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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 3.1: Review of Conclusions and Decisions of past meetings

SECOND MEETING OF RASG-AFI (RASG-AFI/02)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
This paper provides a status report on the implementation of Conclusions and Decisions of the Second Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for Africa and the Indian Ocean Region (RASG-AFI/2).
REFERENCE(S):   Final Report of the Second Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for Africa and the Indian Ocean (RASG-AFI/2) and Report of the First Meeting of the RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC/1)
Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): This working paper is related to the Safety Strategic Objective of ICAO.

1.   INTRODUCTION

1.1   Subsequent to the Second meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for the AFI region, the Secretariat circulated the final Report of the meeting including the Conclusions and Decisions.

2.   DISCUSSION

2.1   The RASG-AFI/2 meeting adopted nine (9) Decisions and eleven (11) Conclusions; as shown in the attached **Appendix** which provides the status of implementation of the actions derived from them.

2.2   The activities of the RASG-AFI are mainly categorized under the framework of the four Safety Support Teams (SSTs) so as to promote AFI safety performance and attainment of the regional safety targets in a sustainable manner.

2.3.   Although progress has been made in the implementation of the activities, it is important to note that some of the activities are continual in nature and therefore their status of implementation remains on-going.

3.   ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1   The meeting is invited to:

a)   note the status of implementation of the RASG AFI/2 Conclusions and Decisions; and
b)   review the open items and provide further guidance on actions/initiatives aimed at enhancing the RASG-AFI Work Programme/ Action Plan;

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APPENDIX
Conclusions/Decisions of RASG-AFI/2

Conclusion/ Decision no.	Title of Conclusion/Decision	Text of Conclusion/Decision	Responsibility	Deliverable	Status
1	2	3	4	5	6
Decision 2/1	Review of Conclusions and Decisions from RASG-AFI/1 Meeting	That: a) RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC) establish an Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT), not later than 31 January 2014, based on the adopted Terms of Reference (TOR) contained in Appendix 2E to the report of the RASG-AFI /1 Meeting, and b) IATA and other partners assist the ASRT and actively participate and play a lead role in the preparation of the Annual Safety Report.	RASC IATA and ASRT members	Established ASRT Annual Safety Report	Completed First ASR published and circulated at AFI Aviation Week event, Maputo, May 2014.
Decision 2/2	Review and approval of the Draft Terms of Reference (TORs) of the Safety Support Teams	That: The TORs of the following RASG-AFI Safety Support Teams are approved, as provided at Appendix B to the report of the RASG-AFI/2 meeting: 1. Significant Safety Concerns (SSC), 2. Fundamentals of Safety Oversight (FSO), 3. Accident Investigation (AI), and 4. Emerging Safety Issues (ESI)	RASG-AFI	Four Safety Support Teams established with clear TORs	Completed SSTs established but their level of activity and involvement of Champions varies.
Decision 2/3	GASP Objectives and safety performance areas	That: The RASG-AFI Safety Teams, States and Industry, take ownership of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) and apply its principles and objectives, including the best practices of industry, so as to improve the levels of Effective Implementation of the Critical Elements of a Safety Oversight System in AFI States.	RASG-AFI Safety Support Teams, States and Industry	Improved EI of Critical Elements of a Safety Oversight System in AFI States.	On-going

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Decision 2/4	Review and adoption of AFI Regional Performance Dashboard	That: RASG-AFI Safety Teams effectively use the AFI Regional Performance Dashboard for the monitoring of progress in the implementation of safety priorities and targets, and include the data in the Annual Regional Aviation Safety Report.	Safety Support Teams	Attainment of agreed safety targets	On-going Ref WP05-2 on implementation status of safety targets
Decision 2/5	RASG-AFI activities and future work programme	That: a) the 2014 Plan of activities for the RASG-AFI Group and Subsidiary bodies is approved as amended and provided at Appendix D to this report, and b) the RASC exercise flexibility, at its discretion, on the contents and frequency of its activities taking into account the logical chronology and sequence for effective implementation.	RASG-AFI RASC	Approved Plan of Activities for 2014 Effective implementation of RASG-AFI activities	Completed
Decision 2/6	Evolution of ICAO SSP/SMS requirements and their impact on state safety oversight obligations	That: The Emerging Safety Issues (ESI) Safety Support Team of RASG - AFI takes into account ICAO Annex 19 provisions in the development and implementation of safety management related activities and assists States for compliance with its requirements and report progress made at the regional level.	ESI-Safety Support Team	Effective Implementation of Annex 19 SARPs	On-going Most States are not yet mature for SSP/SMS according to recommended priorities.
Decision 2/7	Implementation of ICAO Plans of action	That: RASG - AFI Safety Teams and Industry Partners support AFI States to achieve the agreed safety targets.	Safety Support Teams and Industry Partners	Attainment of agreed safety targets.	On-going 32 Plans in place with varying degrees of progress

