



## INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

### AFI PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP EIGHTEENTH MEETING (APIRG/18) Kampala, Uganda (27 – 30 March 2012)

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#### Agenda Item 5: FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME OF APIRG

*(Presented by the Secretariat)*

SUMMARY
<p>This paper presents the Work Programme related to the activities of APIRG and proposes review and modifications as necessary to best meet its mandate, for adoption by the Group and subsequent inclusion in the APIRG Handbook.</p>
<p>Action by the meeting is at <b>paragraph 3</b>.</p>
<p><b>REFERENCE(S):</b> Special AFI/RAN Meeting</p>
<p><b>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s):</b> A</p>

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The work programme of APIRG was last reviewed at APIRG/17 meeting. In view of the continuing new developments in the aviation system, there is a need to review and update the work programme of the Group.

#### 2. DISCUSSION

2.1 APIRG/17 meeting in August 2010 reviewed and updated the work programme of the Group, in order to continuously meet its primary responsibility for the development and maintenance of regional air navigation plans, as well as the identification and resolution of air navigation deficiencies. Furthermore, APIRG has a significant role in supporting the implementation of Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) at regional level.

2.2 With regard to the environment, APIRG is tasked to promote and address environmental issues within the context of ATM improvements, taking into account benefits of CNS/ATM technology and systems, resulting in reductions in carbon emissions, while developing and reviewing the ATS route structure in the region, to make it more efficient.

2.3 Taking into consideration the mandate of the Group and on-going regional and global developments, and other factors relating to the implementation of air navigation services in the AFI region, the meeting may wish to review its work programme as proposed at **Appendix A** in order to facilitate its work to best meet its mandate.

### **3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

The meeting is invited to:

- (a) Review and update the work programme; and
- (b) Approve the inclusion of the amended work programme in the APIRG Handbook.

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## APPENDIX A

### AFI PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP (APIRG)

#### Work Programme

**In order to meet the terms of reference, the Group shall perform the following tasks:**

- a. review, and propose when necessary, the target dates for implementation of facilities, services and procedures to ensure the coordinated development of the Air Navigation System in the AFI Region;
- b. assist the ICAO Regional Offices providing services in the AFI Region in their task of fostering implementation of the AFI Regional Air Navigation Plan;
- c. in line with the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP), ensure the conduct of any necessary systems performance monitoring, identify specific deficiencies in the air navigation field, especially in the context of safety, efficiency and continuity and propose corrective action;
- d. facilitate the development and implementation of an action plan by States to resolve identified deficiencies, where necessary;
- e. develop amendment proposals to update the AFI Regional Air Navigation Plan necessary to satisfy any changes in the requirements, thus removing the need for regular regional air navigation meetings;
- f. monitor implementation of air navigation facilities and services and where necessary, ensure interregional harmonization, taking due account to organization aspects, economic issues (including financial aspects) of cost/benefit analysis, business case studies and, environmental matters;
- g. review the Statement of Basic Operational Requirements and Planning Criteria (BORPC) and recommend to the Air Navigation Commission such changes to them as may be required in the light of developments in the air navigation field;
- h. invite financial institutions, as required, on a consultative basis as appropriate to provide advice in the planning process;
- i. maintain close cooperation with relevant organizations and State grouping to optimize the use of available expertise and resources;
- j. conduct the above activities in the most efficient manner possible with a minimum of formality and documentation and call meetings of the APIRG when deemed appropriate;
- k. coordinate with RASG AFI on safety issues;

- l. promote the concept of performance-based approach to planning and implementation of air navigation services;
- m. foster and facilitate integration of the provision of air navigation services including SAR services and to optimise the use of available resources;
- n. promote the application of the ICAO Global ATM Operational Concept in order to optimise the use of airspace and available technologies; and
- o. promote the application of operational improvements that take into consideration environmental protection and establish mechanisms for measuring the benefits.

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