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INDIAN OCEAN REGION (RASG-AFI/4)**

(Nairobi, Kenya, from 12 to 13 October, 2017)

Agenda Item 4: Follow-up on the Conclusions and Decisions of RASG-AFI/3 Meeting.

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS OF RASG-AFI/3.

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
<p>This paper provides a status report on the implementation of the Conclusions and Decisions of the Third Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for Africa-Indian Ocean region (RASG-AFI/3) held in Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire in December, 2015.</p>
<p>REFERENCE(S):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Report of the Third Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for Africa-Indian Ocean (RASG-AFI/3); and- Report of the Sixth Meeting of the AFI Directors' General of Civil Aviation (AFI DGCA/6).
<p>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): This working paper is related to the Safety Strategic Objective of ICAO.</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

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

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The RASG-AFI/3 meeting adopted fifteen (15) Conclusions and eighteen (18) Decisions; as shown in the **Appendix** to this paper on the status of implementation of the actions derived therefrom.

2.2 The activities of the RASG-AFI are aligned to the work of the four Safety Support Teams (Fundamentals of Safety Oversight, Significant Safety Concerns, Investigation of Aircraft Accidents and Serious Incidents, Emerging Safety Issues) so as to promote AFI safety performance and attainment of the regional safety targets in a sustainable manner.

2.3. Progress has been made in the implementation of most of the activities. However, because some of the activities are continual in nature, their status of implementation therefore 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/3 Conclusions and Decisions presented in the Appendix to this paper; and
- b) review the open items and provide further guidance on required actions.

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF MAIN CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS OF RASG-AFI/3 MEETING

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Conclusion/ Decision No	Title of Conclusion/Decision	Text of Conclusion/Decision	Responsibility	Deliverable	Status
Conclusion 3/1	Coordination between APIRG/RASG-AFI and between RASG-AFI and other entities.	The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting requested that coordination between APIRG and RASG-AFI, as well as between RASG-AFI and AFI CIS, RSOOs, etc. be strengthened.	APIRG; RASG-AFI; RASC; AFCAC; RSOOs and RASG-AFI Secretariat	Establishment of a Task Force to Strengthen coordination between APIRG; RASG-AFI; AFI CIS; and RSOOs.	A Joint Coordination Task Force has been established comprising Airbus (representing the Industry); AFCAC; APIRG Secretariat; RASG-AFI Secretariat. However, identification of States for representation in the Task Force (One Safety and One ANS) is still outstanding.
Conclusion 3/2	Connectivity constraints for participation in RASC teleconferences	That, In view of the challenges of communication infrastructure, faced by some of its members, which have threatened the effectiveness of the Steering Committee, the RASG-AFI/3 Meeting urged States to explore means of improving connectivity for effective participation of their designated officials in the activities of the RASC.	AFI States and RASC	Improved Communication for effective participation of RASC members in teleconferences	Although improvement in connectivity for participation has been realized, there is need for better participation of Members in RASC activities.

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Conclusion 3/3	Strengthening of Safety Support Teams (SSTs) and the inclusion of Aeronautical Information Management (AIM) as an Emerging Safety Issue (ESI).	The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting noted the need for, and urged States and Partners to support the strengthening of SSTs and endorsed the recommendation of the RASC/1 meeting for the inclusion of AIM in the list of Emerging Safety Issues (ESI).	AFI States; Partners; RASC; Champion State SST-ESI; RASG-AFI Secretariat	Strengthened SSTs. (The RASG-AFI Structure updated as in Appendix-B to the RASG-AFI/3 Report incorporating AIM as part of ESI).	AIM added to the SST-ESI; Cape Verde nominated as co-champion of SST-AIG; South Africa nominated as co-champion of SST-SSC.
Conclusion 3/4	Intensification of Assistance to States in the Resolution of Significant Safety Concerns (SSCs).	The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting noted the progress made over the years in resolving SSCs as well as the outstanding ones and requested the Secretariat and the SST-SSC Champion to intensify assistance for the removal of all SSCs and prevent the emergence of new ones.	Champion State for SST-SSC and RASG-AFI Secretariat	Resolution of the remaining four SSCs within RASG-AFI States and avoidance of emerging ones.	SSC in Angola resolved. However, Three SSCs still existing (Djibouti, Eritrea, Malawi) and every effort, including high level intervention such as the meeting of the Council President and Secretary General with the Heads of State of Malawi and Djibouti, is being made to resolve them.
Conclusion 3/5	Taking proactive steps and allocation of required resources by States to resolve SSCs	The Group urged States with SSCs to take proactive steps and increase their efforts and allocate required resources to resolve these SSCs in the shortest possible time.	SSC States; Champion State for SST-SSC; RASG-AFI Secretariat.	SSCs resolved in a timely manner.	States have been sensitized and have shown more commitment given that no new SSC has emerged since 2015.

