDO	Improved Flexibility and Efficiency in Descent Profiles (CDO)	1	PBN SG		
B0-TBO	Improved Safety and Efficiency through the initial application of Data Link En-Route	2	ATM SG	CNS SG	
B0-CCO	Improved Flexibility and Efficiency Departure Profiles - Continuous Climb Operations (CCO)	1	PBN SG		

Priority 1: Modules that have the highest contribution to the improvement of air navigation safety and/or efficiency in the MID Region. These modules should be implemented where applicable and will be used for the purpose of regional air navigation monitoring and reporting for the period 2013-2014.

Priority 2: Modules recommended for implementation based on identified operational needs and benefits.

5. Measuring and monitoring air navigation performance

5.1 The monitoring of air navigation performance and its enhancement is achieved through identification of relevant air navigation Metrics and Indicators as well as the adoption and attainment of air navigation system Targets.

5.2 MIDANPIRG through its activities under the various subsidiary bodies will continue to update and monitor the implementation of the ASBU Modules to achieve the air navigation targets.

5.3 The priority 1 Modules along with the associated elements, applicability, performance Indicators, supporting Metrics, and performance Targets are shown in the **Table 2** below.

Note: The different elements supporting the implementation are explained in detail in the ASBU Document which is attached to the Global Plan (Doc 9750).

6. Governance

6.1 Progress report on the status of implementation of the different priority 1 Modules should be developed by the Air Navigation System Implementation Group (ANSIG) and presented to the MIDANPIRG Steering Group (MSG) and/or MIDANPIRG on regular basis.

6.2 The MIDANPIRG and its Steering Group (MSG) will be the governing body responsible for the review and update of the MID Region Air Navigation Strategy.

6.3 The MID Region Air Navigation Strategy will guide the work of MIDANPIRG and its subsidiary bodies and all its member States and partners.

6.4 Progress on the implementation of the MID Region Air Navigation Strategy and the achievement of the agreed air navigation targets will be reported to the ICAO Air Navigation Commission (ANC), through the review of the MIDANPIRG reports; and to the stakeholders in the Region within the framework of MIDANPIRG.

**Table 2. MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASBU BLOCK 0 MODULES
IN THE MID REGION**

B0 – APTA: Optimization of Approach Procedures including vertical guidance

Description and purpose

The use of performance-based navigation (PBN) and ground-based augmentation system (GBAS) landing system (GLS) procedures will enhance the reliability and predictability of approaches to runways, thus increasing safety, accessibility and efficiency. This is possible through the application of Basic global navigation satellite system (GNSS), Baro vertical navigation (VNAV), satellite-based augmentation system (SBAS) and GLS. The flexibility inherent in PBN approach design can be exploited to increase runway capacity.

Main performance impact:

KPA- 01 – Access and Equity	KPA-02 – Capacity	KPA-04 – Efficiency	KPA-05 – Environment	KPA-10 – Safety
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Applicability consideration:

This module is applicable to all instrument, and precision instrument runway ends, and to a limited extent, non-instrument runway ends.

B0 – APTA: Optimization of Approach Procedures including vertical guidance

Elements	Applicability	Performance Indicators/Supporting Metrics	Targets
States' PBN Implementation Plans	All	Indicator: % of States that provided updated PBN implementation Plan Supporting metric: Number of States that provided updated PBN implementation Plan	80 % by Dec. 2014 100% by Dec. 2015
LNAV	All RWYs Ends at International Aerodromes	Indicator: % of runway ends at international aerodromes with RNAV(GNSS) Approach Procedures (LNAV) Supporting metric: Number of runway ends at international aerodromes with RNAV (GNSS) Approach Procedures (LNAV)	All runway ends at Int'l Aerodromes, either as the primary approach or as a back-up for precision approaches by Dec. 2016
LNAV/VNAV	All RWYs ENDS at International Aerodromes	Indicator: % of runways ends at international aerodromes provided with Baro-VNAV approach procedures (LNAV/VNAV) Supporting metric: Number of runways ends at international aerodromes provided with Baro-VNAV approach procedures (LNAV/VNAV)	All runway ends at Int'l Aerodromes, either as the primary approach or as a back-up for precision approaches by Dec. 2017

Module B0-SURF: Safety and Efficiency of Surface Operations (A-SMGCS Level 1-2)

Description and purpose

Basic A-SMGCS provides surveillance and alerting of movements of both aircraft and vehicles on the aerodrome thus improving runway/aerodrome safety. ADS-B information is used when available (ADS-B APT).

