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**Subject:** Twenty-Eighth meeting of the AFI Satellite Network Management Committee (SNMC/28), Abuja, Nigeria, 6-10 May 2024.

*Action Required: Reply not later than 24 April 2024*

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite your Administration / Organization to the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the AFI Satellite Network Management Committee (SNMC/28), hosted by the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA), to be held from **6 to 10 May 2024** at the Rockview (Royale) Hotel located within the central district of Abuja, Nigeria. The information bulletin including the list of proposed hotels is provided as **Attachment A** to this letter, and available at <https://www.icao.int/WACAF/Pages/default.aspx> and <https://afisnetsnmc.org/>.

As per the provisional agenda (**Attachment B**), the SNMC/28 meeting will among other review actions taken by SNMC members on matters arising from the Conclusions/Decisions of the SNMC/27 and previous meetings, the status of implementation of the recommendations of the coordination meeting held in Accra from 17 to 19 August 2022, and assess the network performance (facilities and services availability). The meeting will also examine the integration and interoperability of systems through the AFISNET network in the frame of the **SP AFI/RAN Recommendation 6/19**.

Within the framework of the implementation of the Regional Air Navigation Plan, the Conclusions and Decisions of the recent APIRG 26<sup>th</sup> and previous meetings and the outcome of the ITU World Radio Conference 2023 (ITU-WRC-23) will also be discussed by the meeting.

The meeting will therefore identify actions to be conducted for AFISNET re-engineering and modernization in line with the **SP AFI/RAN Recommendation 6/18** as well as the requirements to be complied with by the network for the implementation of the Aviation System Blocks Upgrades (ASBU) components within the AFI Region.

In line with the provision of the Form of Agreement of the AFISNET Management Committee, observers from the industry as facilities providers, satellite spectrum providers, Air Navigation Service Providers, Airline Associations and International Federation of Air Traffic Safety Electronic Personnel have been invited to:

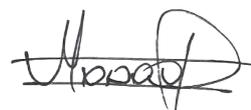
- update participants on the current and near-term evolutions and trends on satellite-based communication technologies; and
- give information on related services operation and maintenance requirements in the future.

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Working papers prepared by the Secretariat will be circulated in due course. In this regard, the attention is drawn on the active participation of your Administration/Organization through the provision of Working and Information Papers, as well as inputs on the agenda items. Such inputs should include under the Performance Data Collection Form (PDCF) format (**See Attachment C**), operational end-to-end circuit statistics, updates on present network parameters and expected/future applications, status of achievement of the tasks assigned to your Organization by SNMC/27 and SNMC previous meetings with a view to facilitate the upgrading of the AFISNET performance and ensure its smooth integration.

You are therefore invited to confirm the participation of your Administration/Organization at your earliest convenience but not later than **24 April 2024**, providing details of your delegate(s) who shall fill up the registration form (**Attachment D**). Please forward your confirmation to [icaowacaf@icao.int](mailto:icaowacaf@icao.int) with copy to [fsalambanga@icao.int](mailto:fsalambanga@icao.int), [sarmah@icao.int](mailto:sarmah@icao.int) and [jokpanachi@nama.gov.ng](mailto:jokpanachi@nama.gov.ng).

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



For Prosper Zo'o Minto'o  
Regional Director

**Attachments:** A- Information Bulletin  
B- Provisional Agenda  
C- Performance Data Collection Form (PDCF)  
D-Registration Form