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Agenda Item 6.11: Future Work Programme

MOKFANS

(Presented by United Arab Emirates)

SUMMARY

The Month of Knowledge for the Future of Air Navigation Services (MOKFANS) is an initiative launched by the General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), in collaboration with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO). The aim of MOKFANS is to promote a shared vision for Air Navigation Services that emphasizes safety, efficiency, and sustainability, and to identify emerging trends in the field. MOKFANS is a crucial initiative for the aviation industry, establishing a strong backbone for agility and business continuity, ensuring a safer and more efficient aviation industry globally.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 5.

REFERENCES

- ICAO Circular 355 - Promoting and Encouraging the Sharing of Best Practices and Lessons Learned Amongst Member States: Encourages member states to share best practices and lessons learned to enhance aviation safety and efficiency.
- ICAO Circular 356 - Implementation of a State Safety Programme: Provides guidance on implementing a state safety programme (SSP) to enhance safety in aviation.
- ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) 2020-2030: Outlines the strategic objectives and targets to enhance global air navigation services, including promoting the implementation of new technologies and best practices.
- MOKFANS Annual reports

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Month of Knowledge for the Future of Air Navigation Services is an initiative founded by the General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in collaboration with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO).

1.2 This initiative aims to bring together the expertise of Air Navigation Services providers (ANSP) and the aviation community to virtually share knowledge and experiences and discuss best practices to enhance Air Navigation Services for people around the globe. The first cycle of MOKFANS was launched in 2020 and proved to be a valuable annual event for the sector.

2. OBJECTIVES

2.1 The MOKFANS initiative aims to promote a shared vision for Air Navigation Services that prioritizes safety, efficiency, and sustainability, while identifying emerging trends and assessing their impact on the industry. By facilitating the sharing of knowledge and best practices among ANSPs, experts, policymakers, and stakeholders, the initiative seeks to enhance the design, implementation, and management of these systems. Moreover, the initiative encourages innovation in aviation navigation systems by supporting the development of new technologies, policies, and practices that promote safety, efficiency, and sustainability, and provides a platform for international cooperation and collaboration in the development of aviation navigation systems.

2.2 Over the previous cycles, the initiative has focused on developing new systems and creating a strong base to prepare organizations for future events affecting the sector's business continuity. All cycles aimed to provide attendees with additional insight on how to excel with current practices and create an adequate level of future readiness.

3. MOKFANS CYCLES

3.1 MOKFANS 2020, in the 2020 cycle, 22 experts from various regions participated in ten sessions under the theme "We Learn to Change for a Better Future," attended by 1758 individuals from around 226 organizations.

3.2 MOKFANS 2021, in the 2021 cycle, 16 experts from various regions participated in six sessions under the theme of "Future of Navigation Services," attended by more than 2000 attendees from over 230 invited organizations.

3.3 MOKFANS 2022, in the 2022 cycle, 24 experts from various regions delivered sessions to share their long and successful careers with more than 300 years of combined experience in the fields of expertise in aviation. This cycle's initiative, represented by the UAE's General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA), focused on spreading knowledge worldwide in different areas of aviation to ensure information and expertise are transferred to those interested in aviation from around the globe. During this cycle, the attendees exceeded 1700 from more than 250 invited organizations.

3.4 MOKFANS 2023, In the 2023 cycle, the UAE GCAA plans to host 6 education sessions spread over October and/or November 2023 under the theme of "Innovating Air Navigation Services for a Greener Future." During this cycle, the UAE GCAA will strive to expand the number of invited organizations and SMEs involved as effective speakers.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 In conclusion, the Month of Knowledge for Future of Air Navigation Services (MOKFANS) is an important initiative that brings together experts from the aviation community to share knowledge and experiences and discuss best practices to enhance Air Navigation Services globally.

4.2 The 2023 cycle will focus on Air Navigation Services for a Greener Future, intending to expand the number of invited organizations and SMEs involved as effective speakers. This initiative is crucial in establishing a strong backbone for agility and business continuity of aviation and Air Navigation Services, ensuring a worldwide safer and more efficient aviation industry.

5. ACTION BY THE MEETING

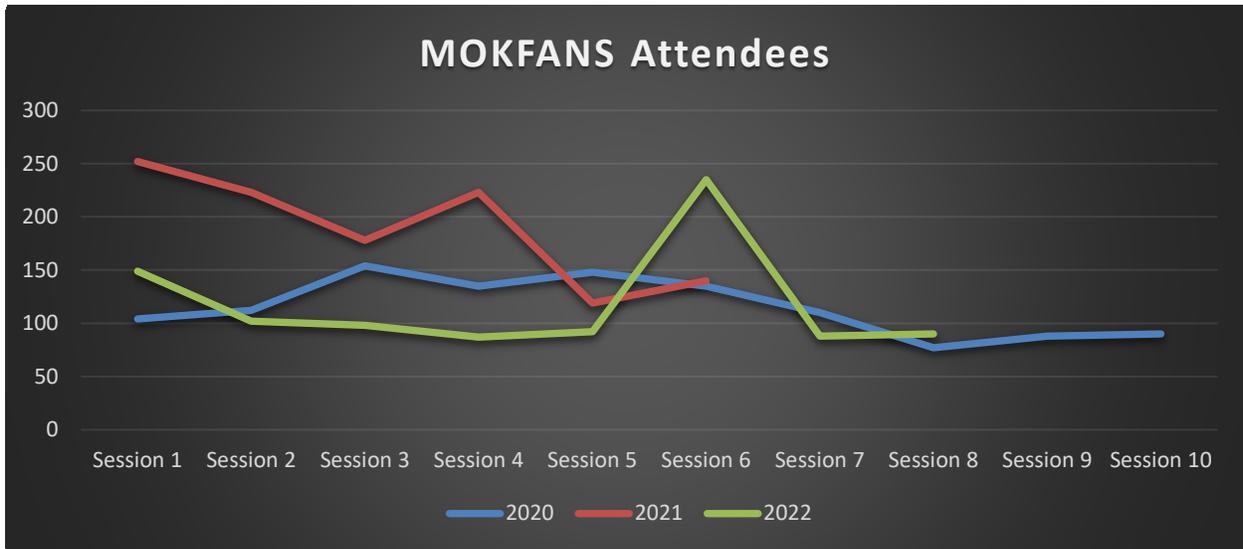
5.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) promote MOKFANS Initiative at state level;
- b) Support MOKFANS annual events by proposing speakers and topics;
- c) Encourage States to participate in MOKFANS 2023;
- d) Encourage States representatives to provide feedback for further enhancements; and
- e) Request States to nominate focal points for coordination and follow-ups before 10th June 2023

APPENDIX A

Overall Statistics
2020 – 2022

For the 24 sessions, 63 expert speakers from internal and external stakeholders within the Air Navigation Sector attracted more than 4500 participants from more than 250 invited organizations around the globe.



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