Main performance impact:

KPA- 01 – Access and Equity	KPA-02 – Capacity	KPA-04 – Efficiency	KPA-05 – Environment	KPA-10 – Safety
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Applicability consideration:

A-SMGCS is applicable to any aerodrome and all classes of aircraft/vehicles. Implementation is to be based on requirements stemming from individual aerodrome operational and cost-benefit assessments. ADS-B APT, when applied is an element of A-SMGCS, is designed to be applied at aerodromes with medium traffic complexity, having up to two active runways at a time and the runway width of minimum 45 m.

B0-SURF: Safety and Efficiency of Surface Operations (A-SMGCS Level 1-2)			
Elements	Applicability	Performance Indicators/Supporting Metrics	Targets
A-SMGCS Level 1*	OBBI, HECA, OIII, OKBK, OOMS, OTBD, OTHH, OEDF, OEJN, OERK, OMDB, OMAA, OMDW	Indicator: % of applicable international aerodromes having implemented A-SMGCS Level 1 Supporting Metric: Number of applicable international aerodromes having implemented A-SMGCS Level 1	70% by Dec. 2017
A-SMGCS Level 2*	OBBI, HECA, OIII, OKBK, OOMS, OTBD, OTHH, OEJN, OERK, OMDB, OMAA, OMDW	Indicator: % of applicable international aerodromes having implemented A-SMGCS Level 2 Supporting Metric: Number of applicable international aerodromes having implemented A-SMGCS Level 2	50% by Dec. 2017

*Reference: Eurocontrol Document – “Definition of A-SMGCS Implementation Levels, Edition 1.2, 2010”.

B0 – ACDM: Improved Airport Operations through Airport-CDM

Description and purpose

To implement collaborative applications that will allow the sharing of surface operations data among the different stakeholders on the airport. This will improve surface traffic management reducing delays on movement and manoeuvring areas and enhance safety, efficiency and situational awareness.

Main performance impact:

KPA- 01 – Access and Equity	KPA-02 – Capacity	KPA-04 – Efficiency	KPA-05 – Environment	KPA-10 – Safety
N	Y	Y	Y	N

Applicability consideration:

Local for equipped/capable fleets and already established airport surface infrastructure.

B0 – ACDM: Improved Airport Operations through Airport-CDM			
Elements	Applicability	Performance Indicators/Supporting Metrics	Targets
A-CDM	OBBI, HECA, OIII, OKBK, OOMS, OTBD, OTHH, OEJN, OERK, OMDB, OMAA, OMDW	Indicator: % of applicable international aerodromes having implemented improved airport operations through airport-CDM Supporting metric: Number of applicable international aerodromes having implemented improved airport operations through airport-CDM	40% by Dec. 2017

B0 – FICE: Increased Interoperability, Efficiency and Capacity through Ground-Ground Integration

Description and purpose

To improve coordination between air traffic service units (ATSUs) by using ATS Interfacility Data Communication (AIDC) defined by the ICAO *Manual of Air Traffic Services Data Link Applications* (Doc 9694). The transfer of communication in a data link environment improves the efficiency of this process particularly for oceanic ATSUs.

Main performance impact:

KPA- 01 – Access and Equity	KPA-02 – Capacity	KPA-04 – Efficiency	KPA-05 – Environment	KPA-10 – Safety
N	Y	Y	N	Y

Applicability consideration:

Applicable to at least two area control centres (ACCs) dealing with enroute and/or terminal control area (TMA) airspace. A greater number of consecutive participating ACCs will increase the benefits.

B0 – FICE: Increased Interoperability, Efficiency and Capacity through Ground-Ground Integration			
Elements	Applicability	Performance Indicators/Supporting Metrics	Targets
AMHS capability	<i>All States</i>	Indicator: % of States with AMHS capability Supporting metric: Number of States with AMHS capability	70% of States with AMHS capability by Dec. 2017
AMHS implementation /interconnection	<i>All States</i>	Indicator: % of States with AMHS implemented (interconnected with other States AMHS) Supporting metric: Number of States with AMHS implemented (interconnections with other States AMHS)	60% of States with AMHS interconnected by Dec. 2017
Implementation of AIDC/OLDI between adjacent ACCs	<i>All ACCs</i>	Indicator: % of FIRs within which all applicable ACCs have implemented at least one interface to use AIDC/OLDI with neighboring ACCs Supporting metric: Number of AIDC/OLDI interconnections implemented between adjacent ACCs	70% by Dec. 2017

