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Subject: Invitation to attend the Seventh Edition of AFI Aviation Week (Abuja, Nigeria, 16 – 20 May 2022) events:

- a) The Ninth Meeting of the AFI Directors-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA/9);
- b) TheTwenty-Fifth Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan);
- c) The Eleventh Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan); and
- d) The Aviation Symposium.

Action required: To confirm participation and register online by 25 April 2022

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite you to the Seventh Edition of the AFI Week events, to be held from **16 to 20 May 2022** in Abuja, Nigeria, in cooperation with the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Federal Ministry for Aviation.

During the AFI Aviation Week events, important issues will be discussed, including, the progress made in implementing the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) global and regional Plans, enhancement of aviation performance in all ICAO strategic objectives, key priorities for the coming years, COVID-19 aviation recovery and building back better, and the outcome of the ICAO High-level Conference on COVID-19 (HLCC) 2021.

The details of the meetings objectives and criteria for participant eligibility are outlined in the **Attachment** to this letter. You are kindly requested to circulate this invitation to the appropriate entities within your State/Organization and to advise whether your State/Organization plans to participate in the above events by registering online on the events' website at https://events.icao.int/event-details?campaignID=063513BC-A031-E811-80CE-001DD8B71C70 not later than **25 April 2022**. Further information on preliminary agendas/programmes, documentation and presentations, as well as the information bulletin and a list of recommended hotels, will be provided in due course on the events' website. Kindly note that all the events will be conducted in both the English and French languages.

I strongly encourage participation of Directors General in these important meetings aimed at further developing the appropriate strategies and providing the necessary actions to support the enhancement of the aviation system in Africa.

For more information on the events, please contact the ICAO Western and Central African Regional Office at $\underline{icaowacaf@icao.int}$ or the ICAO Eastern and Southern African Regional Office at $\underline{icaoesaf@icao.int}$.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

For Juan Carlos Salazar Secretary General

Enclosure: Programme and eligibility criteria of the meetings

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ATTACHMENT to State letter M 17/2-IND/22/XX

PROGRAMME OF AFI AVIATION WEEK – SEVENTH EDITION (Abuja, Nigeria, 16 – 20 May 2022)

Monday, 16 May 2022: Ninth Meeting of the Directors General of Civil Aviation of the Africa-Indian Ocean Region (AFI-DGCA/9)

Objectives:

To review the evolution of the aviation performance in all ICAO Strategic Objectives in the AFI Region, key priorities, post-COVID-19 air traffic recovery/forecast and issues related to human resource development in the region. This meeting will also discuss the outcome of the ICAO 2021 High-level Conference on COVID-19. Aviation stakeholders and partners are expected to provide updates on their initiatives.

Participants:

- Directors General of Civil Aviation of AFI States, to be accompanied by technical experts as necessary, to take full advantage of the meeting's deliberations; and
- Invited representatives of international and regional organizations, aviation stakeholders and industry.

Tuesday, 17 May 2022: Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the Steering Committee of the

Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in

Africa (AFI Plan)

Objectives:

To review activities of the AFI Plan and in particular, consider the report on the implementation of the Plan 2021 and 2022 work programmes and projects; approve the updated programmes/projects and provide guidance as required. Partners are expected to provide updates on their initiatives.

Participants:

- AFI Plan Steering Committee Members;
- Directors General of Civil Aviation from AFI Region Member States; and
- Invited representatives of other Member States and international/regional organizations/partners.

Wednesday, 18 May 2022: Eleventh Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Comprehensive

Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation

in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan)

Objectives:

To review activities of the AFI SECFAL Plan and in particular, consider the report on the implementation of the Plan 2021 and 2022 work programmes and projects, review the status of implementation of the recommendations stemming from the last meeting of the Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (RASFALG-AFI), and provide guidance as required. Partners are expected to provide updates on their initiatives.

Participants:

- AFI SECFAL Plan Steering Committee members
- Directors General/Senior Government officials of the appropriate authorities for Aviation Security and Facilitation from AFI Region Member States; and
- Invited representatives of other Member States and international/regional organizations/partners.

Thursday, 19 May 2022: AFI Aviation Symposium

Objectives:

To review the status of implementation of the various ICAO initiatives for Africa, share success stories and challenges, and agree on relevant strategies to further enhance aviation performance in the region. The symposium will also discuss important issues related to the implementation of the ICAO Global Plans (GASP, GANP and GASP), Economic Development of Air Transport and Environmental Protection.

Participants:

- Directors General of Civil Aviation and Representatives of AFI Region Member States; and
- Representatives from partner States, international and regional organizations, aviation stakeholders and industry.

Friday, 20 May 2022: Review and adoption of the outcomes of the AFI Week

Objectives:

To review and adopt the key outcomes of the Seventh Edition of the AFI Week.

Participants:

- Directors General of Civil Aviation and Representatives of AFI Region Member States; and
- Representatives from partner States, international and regional organizations, aviation stakeholders and industry.