



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

THIRD MEETING OF THE REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP FOR AFRICA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN REGION (RASG-AFI/3)

(Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire, 03-04 December, 2015)

Agenda Item 2: Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons

ELECTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION – CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONS OF THE REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP FOR AFI REGION.

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
Changes in officials of some RASG-AFI Member States have affected certain positions within the RASG-AFI Administration (comprising the Chairperson and three Vice Chairpersons) which now require filling. Moreover, the two-year term for tenure of office of the current administration has already elapsed. This paper highlights the process of electing the new Administration as per the approved RASG AFI Structure and Hand Book.
REFERENCE(S): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final Report of the Second Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for Africa-Indian Ocean (RASG-AFI/2)• RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook
Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): The working paper relates to the Safety Strategic Objective of ICAO.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 During the Second Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for the AFI Region (RASG-AFI/2) held in Dakar, Senegal, 1-2 November, 2013, changes were effected on the RASG-AFI Administration put in place at the Group's inaugural meeting (RASG-AFI/1, March 2012). This was due to change in the position of Chairperson.

1.2 The RASG-AFI/2 Meeting accordingly elected the following officials to serve in their respective positions for the period up to the convening of the RASG-AFI/3 Meeting:

Chairperson: Mr. Aboubekrine Seddigh, then Director General of Mauritania CAA;

Second Vice-Chairperson: Col. (Rtd.) Hilary Kioko, then Director General of Kenya CAA.

For the positions of First Vice-Chairperson and Industry Representative, the meeting endorsed the continuation in office of Mr. Zakhele G. Thwala (Deputy Director General Civil Aviation, South

Africa) and Mrs. Tanja Grobotek (IATA Regional Director Safety and Flight Operations, Africa), respectively.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Once again, due to unforeseen circumstances, some changes occurred within the civil aviation administration in some of the AFI Member States which have affected certain RASG-AFI positions. Because of changes in the top management of the CAA of Mauritania, Mr. Zakhele G. Thwala of South Africa, assumed the position of Chairperson of the Group in an acting capacity, pending elections at this meeting.

2.2 As contained in the approved RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook, unless otherwise determined by special circumstances, the Chairperson, and Vice-Chairpersons of the Group, should assume their functions at the end of the meeting at which they are elected and serve for a term of two (2) years. Thus the other two positions of vice Chair are also due for re-election.

2.3 Similarly, as stipulated in the Procedural Handbook, Representatives of RASG-AFI Member States shall assume their duties and responsibilities of ensuring the normal conduct of business of the Group. These Members should regularly attend all meetings of the Group with the aim of maintaining continuity in the work of the Group during intervals between meetings.

2.4 In accordance with the approved Terms of Reference (TORs), the Chairperson of the RASG-AFI should, inter-alia:

- a) Chair the RASG-AFI meetings;
- b) Keep focus on high priority items;
- c) Ensure agenda items meet objectives to improve safety;
- d) Provide leadership for ongoing projects and accomplishments;
- e) Promote consensus among the Group members;
- f) Coordinate RASG-AFI activities closely with the Secretariat; and
- g) Promote RASG-AFI and lobby for contributors

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Meeting is invited to elect the new RASG AFI Administration as required and provided for in its Procedural Hand Book.

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