B0 – DATM: Service Improvement through Digital Aeronautical Information Management

Description and purpose

The initial introduction of digital processing and management of information, through aeronautical information service (AIS)/aeronautical information management (AIM) implementation, use of aeronautical information exchange model (AIXM), migration to electronic aeronautical information publication (AIP) and better quality and availability of data

Main performance impact:

KPA- 01 – Access and Equity	KPA-02 – Capacity	KPA-04 – Efficiency	KPA-05 – Environment	KPA-10 – Safety
N	N	Y	Y	Y

Applicability consideration:

Applicable at State level, with increased benefits as more States participate

B0 – DATM: Service Improvement through Digital Aeronautical Information Management			
Elements	Applicability	Performance Indicators/Supporting Metrics	Targets
1- National AIM Implementation Plan/Roadmap	<i>All States</i>	Indicator: % of States that have National AIM Implementation Plan/Roadmap Supporting Metric: Number of States that have National AIM Implementation Plan/Roadmap	80% by Dec. 2016 90% by Dec. 2018
2-AIXM	<i>All States</i>	Indicator: % of States that have implemented an AIXM-based AIS database Supporting Metric: Number of States that have implemented an AIXM-based AIS database	60% by Dec. 2015 80% by Dec. 2017 100% by Dec. 2019
3-eAIP	<i>All States</i>	Indicator: % of States that have implemented an IAID driven AIP Production (eAIP) Supporting Metric: Number of States that have implemented an IAID driven AIP Production (eAIP)	60% by Dec. 2016 80% by Dec. 2018 100% by Dec. 2020
4-QMS	<i>All States</i>	Indicator: % of States that have implemented QMS for AIS/AIM Supporting Metric: Number of States that have implemented QMS for AIS/AIM	70% by Dec. 2016 90% by Dec. 2018
5-WGS-84	<i>All States</i>	Indicator: % of States that have implemented WGS-84 for horizontal plan (ENR, Terminal, AD) Supporting Metric: Number of States that have implemented WGS-84 for horizontal plan (ENR, Terminal, AD) Indicator: % of States that have implemented WGS-84 Geoid Undulation Supporting Metric: Number of States that have implemented WGS-84 Geoid Undulation	Horizontal: 100% by Dec. 2017 Vertical: 90% by Dec. 2018

6-eTOD	<i>All States</i>	<p>Indicator: % of States that have implemented required Terrain datasets</p> <p>Supporting Metric: Number of States that have implemented required Terrain datasets</p> <p>Indicator: % of States that have implemented required Obstacle datasets</p> <p>Supporting Metric: Number of States that have implemented required Obstacle datasets</p>	<p>Area 1 : Terrain: 50% by Dec. 2015, 70% by Dec. 2018</p> <p>Obstacles: 40% by Dec. 2015, 60% by Dec. 2018</p> <p>Area 4: Terrain: 50% by Dec. 2015, 100% by Dec. 2018</p> <p>Obstacles: 50% by Dec. 2015, 100% by Dec. 2018</p>
7-Digital NOTAM*	<i>All States</i>	<p>Indicator: % of States that have included the implementation of Digital NOTAM into their National Plan for the transition from AIS to AIM</p> <p>Supporting Metric: Number of States that have included the implementation of Digital NOTAM into their National Plan for the transition from AIS to AIM</p>	<p>80% by Dec. 2016</p> <p>90% by Dec. 2018</p>

B0 – AMET: Meteorological information supporting enhanced operational efficiency and safety

Description and purpose

Global, regional and local meteorological information:

- a) forecasts provided by world area forecast centres (WAFC), volcanic ash advisory centres (VAAC) and tropical cyclone advisory centres (TCAC);
- b) aerodrome warnings to give concise information of meteorological conditions that could adversely affect all aircraft at an aerodrome including wind shear; and
- c) SIGMETs to provide information on occurrence or expected occurrence of specific en-route weather phenomena which may affect the safety of aircraft operations and other operational meteorological (OPMET) information, including METAR/SPECI and TAF, to provide routine and special observations and forecasts of meteorological conditions occurring or expected to occur at the aerodrome.

This module includes elements which should be viewed as a subset of all available meteorological information that can be used to support enhanced operational efficiency and safety.

