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Update on Aeronautical Frequency Management Project – SPEC Project

Presented by Uganda (SPEC Project PTC)



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Introduction

- The Spec project established under IIM/SG 1 due to challenges identified in Region.
- Aim of SPEC project
 - Developing policies and Systems to protect the aeronautical spectrum.
- IIM/SG/3 conclusion 3/3 and APIRG/23 – Conclusion 23/17
 - Encourage the participation in the activities of APIRG IIM SG projects
- IIM/SG/3 conclusion 3/4 and APIRG/23 – Conclusion 23/18
 - Effective and efficient coordination of the IIM project activities.
- Purpose of Conclusion to encourage State Participation in APIRG IIM Projects

Discussion

- SPEC Project actively commenced work in September 2020
 - Conceptualization of expected activities
- First review of project work
 - By IIM/SG/3 virtually in October 2020
 - Key challenge was availability of project team members/ experts to facilitate project activities.
- In line with APIRG/23 Conclusion 23/18
 - SPEC Questionnaire was developed and made available to States
- Project initiation documentation structure for IIM project (Project Description, Project Organization, TORs, Project Linkages and Questionnaires)



Scope

The main objectives adopted for the SPEC Project are;

- To develop a resilient framework for the coordination of Aeronautical frequencies in the region.
- Establish a forum and logical infrastructure to coordinate aeronautical frequencies with State regulators, Sub-regional, and Regional frequency management bodies.
- To ensure States are conversant with ICAO tools on frequency management.
- Establish a forum for coordination and support of ICAO positions for the forthcoming World Radio Conferences (WRC).
- Undertake studies on the effect of possible interferences to aeronautical frequency bands from adjacent bands.

Actions Conducted

Task description	Priority	SPEC Project implementation Status
Project coordination	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Email submission of initiation documentation✓ Call for first virtual meeting Sept 2020✓ Call for second virtual meeting April 2021
Description of Project	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ SPEC project description documentation Adopted
Planning of Projects	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ SPEC Project Organization documentation adopted✓ SPEC Terms of Reference (TOR) Adopted

Actions Conducted cont.

Task description	Priority	SPEC Project implementation Status
Determination of Project Base line	A	✓ Project Organization documentation Adopted ✓ SPEC Questionnaire developed
Final Project Cost Estimation	B	✓ To be determined as and when required
Reporting of project deliverables	C	✓ Ongoing. One report for meeting



Challenges

- Response from States to SPEC questionnaire
- Disruption caused by COVID 19 pandemic resulting into low participation

Way Forward

- Encourage States to fill the SPEC Questionnaire
- Members nominated to submit commitment to ICAO secretariat and Project Coordinator



Action by the meeting

The meeting is invited to:

- Note the progress of SPEC Project as contained in the IIM/SG/4 WP xx on Spec project
- Encourage States to fill the SPEC Questionnaire.



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