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Decision 2/8	Coordination with AFI-CIS, RSOOs and COSCAPs	That: a) As a mechanism for effective collaboration between RASG - AFI and regional bodies such as AFCAC (AFI CIS), RSOOs and COSCAPs, inter-agency coordination be made a permanent feature of RASC meetings, activities, and programmes aimed at strengthening safety oversight capabilities of individual States; and b) RASG - AFI and its subsidiary bodies support the initiative for safety oversight organizations in the AFI region that have overlapping functions, such as the AAMAC, UEMOA and CEMAC RSOOs, to conclude an appropriate collaborative arrangement to avoid duplication of their functions and comply with the Abuja Declaration, in line with ICAO policy and guidelines.	RASG - AFI and regional bodies (AFCAC -AFI CIS, RSOOs and COSCAPs) RASG-AFI and subsidiary bodies	Strengthened safety oversight capabilities of AFI States Compliance with Abuja Declaration on prevention of overlapping functions between RSOOs	On-going Overlapping functions addressed through MOU between the relevant RSOOs. RSOOs/RAIOs should be encourage to integrate and work in larger groups for sustainability and economies of scale
Decision 2/9	Coordination between RASGs	That: RASG-AFI supports the on-going work of ICAO on proposed coordination mechanisms amongst RASGs, and with PIRGS and ICAO.	RASG-AFI	Improved coordination between RASG-AFI, ICAO and other Groups	On-going Routinely between APIRG & RASG-AFI; at Global level as per periodic schedule; PIRG/RASG Coordination Team proposed

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Conclusion 2/1	Review and adoption of AFI Regional Performance Dashboard	That: Individual States use the AFI Regional Performance Dashboard to assess national performance against the Abuja Safety Targets.	AFI States	Attainment of agreed safety targets.	On-going
Conclusion 2/2	Monitoring and follow up mechanism for Abuja safety targets	That: States are urged to take ownership of and implement the Abuja aviation safety targets, and in so doing, provide AFCAC with information and data on their implementation status for monitoring purposes, as and when required.	AFI States	Attainment of agreed Abuja aviation safety targets.	On-going
Conclusion 2/3	RASG-AFI activities and future work programme	That States and member Organizations continue their support to RASG-AFI activities by assigning appropriate level representatives to attend meetings, participate in projects, provide contributions including experts, training, hosting events and sharing information, experience and tools.	AFI States and member organizations	Effective implementation of RASG-AFI activities	On-going
Conclusion 2/4	Evolution of ICAO SSP/SMS requirements and their impact on State safety oversight obligations	That: a) States are to actively participate in the activities of the AFI Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG- AFI) in order to promote the implementation of safety management provisions of ICAO SARPs; and b) States and service providers be encouraged to accelerate implementation of State Safety Programmes and Safety Management Systems (SSP/SMS), respectively, in line with global and regional objectives.	AFI States AFI States and Service providers	Effective implementation of Annex 19 SARPs Effective implementation of Annex 19 SARPs	On-going

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Conclusion 2/5	Implementation of ICAO Plans of action	That: AFI States, that have not yet done so, accept and implement an ICAO Plan of Action.	AFI States	Improved safety oversight system	On-going
Conclusion 2/6	Coordination with AFI-CIS, RSOOs and COSCAP	That: States in their efforts to establish and / or participate in Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs), take note of and comply with the provision of the Declaration of the Ministerial Conference on aviation safety held in Abuja, Nigeria in July 2012 discouraging membership of more than one such organization with similar functions.	AFI States	Effective utilization of resources	On-going
Conclusion 2/7	Regional Runway Safety Programmes	That: a) States establish Runway Safety Teams (RSTs) at all international aerodromes; and b) States are encouraged to participate in Seminars/Workshops and other training activities being conducted in the field of Runway Safety.	AFI States	Established Runway Safety Teams (RSTs) at all international aerodromes Increased participation in runway safety related training activities	On-going A total of 10 RSTs have been established in the following States: Angola, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Namibia, Mozambique, Rwanda, Senegal, Togo and Zambia
Conclusion 2/8	IOSA Workshops	That: AFI States implement the IOSA requirement of the Ministerial Conference on Aviation Safety in Africa (Abuja, 16-20 July 2012).	AFI States	Increased prominence to IOSA requirements	On-going Three Workshops conducted: Dakar, Nairobi and Johannesburg

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Conclusion 2/9	Update on the AFI PLAN and other safety initiatives	That States continue to: a) support and participate in the AFI Plan activities for further improvement of aviation safety in the AFI region; b) ensure the necessary political commitment for resolving, as soon as possible, their safety deficiencies and achievement of the AFI Plan Objectives and the Abuja aviation safety targets.	AFI States	Improvement of aviation safety in the AFI region Attainment of Abuja Aviation safety targets	On-going
Conclusion 2/10	Coordination between APIRG and RASG- AFI	That: In order to facilitate coordination between the two Groups and among their subsidiary bodies, APIRG and RASG-AFI share information on the outcomes of their most recent meetings and activities.	RASG-AFI	Improved coordination between APIRG and RASG-AFI	On-going
Conclusion 2/11	Implementation of the AFI Air Navigation System implementation action plan aligned with the ICAO Aviation System Block Upgrade (ASBU) Methodology	That: RASG-AFI addresses the implementation of the relevant safety related ASBU Block 0 Modules identified by the APIRG/19 Meeting, in coordination with the APIRG and the relevant bodies in line with regional aviation safety mechanisms.	RASG-AFI	Effective implementation of the relevant safety related ASBU Block 0 Modules	On-going