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ABBREVIATIONS

Term	Definition
AFI	Africa and Far East Indian Ocean
AMS	Aeronautical Mobile Service
APIRG	AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group
APCC	APIRG Projects Coordination Committee
ASBU	Aviation System Block Upgrade
ATM	Air Traffic Management
CNS	Communication Navigation Surveillance
COM	Communication
GANP	Global Air Navigation Plan
GOLD	Global Operational Data Link
HF	High Frequency
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
IIM	Infrastructure and Information Management
OPMET	Operational Meteorological
PANS	Procedure for Air Navigation
PBN	Performance Based Navigation
SAR	Search and Rescue
SARP	Standards and Recommended Practices
VHF	Very High Frequency

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

These Terms of Reference outline the requirements needed for the implementation of SIGMET/QMS/DEFICIENCIES (**MET Project 1**) aimed at ensuring the improvement of the provision of meteorological service to the international Air navigation within the ICAO AFI region.

The IIM Sub-Group Meteorology Project 1 is responsible for recommendations and assistance to States with respect to activities that will assist States to improve the implementation of SIGMET, QMS, address Deficiencies and D-OPMET.

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INTRODUCTION

Aeronautical meteorological service provision is integral to the realization of a safer and more efficient globally interoperable air transport system. In this regard, Aeronautical Meteorology (MET) is required to provide information to satisfy the needs of the future ATM system. As the future ATM system evolves, the demands on MET will require improved or new systems, information and products to support it.

In line with the latest edition of the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) approved by ICAO Council in 2019 and the associated Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU) methodology, the overarching outcome of MET/14 is that the future development of MET services shall be fully aligned and integrated into the future SWIM system.

The IIM/SG Meteorology Project 1 has the task to assist States with the implementation of:

- a) SIGMET and standards and recommended practices of Annex 3 and Part V – MET of the AFI Air Navigation Plan (ANP), Volumes I, II, III concerning the issuance and distribution of en-route weather phenomena including volcanic ash clouds (WV), tropical cyclones (WC) and other phenomena (WS - thunderstorms if the thunderstorm is obscured or obscured with hail, embedded or embedded with hail, frequent or frequent with hail, squall line or squall with hail, severe turbulence, severe icing or severe icing due to freezing rain, severe mountain wave, heavy dust storm and heavy sandstorm), likely to affect the safety of aircraft operations, and the evolution of such phenomena in time and space (SIGMET WV, WC and WS);
- b) QMS/MET and certification where applicable, by developing a regional QMS/MET guide to assist States in the production of MET documentation under ISO 9001, enhancing the training of MET personnel in States that have not implemented QMS, encouraging States to institute cost recovery mechanism to support QMS maintenance in accordance with ICAO Annex 3 and Part V – MET of the AFI ANP, and conducting audit trials;
- c) An action plan to assist concerned States in their effort to remove air navigation deficiencies in the MET field listed in the APIRG report; and
- d) The transition plan from current aeronautical meteorological information to the future SWIM-enabled environment in the AFI region by encouraging AFI States to progressively develop capability of handling OPMET data in digital format (XML/GML) and to start using XML/GML codes in operational environment by the timelines stipulated in Annex 3.

This will be in accordance with the operational requirements of ICAO Annex 3, the *provision of meteorological service to the international air navigation* and relevant guidance documents.

Purpose

The IIM Sub-Group Meteorology Project 1, was established and mandated by APIRG to support the implementation of ICAO Standard and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and carry out specific activities aimed at enabling APIRG to discharge its functions and responsibilities in the area of meteorological service.

The purpose of the IIM Sub-Group Meteorology Project 1 is to assist States with the implementation of QMS/SIGMET/address deficiencies and D-OPMET to ensure that the provision of Meteorological service within the ICAO AFI region satisfy the needs of the future ATM system. The IIM Sub-Group Meteorology Project 1 team members will evaluate, and recommend project deliverables; and submit to the IIM-Sub-Group.

Key Functions

The Project shall perform its function as guided by APIRG.

- a) Foster the implementation of specific MET Modules of the ICAO Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU) assigned by APIRG.
- b) Carry out the implementation of MET projects in support of States, related to the area of SIGMET, Quality Management System, removal of Met Deficiencies, and progressive implementation of digital OPMET in accordance with ASBU methodology and as guided by the Regional performance objectives, to support states in the implementation of SARPs and regional requirements.
- c) Keep under constant review the adequacy of requirements in the area of MET taking into account changes in user requirements, the evolution in operational requirements and technological developments in accordance with ASBU methodology.
- d) Identify and collect, States information on MET deficiencies in accordance with the methodology approved by the Council and the APIRG guidance; analyze the collected information and propose solution, report on progress and challenges which extend beyond the capacity of the group.