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Conclusion 3/6	Establishment of Runway Safety Teams (RSTs) in the context of Aerodrome Certification	The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting commended the progress being made by the SST-ESI in the establishment of Runway Safety Teams (RSTs) at airports in the region and requested that these activities be also put in the context of, and in coordination with, activities for Aerodrome Certification as per the Abuja Safety Targets.	Champion State SST-ESI; AFI States; RASG-AFI Secretariat	RSTs established at aerodromes identified for certification.	16 aerodromes (8 in ESAF and 8 in WACAF) earmarked for certification under an AFI Plan Project launched in Dakar and Nairobi, in August, 2016. The overall rate of certification for the AFI region by end of 2017 is expected to be 66.15% .
Conclusion 3/7	Appointment of Focal Points by States for coordination with SSTs.	The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting urged States to appoint focal points for coordination with all Safety Support Teams (SSTs) and monitor and report to ICAO Regional Offices on Runway Safety Teams activities.	AFI States; Champion States of SSTs; RASG-AFI Secretariat.	Designation of Focal Points by States.	45 States have designated Focal Points at the request of AFCAC. The Designated Focal Points have started to coordinate with AFCAC and a significant improvement has been noted in the collection of data. These Focal Points are serving the SSTs as well.

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Conclusion 3/8	Implementation of USOAP CAPs, conduct of self-assessments, and upload of relevant information onto the USOAP CMA OLF by States.	The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting urged States to update and implement their USOAP CAPs, conduct self-assessments, and upload relevant information and documents onto the CMA OLF and encouraged ICAO to expedite the validation of progress made by States.	AFI States; ICAO MO; RASG-AFI Secretariat.	Active engagement of all States with the USOAP CMA OLF to attain at least 75% CAP progress.	USOAP CMA OLF activities added to the ROST Assistance Missions Work Programme to elevate the States' level of understanding of the system; and States continue to conduct familiarization visits to Regional Offices.
Conclusion 3/9	Making IOSA Registration a State requirement for African Airlines	The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting urged States to act on their commitment to make IOSA registry a requirement for African Airlines and to support these airlines in the process of IOSA registry.	AFI States; IATA; African Airlines; RASG-AFI Secretariat.	States having IOSA registry as a national requirement.	An ad hoc committee (comprising Ghana, South Africa, IATA) established by RASC/2 to come up with a generic regulation on IOSA requirement for possible adoption by States; in order to ensure that all States establish an appropriate framework for recognition of IOSA and IATA Standard Safety Assessment (ISSA) as effective safety mechanisms.

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Conclusion 3/10	Provision of relevant safety information and feedback to the RASG-AFI Annual Safety Report.	In order to maintain the quality of the RASG-AFI Annual Safety Report (ASR), the RASG-AFI/3 Meeting urged States and Partners to cooperate in the timely provision of the information and feedback required.	AFI States; Partners; ASRT; RASC.	Timely provision of required information and feedback to the ASR by States and Partners.	Feedback on the draft Third Edition of the RASG-AFI Annual Safety Report received by the ASR Team and incorporated in the document as appropriate. The 3rd Edition of the ASR was released at the 4 th AFI Aviation Safety Symposium in May, 2017 at Gaborone, Botswana.
Conclusion 3/11	Appointment of Focal Points by States for coordination with AFCAC.	In order to improve the response rate and timely provision of information relating to the evaluation of the status of implementation of the Abuja Safety Targets, the RASG-AFI/3 Meeting urged States to designate focal points to facilitate coordination with AFCAC on safety matters.	AFI States and AFCAC.	Designation of focal points by States to facilitate coordination with AFCAC on safety matters.	45 States have designated Focal Points and are working closely with AFCAC.

