

# TWENTY SIXTH MEETING OF THE AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP (APIRG26)



**Cotonou (Benin), 6 – 10 november 2023**



## **WP/03F3**

# **ACTIVITIES OF THE ANSP PEER REVIEW MECHANISM AT THE AFI LEVEL**

Item 3 Implementation of Air Navigation Goals, Targets and Indicators, including the priorities set in the Regional Air Navigation Plan

3.6: Other Air Navigation Initiatives

Presented by ASECNA

# Introduction

## Meeting of the African (ANSP)

Montreal, feb. 2015

- identify ways and means to address some of the challenges facing ANSP in AFI Region

## African ANSPs Peer Review Programme

- set up a peer review and benchmarking mechanism, following the example of IOSA for IATA (airlines) and APEX for ACI (airports)

## Steering group 2016

- Steering group established to develop a regional framework and mechanism to improve the safety performance of NSAs in Africa, including Peer Review.

# 1- Objectives of the African Peer ANSP Review Mechanism



**This initiative is part of the revised Abuja Safety Objectives for the provision of air navigation services in the AFI region.**

## 2- Progress

Support of ICAO, through its regional offices :

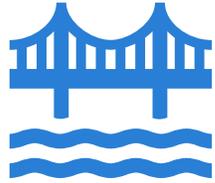
- Draft of African ANSP Peer Review Programme Manual
- The provision of experts for the training in the review framework hosted by ASECNA in Grand Bassam (Côte d'Ivoire)

Draft Manual adopted at the ANSP meeting held from 3 to 5 May 2017 in Freetown, Sierra Leone

Similar initiative set up by CANSO Africa called CANSO Standards of Excellence (CANSO SoE) with the participation of some African ANSP, (Ghana, Eswatini and South Africa)

Cross-reviews conducted by ASECNA and ANSP Ghana in 2019 to evaluate the draft manual.

## 2- Progress



**Suspension of the activities due to Covid-19 pandemic**



**Meeting held in Lomé, Togo, from 28 March to 1 April 2022, African ANSPs : relaunch of peer review activities in 2023 by merging all similar initiatives at the continental level, in particular CANSO SoE.**



**Task Force led by ASECNA, also composed of experts from ANSPs (Ghana, Kenya, South Africa, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia and Eswatini)**  
**Objectives:**

- Produce a single manual taking into account the last versions of ICAO and merging all similar initiatives at the continental level (CANSO SoE)
- Translate the revised documentation to French
- Organize peer review between African peer ANSPs

## 2- Progress



**Concerns** expressed by ANSP during various continental meetings (Meeting in Lomé already mentioned, CANSO Africa Annual Conferences 2022 in Dakar, Senegal and 2023 in Livingstone, Zambia)

**Concerns by ANSPs :**

- 1- the form of a safety oversight activity that the initiative takes,
- 2- the confidentiality of information collected during peer reviews.



ANSPs want the **implementing corrective action plans to be voluntary**

**It is necessary to revise the Abuja safety Objective N°16 in its point C) relating to the development of corrective action plans.**

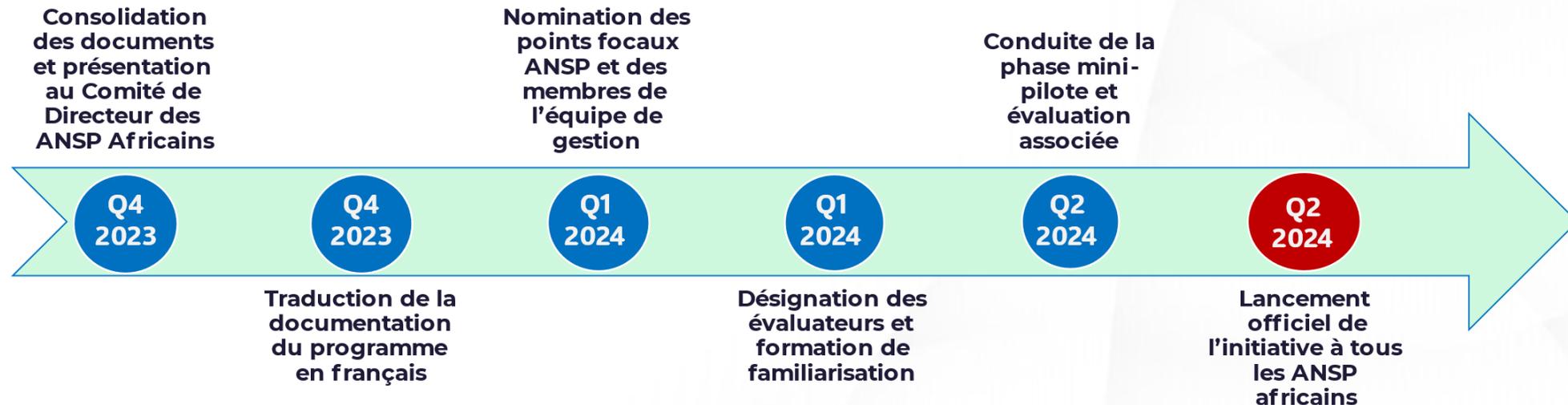


**The finalized draft documents were submitted to ICAO** for comments prior to the start of the pilot reviews and dissemination to African air navigation service providers.

**The final draft, including the results of the pilot review, will be presented to the Initiative Steering Committee.**

# 3. Prospects for 2023 and 2024

## • Chronogramme



### The challenge :

- the effective popularization of the program at the level of all African ANSPs for a better sharing of experience within the industry.
- In the long term, experience would be shared with other regions of the world to capitalize on this African experience in accordance with the provisions of Conclusion 22/38 of APIRG 22.

## 4. FOLLOW-UP

The meeting is invited to:



**Take note of the information** provided in this document



**Commend ICAO** for its continued support to the ANSP African Peer Review Programme



**Encourage States to support** the project AFI plan on the implementation of the African ANSP Peer Review Programme and **to set up a team** to recruit ANSP experts to carry out the reviews



**Call on African navigation service providers to work together** to strengthen this African Programme for ANSP Peer support to improve the safety and efficiency of air transport operations in Africa



Call on RASG-AFI to propose a **revision of the Abuja Safety Objective N°16** in its point C to make the development of **corrective action plans a voluntary process** for ANSPs to sustain this initiative.

# Thank you for your attention

