



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

NINTH MEETING OF DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION OF AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN REGION (AFI-DGCA/9)

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Agenda Item 4: AFI DGCA Championship Mechanism Status

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
<p>This working paper provides updates on the concept of Champion States and presents the progress in the implementation of the associated Priority Implementation Action Plan which was developed to facilitate monitoring and follow up for effective implementation of priority activities identified under each ICAO Strategic Objective. The paper also highlights the need for review of the concept of Champion States, including the identification and designation of new Champion Directors-General where necessary, as well as the review of the associated Priority Implementation Action Plan.</p> <p>Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.</p>	
REFERENCE(S)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AFI-DGCA/5 Meeting Report; - AFI-DGCA/6 Meeting Report; - RASG-AFI/3 Meeting Report. - AFI-DGCA/7 – WP/7 - AFI DGCA Committee on AVSEC and FAL WP/5
Strategic Objective(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety - Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency - Security and Facilitation - Economic Development of Air Transport - Environmental Protection

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 During the Sixth Meeting of the Directors General of Civil Aviation of the Africa-India Ocean Region (AFI-DGCA/6), held in Brazzaville, Congo in November 2016, the meeting adopted a Priority Implementation Action Plan and designated Champion Directors-General of Civil Aviation to facilitate the monitoring and follow up, for effective implementation of priority activities identified under each ICAO Strategic Objective (REPORT – DGCA/6).

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The AFI-DGCA/6 meeting adopted under each Strategic Objective the following priority actions for implementation and designated corresponding Lead and Support Champion Directors General for coordination and follow up.

2.2 For Aviation Safety :

- States to improve their EI as follows:
 - 1) Below 60% EI to improve by at least 15%; and
 - 2) Above 60% EI to improve by at least 5%
- Immediately resolve all existing SSCs and avoid emergence of new ones.
- States to delegate, as appropriate, certain safety oversight functions to RSOOs
- For SSP implementation, all States above 60% EI to use the iSTARS Gap Analysis tool to perform the following:
 - 1) Gap Analysis;
 - 2) Developing implementation plan; and
 - 3) Benchmark progress.
- All States to effectively utilize the ICAO iIMPLEMENT online tools by ensuring:
 - 1) Familiarization of CAA top management with such tools (at least two regional workshops); and
 - 2) Visible CAP Implementation progress on the USOAP CMA OLF (quarterly monitoring).
- Every State to certify at least one international aerodrome.

Champions

- 1) Lead Champion: DG, ANAC Togo
- 2) Support Champion: DG, Botswana CAA

2.3 In the area of Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency :

- Every State to develop, update and implement its national PBN and ASBU Block 0 modules Plans;
- States to establish effective and operational SAR organization by:
 - 1) Developing SAR National Plan; and
 - 2) Concluding SAR Agreements/MoUs.
- States to implement the transition from AIS to AIM by:
 - 1) Developing a National Action Plan; and
 - 2) Implementing the Action Plan in accordance with the ASBU Block 0 DATM
- States to develop the required regulatory framework and enhance supervision of Aeronautical Meteorological Services by:
 - 1) Membership of AFI Cooperative Development of Aeronautical Meteorology (CODEVMET); and
 - 2) Effective participation in CODEVMET

Champions

- 1) Lead Champion: DG, ANACIM-Senegal
- 2) Support Champion: DG, Sudan CAA

2.4 Under Aviation Security and Facilitation :

- States to develop their National Action Plan for the implementation of the Windhoek Security and Facilitation Declaration and Targets, in line with the Continental Action Plan.
- States to improve the EI as follows:
 - 1) Below 70% EI to improve by at least 20%;
 - 2) Above 70% EI to improve by at least 10%; and
 - 3) Signing of USAP MoU.
- Immediately resolve all existing SSeCs and avoid emergence of new ones.
- States to implement ICAO TRIP Strategy by:
 - 1) Issuing only Machine Readable Passports (MRPs);
 - 2) Joining the ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD); and
 - 3) Joining Advance Passenger Information (API).
- States ratify relevant aviation related international legal instruments such as:
 - 1) The Convention on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Relating to International Civil Aviation Done at Beijing on 10 September 2010
 - 2) The Protocol Supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft Done at Beijing on 10 September 2010
 - 3) The Protocol to Amend the Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft Done at Montréal on 4 April 2014
- All States develop and implement their:
 - 1) National Civil Aviation Security Programme (NCASP);
 - 2) National Civil Aviation Security Quality Control Programme (NCASQCP);
 - 3) National Civil Aviation Security Training Programme (NCASTP); and
 - 4) National Air Transport Facilitation Programme (NATFP).