Main performance impact:

KPA- 01 – Access and Equity	KPA-02 – Capacity	KPA-04 – Efficiency	KPA-05 – Environment	KPA-10 – Safety
N	Y	Y	Y	Y

Applicability consideration:

Applicable to traffic flow planning, and to all aircraft operations in all domains and flight phases, regardless of level of aircraft equipage.

B0 – AMET: Meteorological information supporting enhanced operational efficiency and safety			
<i>Elements</i>	<i>Applicability</i>	<i>Performance Indicators/Supporting Metrics</i>	<i>Targets</i>
SADIS 2G and Secure SADIS FTP	<i>All States</i>	Indicator: % of States having implemented SADIS 2G satellite broadcast or Secure SADIS FTP service Supporting metric: number of States having implemented SADIS 2G satellite broadcast or Secure SADIS FTP service	90% by Dec. 2015 100% by Dec. 2017
QMS	<i>All States</i>	Indicator: % of States having implemented QMS for MET Supporting metric: number of States having implemented QMS for MET	60% by Dec. 2015 80% by Dec. 2017
SIGMET	All MWOs in MID Region	Indicator: % of FIRs in which SIGMET is implemented Supporting metric: number of FIRs SIGMET is implemented	90% by Dec. 2016 100% by Dec. 2018

B0 – FRTO: Improved Operations through Enhanced En-Route Trajectories

Description and purpose

To allow the use of airspace which would otherwise be segregated (i.e. special use airspace) along with flexible routing adjusted for specific traffic patterns. This will allow greater routing possibilities, reducing potential congestion on trunk routes and busy crossing points, resulting in reduced flight length and fuel burn.

Main performance impact:

KPA- 01 – Access and Equity	KPA-02 – Capacity	KPA-04 – Efficiency	KPA-05 – Environment	KPA-10 – Safety
Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A

Applicability consideration:

Applicable to en-route and terminal airspace. Benefits can start locally. The larger the size of the concerned airspace the greater the benefits, in particular for flex track aspects. Benefits accrue to individual flights and flows. Application will naturally span over a long period as traffic develops. Its features can be introduced starting with the simplest ones.

B0 – FRTO: Improved Operations through Enhanced En-Route Trajectories			
<i>Elements</i>	<i>Applicability</i>	<i>Performance Indicators/Supporting Metrics</i>	<i>Targets</i>
Flexible use of airspace (FUA)	<i>All States</i>	Indicator: % of States that have implemented FUA Supporting metric*: number of States that have implemented FUA	40% by Dec. 2017
Flexible routing	<i>All States</i>	Indicator: % of required Routes that are not implemented due military restrictions (segregated areas) Supporting metric 1: total number of ATS Routes in the Mid Region Supporting metric 2*: number of required Routes that are not implemented due military restrictions (segregated areas)	60% by Dec. 2017

* Implementation should be based on the published aeronautical information

B0 – NOPS: Improved Flow Performance through Planning based on a Network-Wide view

Description and purpose

Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) is used to manage the flow of traffic in a way that minimizes delay and maximizes the use of the entire airspace. ATFM can regulate traffic flows involving departure slots, smooth flows and manage rates of entry into airspace along traffic axes, manage arrival time at waypoints or Flight Information Region (FIR)/sector boundaries and re-route traffic to avoid saturated areas. ATFM may also be used to address system disruptions including crisis caused by human or natural phenomena.

Experience clearly shows the benefits related to managing flows consistently and collaboratively over an area of a sufficient geographical size to take into account sufficiently well the network effects. The concept for ATFM and demand and capacity balancing (DCB) should be further exploited wherever possible. System improvements are also about better procedures in these domains, and creating instruments to allow collaboration among the different actors.

Guidance on the implementation of ATFM service are provided in the ICAO Doc 9971– Manual on Collaborative Air Traffic Flow Management

Main performance impact:

KPA- 01 – Access and Equity	KPA-02 – Capacity	KPA-04 – Efficiency	KPA-05 – Environment	KPA-10 – Safety
Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A

Applicability consideration:

Applicable to en-route and terminal airspace. Benefits can start locally. The larger the size of the concerned airspace the greater the benefits. Application will naturally span over a long period as traffic develops.

