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Agenda Item 10: AFISNET integration with other AFI regional networks (CAFSAT, NAFISAT, SADC/2)

(Presented by the secretariat)

SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is to inform the meeting of the status of the interconnection between AFISNET with other AFI networks.

Reference: Report of APIRG/16: *Conclusion 16/16 implementation/interconnection of SADC/2, NAFISAT and AFISNET VSAT Networks*
Report of SNMC/17

Action by the meeting see paragraph 3

1. Introduction

In order to realize the implementation of AFI planned Aeronautical Fixed Service (ATS-DS & AFTN) AFISNET was to be interconnected with its neighboring networks (CAFSAT, NAFISAT, SADC2).

2. Discussion

AFISNET nodes are located in a transition area between, the northern and the southern parts of the continent in one hand, the eastern and the western part in the other hand.

The network interconnection with its neighbors had to ensure:

- Full operational applications and systems interoperability through the networks;
- End to end continuity of AFS;
- Required Quality of AFS in line with ICAO SARPs (Annex X, DOC 4444...)

To comply with this requirement a close coordination of interconnection operations was necessary.

In this framework many regional meetings called for such coordinating operation for the integration of regional sub networks.

2.1-Integration between CAFSAT and AFISNET

The two Networks are integrated thanks to the installation of a CAFSAT Network in Nouakchott and the installation of an AFISNET node in Las Palmas. The integrated network supports ATS/DS and AFTN services with available capability to support others ATN applications.

2.2- Integration with NAFISAT and SADC2

The integration of AFISNET with NAFISAT and SADC/2 networks was the result of a balanced interconnection exercise comprising four (04) NAFISAT nodes (Tripoli, Khartoum, Addis Ababa and Nairobi) two (02) SADC/2 Nodes (Luanda and Johannesburg) five (05) AFISNET nodes (Abidjan, Accra, Brazzaville, N'Djamena, Niamey).

While Accra and Luanda nodes interconnection exercise is to be completed very soon, other concerned States/Organizations (ASECNA& RVA) should undertake the appropriate actions to realize the interconnection operation between Brazzaville (AFISNET) and Kinshasa (SADC/2) nodes.

In this exercise opportunity should be taken to realize the interconnection between Bangui (AFISNET) with Gbadolite (RVA domestic nodes) to clear out the current deficiency of ATS/DS between the two APP centers.

2.2Extension of AFISNET to EUR Region

AFISNET has already been expanded in Europe with the Toulouse and Las Palmas nodes.

In addition to the interconnection of AFISNET to CAFSAT and NAFISAT SADC/2 the network has been spreading its growth by the forthcoming realization of the Aix (France) node to be connected to Algiers AFISNET station and thus ensure a continuous flow for AFTN and AIS messages from Johannesburg to EUR area through Brazzaville, Niamey and Algiers as by AFI Air Navigation Plan for AFS.

The interconnection operation of these four networks allows AFI Region to be provided with the suitable support for CNS and particularly ATN components implementation.

3. Action by the meeting

The meeting is invited to:

- a) Take note of the information given above
- b) Encourage concerned States/Organizations to realize/complete the interconnection process between AFISNET and the neighboring networks in order to implement the following AFS links Luanda/Accra; Brazzaville/Kinshasa; Bangui/Gbadolite;
- c) Pursue their collaboration when modernizing their respective networks components in order to build an harmonized AFI network provided with the capability to support the forthcoming CNS applications.
