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9th Meeting of the African Flight Procedure Programme Steering Committee
(Lomé, Togo, 23 to 25 October 2023)

Agenda Item 2: Review of the decisions taken during SC/8
Working Paper 2.2: Review of the 2022-2023 Work Programme implementation Status

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This working paper presents the implementation status of the work programme approved during the 8th meeting of the AFPP Steering Committee, which was held in Dar es Salam, United Republic of Tanzania, from 23 to 24 August 2023.

Action by the meeting is indicated in section 3.

REFERENCES

Report of the SC8/22-Meeting

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The 8th meeting of the African Flight Procedure Programme (AFPP) Steering Committee (SC/8), which was held in Dar es Salam from 23 to 24 August 2023, reviewed and approved the work programme for 2022 and 2023 as presented the Secretariat.
- 1.2 This paper reports on the implementation status of the approved work programme.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 As a reminder, the work programme was including training activities, flight procedure design projects and assistance activities to support members in implementing PANS-OPS within their respective States.
- 2.2 This work programme was very ambitious since it included at least nine training activities within 16 months, regardless of the flight procedure design projects and the assistance which might be requested by States and Organizations. It should also be noted that their implementation was affected by staff shortage, difficulties for hosting and funding the trainings and the workload of the tailored assistance activities.
- 2.3 At the beginning of Phase III of the AFPP, one seconded instructor has resigned. To date, he has not been replaced. The project personnel is therefore reduced to two staff, i.e. the AFPP Manager



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and the remaining seconded expert. This situation increased the workload of the two staff members, and more specifically the AFPP Manager who is obliged to handle many activities simultaneously. This includes the technical work related to flight procedure design, but also all administrative and IT matters due to the related vacancies.

- 2.4 For the trainings, coordination with members for hosting the events took time. This affected the timely implementation of some activities. The steering committee is reminded that hosting and funding training activities provides members with an opportunity to train more people at a low cost. As stated in the Programme Document, the venue of the trainings must be balanced between the WACAF and the ESAF regions. Members are therefore called to volunteer hosting and funding these events. We extend our thanks to Kenya, Ghana and Cameroon for having accepted to host the trainings.
- 2.5 The approved work programme was also impacted by the tailored urgent assistance which cannot be planned, for instance assistance was provided to Namibia for the regulatory approval of new instrument flight procedures, Sierra Leone for the preparation of an ICAO CMA audit as ongoing assistance to Liberia for the preparation of corrective actions plan and clearance of an SSC.
- 2.6 Regarding the training programme, nine trainings were planned. In addition, one tailored training was requested, bringing the total number to 10 trainings. This additional tailored training is scheduled for the end of November. The implementation status of the training programme is detailed in Appendix 1; it shows that eight out of the 10 trainings are completed or are likely to be completed by the end of the year, giving an overall implementation rate of 80 per cent. By the end of the year, training will have been delivered to 146 trainees from 18 States. Finally, a CONOPS training is about to be delivered to Cabo Verde.
- 2.7 The implementation status of the instrument flight procedure design projects is presented in Working Paper 3.5 (flight procedure design implementation status).
- 2.8 For the support to member States and Organizations, assistance is being provided:
- a) to Liberia, for the drafting of corrective action plan to address a significant safety concern (SSC) related to PANS-OPS;
 - b) to Sierra Leone, for the preparation of an ICAO USOAP CMA audit;
 - c) to Côte d'Ivoire for closing an SSC; and
 - d) to Namibia and Angola for the regulatory approval of instrument flight procedures.



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3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Steering Committee is invited to:

- a) Take note of the implementation status of the 2022 – 2023 work programme;
- b) Take note of the staff shortage and undertake efforts to support the AFPP by seconding senior qualified PANS-OPS instructors.



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APPENDIX 1

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE 2022 – 2023 TRAINING PROGRAMME

The table below presents the implementation status of the 2022 – 2023 Training Programme as approved by the Steering Committee during SC/8.

#	Training	Status	Comment
1.	Flight procedure design initial training	Completed	Venue : Dakar, Senegal Period : 2 to 30 November 2022 Attendance : 12 participants from 8 member States
2.	PBN awareness workshop	Completed	Venue : Accra, Ghana Period : 3 to 28 April 2023 Attendance : 31 participants from 5 member States
3.	PANS-OPS refresher training	Completed	Venue : Dakar, Senegal Period : 24 to 28 July 2023 Attendance : 15 participants from 8 member States
4.	PBN flight procedure design training	Completed	Venue : Dakar, Senegal Period : 3 to 28 April 2023 Attendance : 11 participants from 6 member States
5.	PBN airspace design workshop	Completed	Venue : Nairobi, Kenya Period : 18 to 22 September 2023 Attendance : 27 participants from 7 member States
6.	PANS-OPS training for CAA	Completed	Venue : Yaoundé, Cameroon Period : 25 September to 6 October 2023 Attendance : 15 participants from 7 member States
7.	PANS-OPS oversight workshop	In progress	The two activities were planned back-to-back, but due to coordination issues with the host administration, they could not be held without impacting the training agenda. They are postponed to next year.
8.	National PBN implementation plan workshop	In progress	



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9.	On-the-Job Training (OJT)	Completed	OJT is organized on request. Requests were received recently, however due to other ongoing activities and lack of project staff, they are planned for the first quarter of 2024.
10.	PBN awareness training	Nov. 23	Venue : Entebbe, Uganda (Tailored training) Period : 27 November to 8 December 2023 Attendance : 35 participants expected
11.	Concept of operation training for flight procedure implementation	December	Under discussion with Cabo Verde