Champions:

- 1) Lead Champion: DG, South Africa CAA
- 2) Support Champion: DG, ANAC-Burkina Faso

2.5 Concerning Economic Development of Air Transport, the meeting adopted and urged States to implement the following priority actions with coordination and follow support from the designated Champion DGs:

- Apply and follow ICAO's policies and guidance in the air transport field
- Register to State Air Transport Action Plan System (SATAPS) and report the required information on the status of implementation of the Lomé and Antananarivo Declarations prior to the follow-up meetings;
- Sign the solemn declaration establishing the Single African Air Transport Market; and
- Participate in the Second Meeting on the Sustainable Development of Air Transport in Africa (March 2017 in Ghana) as well as the second Meeting on the Air Cargo Development in Africa (April 2017 in Ethiopia).

Champions:

- 1) Lead Champion: DG, ANAC-Cote d’Ivoire
- 2) Support Champion: DG, Ethiopia CAA

2.6 With regard to Environmental Protection :

- States to develop and implement a National Plan for the reduction of CO2 emissions due to international civil aviation;
- States to establish a collaborative framework with airport stakeholders for:
 - 1) Reduction of impact of civil aviation on the environment; and
 - 2) Wildlife control and management.

Champions

- 1) Lead Champion: DG, KCAA
- 2) Support Champion: DG, ANAC-Gabon

2.7 Subsequently, during the Seventh DGCA meeting (DGCA/7), the Lead Champion, Safety, DG, ANAC Togo presented a working paper (AFI-DGCA/7 – WP/7), which described achievements, challenges and recommendations in the area of safety.

2.8 In the area of Aviation Security & Facilitation, the Champions convened a meeting in Durban, South Africa from the 4-6 June 2018, wherein all DGs of Civil Aviation were invited to participate. However, only eight (8) AFI States participated in the said meeting, which was supported by the ICAO Regional Offices as well as the AFCAC (AFI DGCA Committee on AVSEC and FAL, WP/5).

2.9 Moreover, the meeting of AFI DGCAs held in June 2020 on COVID-19 identified Champion DGCAs for each category of the CART Recommendations, based on the AFI DGCA Championship for ICAO Strategic Objectives established in 2016, as summarized in the table below.

CART Recommendations	ICAO SOs	Champion DGs for CART Recommendations	Current SO Champion
Aviation Safety-Related Measures (1, 2, 3)	A, B	Togo/Mozambique (for SO-A); Uganda /Senegal (for SO-B)	A B (Senegal)
Aviation Public Health-Related Measures (4, 5)	A, B, C, D, E	Kenya/Gabon	E
Security- and Facilitation – Related Measures (6, 7, 8, 9)	C	South Africa/Burkina Faso	C
Economic and Financial Measures (10)	A, B, C, D, E	Cote d’Ivoire/ Ethiopia	D
Monitoring and Sharing of Experiences through ICAO (11)	A, B, C, D, E	Nigeria/Rwanda	-

- 2.10 To date, reports or updates in the rest of the four strategic objectives have not yet been issued. Consequently, it is apparent that since the inception and designation of Champion Directors General, implementation of identified priority actions have been slow with only a few activities conducted under some Strategic Objectives.
- 2.11 In addition, most of the designated Lead and Support Champion Directors General are no longer occupying the same positions as Directors General (in seven States), which may be a contributing factor towards the low level of progress and unavailability of updates.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

The meeting is invited to:

- a) Review the concept of Champions and designation of Champion Directors General and advise on its continued relevancy;
- b) Confirm the assignment of Champion Directors-General; and
- c) Request the Secretariat if so, to review and propose an updated Priority Implementation Action Plan taking into account the current situation and the latest revised goals and targets under various ICAO Strategic Objectives and Plans, to be submitted with the Directors-General.