<i>B0 – NOPS: Improved Flow Performance through Planning based on a Network-Wide view</i>			
<i>Elements</i>	<i>Applicability</i>	<i>Performance Indicators/Supporting Metrics</i>	<i>Targets</i>
ATFM Measures implemented in collaborative manner	<i>All States</i>	Indicator: % of States that have established a mechanism for the implementation of ATFM Measures based on collaborative decision Supporting metric: number of States that have established a mechanism for the implementation of ATFM Measures based on collaborative decision	100% by Dec. 2017

B0 – ACAS: ACAS Improvements

Description and purpose

To provide short-term improvements to existing airborne collision avoidance systems (ACAS) to reduce nuisance alerts while maintaining existing levels of safety. This will reduce trajectory deviations and increase safety in cases where there is a breakdown of separation

Main performance impact:

KPA- 01 – Access and Equity	KPA-02 – Capacity	KPA-04 – Efficiency	KPA-05 – Environment	KPA-10 – Safety
N/A	N/A	Y	N/A	Y

Applicability consideration:

Safety and operational benefits increase with the proportion of equipped aircraft.

B0 – ACAS: ACAS Improvements

Elements	<i>Applicability</i>	<i>Performance Indicators/Supporting Metrics</i>	<i>Targets</i>
Avionics	All States	Indicator: % of States requiring carriage of ACAS (TCAS v 7.1) for aircraft with a max certificated take-off mass greater than 5.7 tons Supporting metric: Number of States requiring carriage of ACAS (TCAS v 7.1) for aircraft with a max certificated take-off mass greater than 5.7 tons	80% by Dec. 2015 100% by Dec. 2016

B0 – CDO: Improved Flexibility and Efficiency in Descent Profiles (CDO)

Description and purpose

To use performance-based airspace and arrival procedures allowing aircraft to fly their optimum profile using continuous descent operations (CDOs). This will optimize throughput, allow fuel efficient descent profiles and increase capacity in terminal areas.

Main performance impact:

KPA- 01 – Access and Equity	KPA-02 – Capacity	KPA-04 – Efficiency	KPA-05 – Environment	KPA-10 – Safety
N	Y	Y	Y	Y

Applicability consideration:

Regions, States or individual locations most in need of these improvements. For simplicity and implementation success, complexity can be divided into three tiers:

- a) least complex – regional/States/locations with some foundational PBN operational experience that could capitalize on near term enhancements, which include integrating procedures and optimizing performance;
- b) more complex – regional/States/locations that may or may not possess PBN experience, but would benefit from introducing new or enhanced procedures. However, many of these locations may have environmental and operational challenges that will add to the complexities of procedure development and implementation; and
- c) most complex – regional/States/locations in this tier will be the most challenging and complex to introduce integrated and optimized PBN operations. Traffic volume and airspace constraints are added complexities that must be confronted. Operational changes to these areas can have a profound effect on the entire State, region or location.

B0 – CDO: Improved Flexibility and Efficiency in Descent Profiles (CDO)

<i>Elements</i>	<i>Applicability</i>	<i>Performance Indicators/Supporting Metrics</i>	<i>Targets</i>
PBN STARs	In accordance with States' implementation Plans	Indicator: % of International Aerodromes/TMA with PBN STAR implemented as required. Supporting Metric: Number of International Aerodromes/TMAs with PBN STAR implemented as required.	100% by Dec. 2016 for the identified Aerodromes/TMAs 100% by Dec. 2018 for all the International Aerodromes/TMAs
International aerodromes/TMAs with CDO	In accordance with States' implementation Plans	Indicator: % of International Aerodromes/TMA with CDO implemented as required. Supporting Metric: Number of International Aerodromes/TMAs with CDO implemented as required.	100% by Dec. 2018 for the identified Aerodromes/TMAs

B0 – CCO: Improved Flexibility and Efficiency Departure Profiles - Continuous Climb Operations (CCO)

Description and purpose

To implement continuous climb operations in conjunction with performance-based navigation (PBN) to provide opportunities to optimize throughput, improve flexibility, enable fuel-efficient climb profiles and increase capacity at congested terminal areas.