Tasks

- a) Coordinate and conduct meetings of MET Project 1.
- b) Monitor implementation performance of relevant ASBU modules to ensure robust implementation relationship of operational requirements supporting infrastructure and digital information.
- c) Monitor performance of relevant ASBU modules.
- d) Review and update the list of deficiencies with regard to the provision of meteorological service to the international air navigation within ICAO AFI region and propose remedial actions carry out comprehensive reviews and updates of all Conclusions and Decisions within the framework of APIRG that are capable to the IIM Sub-group in order to ensure continued relevance of the conclusion and decisions.
- e) Report to APIRG through the APCC.

PROJECT COMPOSITION

The Project is made up of the Project Team Coordinator(s), Team members and the Secretary. Only permanent members or proxies have the voting rights. The IIM Sub-Group Meteorology Project 1 Coordinator is nominated by APIRG meeting and can serve a maximum of period communicated by the IIMSG Chair.

MEETING PROCEDURE

Frequency

The frequency of the IIM Sub-Group Meteorology project shall be once every two months. The frequency may be reduced by mutual consent of the committee should the need arise

Notice of meeting

The MET Project 1 PTC shall manage and schedule the frequency, date and venue of the project meeting

Reporting to the IIMSG Chair

The PTC shall submit the project progress report of the group's activities to the IIM Sub-Group Chair and/or Vice Chair during the IIMSG meeting or when requested.

The report shall include the following

- Status of the project and activities completed;
- Project challenges encountered; and
- Recommendations to address challenges.

Minutes

The project meeting minutes shall be prepared by the Secretary for approval at the next MET Project 1 meeting

Quorum

The quorum for convening the meeting shall be determined by at least five team members confirming their attendance to the meeting.

PROXIES AND REPRESENTATIVES

- If a permanent member of the Project is unable to attend a meeting, he/she shall nominate a proxy by way of notifying the Project Secretary. The alternate must ideally be of appropriate seniority with delegated authority to participate in the decision-making process at the same level as the permanent member.
- The Project Secretary will inform the Project team members of the substitution at the beginning of the relevant meeting.
- The nominated proxy shall have all the rights of the permanent member at the attended meeting.
- The nominated proxy shall provide relevant comments / feedback of the Project team member they are representing, to the attended meeting.
- Other persons may be invited or co-opted as observers by the PTC or Team members.
- Due to the importance of the meeting and in the pursuit of the Project tasks and deliverables; meeting attendance is essential. Should such attendance not be possible the rescheduling of such meeting shall be considered, but on an agreed date.
- In the event there is no quorum, the meeting may be cancelled.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TEAM MEMBERS

Project Team Coordinator (PTC)

- In the absence of PTC, the meeting is cancelled, unless an acting PTC is appointed.
- The Acting PTC shall be appointed by the PTC.
- The PTC is responsible for confirming that the quorum is present at every meeting.

Project Team Secretary

- The Secretary shall distribute the meeting documentation, agenda and previous minutes to all Team members at least seven (7) working days before the meeting.
- The secretary is responsible for minutes' decisions or resolutions and submits the draft minutes of the Project meeting to the Coordinator within two (2) working days after the meeting, for review.

Project Team Members

- To provide participation and support to the Project, particularly with respect to the areas of meteorological service to international civil aviation.
- Ensure that there is collective ownership and promotion of common principles, standards, policies, guidelines as well as end-to-end technology strategies and roadmaps as it relates to MET in the ICAO AFI region.

DECISION MAKING

- The decision shall be taken on consensus of all Team members present at the meeting. The PTC is responsible for communicating the decision made. Any objections to either approval or rejection of a submission under consideration shall be raised so that, such objections where necessary, can be recorded in the proceedings of the Project meeting.
- Matters can be cleared outside the meeting for approved submissions provided that such matters do not have material bearing on the submission or decision.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Any dispute/issue on which consensus cannot be reached will be settled through voting by the members. Team members have the right to note their objection to a decision with a reason.

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

- The Project meeting attendance is compulsory for all Team members or their proxies. The Project members that cannot attend shall tender their apology to the Secretary before the scheduled meeting.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

- The Project shall perform and carry out a self-assessment annually to assess its effectiveness in carrying out its functions set out in these ToR, and shall report its conclusions and recommend any changes it considers necessary to the IMSG.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND NON-DISCLOSURE

- All permanent and invited members shall declare any conflict of interest where applicable.

REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

- The terms of reference shall be reviewed by the Project –every two years or as and when required.
- These Terms of Reference were approved by and signed on behalf of the MET Project 1 by the:

MET PROJECT 1 PTC

DATE

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