

**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION****Sixth Meeting of the APIRG Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group  
(AAO/SG 6)**

4 - 8 September 2023, Dakar Senegal

**Agenda Item 3: Achievements in Airspace and Aerodrome Operations****REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CIVIL-MILITARY COOPERATION IN THE AFI  
REGION***Presented by the Secretariat***SUMMARY**

The paper provides a report of the activities carried out in the domain of the civil/military cooperation in ATM in the period 2022/2023 since the AAO/SG5 meeting and highlights the importance of establishing an AFI Civil-Military Cooperation Project Management Team (CMC PMT) to drive all initiatives supporting coordination, cooperation, and collaboration between Civil and Military entities which enables the implementation of the ASBU module FRTO and also impact on Performance Based Navigation (PBN) initiatives that support implementation of the ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP).

**Action by the meeting is per Paragraph 3****REFERENCE(S):**

- APIRG/22 & RASG-AFI/5 Conclusion 103
- APIRG/23 Conclusion 23/08
- APIRG/24 Conclusion 24/15 - Enhanced Implementation of Civil/Military Cooperation to promote a harmonized implementation of the provisions of the Manual of Civil/Military Cooperation in ATM in the AFI region.
- APIRG 25 decision 25/08 – Enhancement of the Regional civil/military cooperation and coordination.
- ICAO Doc 10088
- AFI eANP

**Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s):**

**A** – Aviation Safety, **B**- Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency, **D**- Economic Development, **E** – Environmental Protection.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 In the period between the AAO/SG5 and the AAO/SG6 meeting, ICAO hosted two interregional activities to promote the civil/military cooperation in ATM initiative in line with APIRG 25 Conclusion 25/08 that required States to nominate focal points to facilitate

civil/military cooperation in ATM at national level.

1.2 APIRG 25 Decision 25/08 also required that the secretariat organizes two civil/military cooperation workshops/seminars in the region by December 2023 and urged states to ensure participation of senior military personnel.

1.3 The secretariat organised and facilitated a civil/military focal points virtual meeting on 14 -15 June 2023 and an interregional civil/military workshop on 8-11 August 2023 in Lusaka Zambia.

## **2. DISCUSSION**

### *2.1 Civil/Military Focal Point Meeting*

2.1.1 In line with the requirements of APIRG 25 Decision 25/08 ICAO circulated a state letter ref. ES AN 4/7-0178 dated 12 April 2023 requesting States to nominate civil/military focal points as well as inviting the same to a virtual meeting on 14-15 June 2023.

2.1.2 The virtual meeting was attended by 62 participants from 21 States and 4 international organisations.

2.1.3 The outcome of the meeting includes but not limited to:

2.1.3.1 The review of the status of implementation of the 2021 action plan. Noting that since the 2021 workshop, there have been no significant change in establishment of civil/military committees.

2.1.3.2 The need for an awareness workshop to sensitize the senior level state personnel from both sides of the divide on the importance of establishment of High Level Policy Boards.

2.1.3.3 Appointment of State Focal points from both the civil and the military entities.

### *2.2 The Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Interregional Civil- Military Cooperation (CMC) in Air Traffic Management (ATM) Workshop*

2.2.1 The 2023 AFI Interregional civil/military Cooperation in ATM workshop was hosted by the Zambia Civil Aviation Authority and the Zambia Airforce in Lusaka, Zambia from 8 to 11 August 2023. 95 participants representing 15 States representing Air Navigation Services Providers, Civil Aviation Authorities and military organizations in the Africa - Indian Ocean Region, 3 International Organizations and 3 major airlines operating in the region attended the workshop.

2.2.2 The workshop covered various aspects including updating the AFI Civil-Military Cooperation and Coordination action plan along with group activities aimed at addressing areas of concern and developing mitigation measures and way forward path to implementation.

2.2.3 The key outcomes of the AFI Civil-Military Cooperation Workshop in 2023 were:

2.2.3.1 Participants were taken through an awareness of an overview of the provision of the ICAO Doc. 10088 – Civil-Military Cooperation (CMC) in Air Traffic Management.

2.2.3.2 States, ANSPs, International Organisations and Industry presented their

developments in Civil-Military Cooperation, Coordination and optimisation of airspace, sharing their experiences and best practises as well as challenges encountered.

2.2.3.3 **Panel discussions** were held - Panel 1: Civil-Military Collaboration – Regulatory Aspects; Panel 2: Optimise the use of Airspace and Operational Capabilities/Enablers and Panel 3: Interoperability and challenges.

2.2.3.4 **Simulation exercises** including: Fundamentals of good communication; Preparation of static airspace plan; Preparation of dynamic airspace plan and Initiatives to improve Civil-Military Cooperation.

2.2.4 Recommendations from the Workshop: the participants agreed that the following aspects require address to ensure effective Civil-Military Cooperation moving forward.

- a. Primary Legislation that will involve both Civil and Military Authorities.
- b. Political Will Buy-In.
- c. Gap Analysis.
- d. Change Management.
- e. Information Sharing.
- f. Signing MOU/MOAs.
- g. Guidance Material.
- h. Improving Cooperation/Building Trust.

2.2.5 The implementation Roadmap for recommendations was considered.

2.3 Following the discussion and items identified during the workshop, was the need to establish a Project Management Team (PMT) to ensure moving forward all Civil-Military initiatives and challenges can be effectively monitored to ensure harmonised implementation.

### 3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Take note of the information in the working paper particularly actions undertaken by the workshop.
- b) Urge the States to support the Civil-Military initiatives ongoing in the AFI region.
- c) Support the establishment of an AFI Civil-Military Cooperation in ATM Project Management Team by nominating members to the team.
- d) Endorse the Terms of Reference in **Appendix xx** to the WP.

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