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Conclusion 3/12	Assistance of weaker States by stronger States in achieving the Abuja Safety Targets.	The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting requested States that have attained various safety targets to assist, in coordination with the respective RASG-AFI SST Champions, other States that have not done so.	AFI States; Champion States of SSTs; RASG-AFI Secretariat.	Engagement of weaker States by stronger States in achieving the Abuja Safety Targets.	Under bilateral Agreements, Togo has assisted States (e.g. Senegal, Niger) in enhancing their Safety Oversight Systems. However, there is need for identification of funds required for the mobilization of personnel from stronger States to conduct assistance missions to weaker States.
Conclusion 3/13	States' support for each other under the ICAO "No Country Left Behind" (NCLB) Initiative.	That, The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting urged States to support each other and share information within the ICAO 'No Country Left Behind' (NCLB) initiative in order to enhance EIs, achieve the Abuja Safety Targets and address safety deficiencies.	AFI States and RASG-AFI Secretariat.	Engagement of weaker States by stronger States in achieving the Abuja Safety Targets.	AFI-CIS has so far conducted Three (3) missions to Three States in 2017 (Chad, Congo, Senegal) with a bid to improve their EI scores. Decision adopted by AFI Plan SC/19 Meeting for all States to have and implement ICAO Plans of Action

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Conclusion 3/14	Making good use of tools relating to identification of civil aviation personnel and human resource requirements, once made available by ICAO.	That, The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting encouraged States to put to good use the tools relating to identification of Civil Aviation personnel and Human Resource requirements and city-pair connectivity analysis, once these are made available by ICAO.	AFI States; ICAO HQ; RASG-AFI Secretariat.	Availability of relevant tools by ICAO	ICAO is yet to roll out the required tools
Conclusion 3/15	Taking Risk Analysis into account by States, in their drive to attaining effective implementation targets.	That, The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting encouraged States to take into account risk analysis in their drive to attain effective implementation targets.	AFI States; ICAO HQ; RASG-AFI Secretariat.	Conduct of Risk Analysis by States.	There is a need for provision of appropriate training.

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Decision 3/1	Election of RASG-AFI Officials	The Group elected Officials in line with the provisions of the RASG-AFI Procedures Handbook.	RASG-AFI and RASG- AFI Secretariat	Publication of elected RASG-AFI officials via RASG-AFI/3 Report	<p>Closed</p> <p>The Group elected the following Officials for a period of two years with effect from 3rd December, 2015:</p> <p>Chairperson: Mr. Simon Allotey, Director General, Ghana CAA.</p> <p>1st Vice-Chairperson: Mr. Levers Mabaso, Acting Chief Director: Civil Aviation Safety, Security and SAR, DOT Republic of South Africa</p> <p>2nd Vice-Chairperson: Mr. Silué Sinaly, Director General, Cote d’Ivoire CAA.</p> <p>3rd Vice-Chairperson: Ms. Tanja Grobotek, Regional Director, Safety and Flight Operations, IATA, Africa.</p>