Main performance impact:

KPA- 01 – Access and Equity	KPA-02 – Capacity	KPA-04 – Efficiency	KPA-05 – Environment	KPA-10 – Safety
N/A	N/A	Y	Y	Y

Applicability consideration:

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B0 – CCO: Improved Flexibility and Efficiency Departure Profiles - Continuous Climb Operations (CCO)

<i>Elements</i>	<i>Applicability</i>	<i>Performance Indicators/Supporting Metrics</i>	<i>Targets</i>
PBN SIDs	in accordance with States’ implementation Plans	Indicator: % of International Aerodromes/TMA with PBN SID implemented as required. Supporting Metric: Number of International Aerodromes/ TMAs with PBN SID implemented as required.	100% by Dec. 2016 for the identified Aerodromes/TMAs 100% by Dec. 2018 for all the International Aerodromes/TMAs
International aerodromes/TMAs with CCO	in accordance with States’ implementation Plans	Indicator: % of International Aerodromes/TMA with CCO implemented as required. Supporting Metric: Number of International Aerodromes/TMAs with CCO implemented as required.	100% by Dec. 2018 for the identified Aerodromes/TMAs

APPENDIX B

Table 1. MID REGION ASBU PRIORITIZATION AND MONITORING

Block Code (Thread)	Block 0		Block 1		Monitoring	Remarks (Supporting bodies)
	Module Title	Priority	Module Title	Priority		
Performance Improvement Areas (PIA) 1 Airport Operations						
APTA	Optimization of Approach Procedures including vertical guidance	1	Optimized Airport Accessibility	X	PBN SG	ATM SG, AIM SG, CNS SG
WAKE	Increased Runway Throughput through Optimized Wake Turbulence Separation	2	Increased Runway Throughput through Dynamic Wake Turbulence Separation	X		
RSEQ	Improve Traffic flow through Runway Sequencing (AMAN/DMAN)	2	Improved Airport Operations through Departure, Surface and Arrival Management	X		
SURF	Safety and Efficiency of Surface Operations (A-SMGCS Level 1-2)	1	Enhanced Safety and Efficiency of Surface Operations- SURF, SURF IA and Enhanced Vision Systems (EVS)	X	ANSIG	CNS SG Coordination with RGS WG
ACDM	Improved Airport Operations through Airport-CDM	1	Optimized Airport Operations through Airport-CDM	X	ANSIG	CNS SG, AIM SG, ATM SG Coordination with RGS WG
RATS	-	-	Remotely Operated Aerodrome Control	X	ATM SG	CNS SG
Performance Improvement Areas (PIA) 2 Globally Interoperable Systems and Data Through Globally Interoperable System Wide Information Management						
FICE	Increased Interoperability, Efficiency and Capacity through Ground-Ground Integration	1	Increased Interoperability, Efficiency and Capacity through FF-ICE, Step 1 application before Departure	X	CNS SG	AIM SG, MET SG, ATM SG
DATM	Service Improvement through Digital Aeronautical Information Management	1	Service Improvement through Integration of all Digital ATM Information	X	AIM SG	
SWIM	-	-	Performance Improvement through the application of System-Wide Information Management (SWIM)	X	AIM SG	ATM SG, MET SG, CNS SG

AMET	Meteorological information supporting enhanced operational efficiency and safety	1	Enhanced Operational Decisions through Integrated Meteorological Information (Planning and Near-term Service)	X	MET SG	AIM SG
Performance Improvement Areas (PIA) 3 Optimum Capacity and Flexible Flights – Through Global Collaborative ATM						
FRTO	Improved Operations through Enhanced En-Route Trajectories	1	Improved Operations through Optimized ATS Routing	X	ATM SG	
NOPS	Improved Flow Performance through Planning based on a Network-Wide view	1	Enhanced Flow Performance through Network Operational Planning	X		
ASUR	Initial capability for ground surveillance	2	-	-		
ASEP	Air Traffic Situational Awareness (ATSA)	2	Increased Capacity and Efficiency through Interval Management	X		
OPFEL	Improved access to optimum flight levels through climb/descent procedures using ADS-B	2	-	-		
ACAS	ACAS Improvements	1	-	-	CNS SG	
SNET	Increased Effectiveness of Ground-Based Safety Nets	2	Ground-based Safety Nets on Approach	X		
Performance Improvement Areas (PIA) 4 Efficient Flight Path – Through Trajectory-based Operations						
CDO	Improved Flexibility and Efficiency in Descent Profiles (CDO)	1	Improved Flexibility and Efficiency in Descent Profiles (CDOs) using VNAV	X	PBN SG	
TBO	Improved Safety and Efficiency through the initial application of Data Link En-Route	2	Improved Traffic Synchronization and Initial Trajectory-Based Operation	X	ATM SG	CNS SG
CCO	Improved Flexibility and Efficiency Departure Profiles - Continuous Climb Operations (CCO)	1	-	-	PBN SG	
RPAS	-	-	Initial Integration of Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) Systems into non-segregated airspace	X	ATM SG	