

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Fourth Meeting of the AFI Volcanic Ash Exercise Steering Group (AFI VOLCEX/SG4)

*(Virtual, 1 April 2025)***Agenda Item 4: AFI VOLCEX/SG future work programme****WP4.1. Future work programme of the Steering Group of the AFI VOLCEX***(Presented by the Secretariat)*

SUMMARY
<p>This paper presents the proposed future work programme of the AFI VOLCEX Steering Group for 2025/2026.</p> <p>Action by the meeting in paragraph 3</p>
<p>REFERENCE(S):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doc 9766 Handbook on the IAVW• ToR of AFI VOLCEX SG• AFI Volcanic Ash Exercise Operational Instructions• AFI VOLCEX 23/01 Report
<p>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A – Safety, B – Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The Third Meeting of the AFI VOLCEX Steering Group was held virtually in October 2024. The meeting reviewed the outcomes of the second volcanic ash exercise and agreed on actions to be taken to improve the third edition of the exercise scheduled for November 2025.

2. DISCUSSIONS

2.1. The APIRG/27 meeting, through Conclusion 27/08, approved the conduct of the third volcanic ash exercise under the leadership of Kenya.

2.2. The Steering Group of AFI Volcanic Exercise should ensure the conduct of the 2025 volcanic ash exercise as requested by APIRG.

2.3. In view of the above, the meeting may need to review the proposed work programme of the Steering group for 2025/2026 as provided in Appendix A to this working paper and provide guidance as appropriate.

3. ACTIONS BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the information contained in this paper; and
- b) Provide guidance as per paragraph 2.3 of this working paper.

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Appendix A - Future Work Schedule of AFI VOLCEX SG for 2025/2026

#	TASKS	Responsibility	By date	Status
Task 1.	Conduct the AFI VOLCEX/SG3 Meeting	Chairperson	7 Oct. 2024	Completed
Task 2.	Conduct the AFI VOLCEX/SG4 Meeting	Chairperson	Apr. 2025	Ongoing
Task 3.	Coordinate meetings on the conduct of the third volcanic ash exercise	Chairperson	May 2025	Not started
Task 4.	Preparatory and arrangement of meetings for the Third Exercise	Exercise leader	May to Sep. 2025	Not started
Task 5.	Conduct the third volcanic ash exercise	Exercise leader Directing Staff	Nov. 2025	Not started
Task 6.	Conduct immediate and national debriefing meetings	Directing Staff	Nov. 2025	Not started
Task 7.	Conduct debriefs meetings	Exercise leader	Nov. 2025	Not started
Task 8.	Submit the initial report of the third VA exercise	Exercise leader	Febr. 2026	Not started
Task 9.	Submit the final report of the third VA exercise	Exercise leader	March 2026	Not started
Task 10.	AFI VOLCEX/SG5 Meeting	Chairperson	June 2026	Not started
Task 11.	Submit the final report of the third VA exercise to AASPG IIM/SG9	Chairperson	July 2026	Not started
Task 12.	Consider actions taken by AASPG/1	Chairperson	Nov. 2026	Not started