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Decision 3/2	Pursuance of RASG-AFI on-going Activities and their reflection in the RASG-AFI Work Programme for 2016.	That, The Secretariat pursue on-going activities such as implementation of SSP/SMS and ICAO Plans of Action, and evaluation of the status of implementation of the Abuja Safety Targets and to reflect these and other outstanding items in the 2016 RASG-AFI Work Programme.	AFI States and RASG-AFI Secretariat	Number of Abuja Safety Targets achieved.	RASG-AFI Work Programme 2016 approved by the RASG-AFI/3 and being pursued.
Decision 3/3	Coordination of assistance activities (ROST, SST, COSCAPs, RSOOs, AFI CIS) with a greater focus on the removal of SSCs in the ESAF Region.	That, The Group requested the Secretariat to coordinate assistance activities (ROST, SST, COSCAPs, RSOOs, AFI CIS) with a greater focus on the removal of SSCs in the ESAF Region.	RASG-AFI Secretariat	Resolution of the SSCs within the ESAF Region.	AFI-CIS, RSOO/COSCAP activities are being coordinated with ICAO. One of the 4 SSCs in ESAF resolved in April 2017.
Decision 3/4	Update of the RASG-AFI structure for optimization of the reporting lines of the Group	That, The Group requested the Secretariat to update the RASG-AFI structure as per the recommendation of the RASC/1 meeting for optimization of the reporting lines of the Group vis-à-vis the SSTs, RASC and RASG Chairs.	RASG-AFI Secretariat	Revised RASG-AFI Structure.	Closed The RASG-AFI Structure updated as in Appendix-B to the RASG-AFI/3 Report.
Decision 3/5	Utilization of Boeing funds under the ICAO SAFE Fund for RASG-AFI project activities.	That, The Group requested the Secretariat to pursue the proposal to utilize Boeing funds under the SAFE Fund for RASG-AFI project activities.	RASG AFI Secretariat and the RASC.	Availability of Boeing Funds under the SAFE for funding of RASG-AFI projects.	RASG-AFI is pursuing accessibility to the SAFE Fund for funding its projects.

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Decision 3/6	Implementation of the outcomes of the LOC-I Symposium held in Nairobi in June 2015 with a prioritized 5-year Plan of Action.	That, The Group endorsed the recommendations of the LOC-I Symposium held in Nairobi in June 2015 and requested the ESI Champion, with the support of the ESAF/WACAF Regional Offices, to pursue the implementation of the outcomes of the said Symposium with a prioritized 5-year Plan of Action.	Champion State SST-ESI; AFI States; and RASG-AFI Secretariat.	Implementation of the prioritised 5-year Action Plan on LOC-I	There is a need to identify funding for the implementation of the LOC-I project; as well as other RASG-AFI Projects.
Decision 3/7	Means for the mobilization of funds to implement SST projects.	That, The Group requested the Secretariat, in consultation with Industry partners and potential donors, to explore means for the mobilization of funds to implement SST projects.	Industry Partners; Donor Agencies; RASG-AFI Secretariat	Implementation of the SST Projects.	AFI Plan has embarked on various safety projects. However, there is a need to identify adequate funding for the implementation of all the SST projects.
Decision 3/8	Prioritization of efforts in improving EI levels in the areas of AIG, ANS and AGA.	That, The Group called on the SST-FSO and States to prioritize efforts in improving EI levels in the areas of AIG, ANS and AGA.	Champion State SST-FSO; AFI States; RASG-AFI Secretariat.	Number of States that have attained EI \geq 60% in the areas of AIG; ANS; and AGA.	There is a need to identify funding for the implementation of the SST projects (RASG-AFI coordinating with the AFI Plan).

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Decision 3/9	Conduct of two AIG workshops in the AFI region on the implementation of the AIG Toolkit and development of model MoUs for collaboration in AIG at bilateral and regional levels.	The Group requested the Secretariat, in coordination with the SST-AIG, to organize two AIG workshops in the AFI region on the implementation of the AIG Toolkit and development of model MoUs for collaboration in AIG at bilateral and regional levels.	Champion State SST-AIG; RASG-AFI Secretariat; AFI States; RAIOS.	Conduct of two AIG Workshops within the AFI Region.	RASG-AFI has secured funding from Airbus for the conduct of an AIG Workshop, which is envisaged to be held in 2018. However, there is a need to identify additional funding for the implementation of another AIG Workshop.
Decision 3/10	Conduct of a safety tools workshop in the year 2016.	The Group requested the Secretariat to organize a safety tools workshop in the year 2016.	RASG-AFI Secretariat.	Conduct of a Safety Tools Workshop in 2016	Two Workshops on Integrated Safety Trend Analysis and Reporting Systems (iSTARS) conducted in 2017 (One in ESAF and One in WACAF).

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Decision 3/11	Provision of support and assistance for the integration and consolidation of RSOOs in the region.	That, As part of the drive to strengthen RSOOs and ensure their sustainability, RASG-AFI and its subsidiary bodies are to support and provide assistance for the integration and consolidation of such entities in the region.	RASG-AFI Secretariat; RSOOs; AFI States.	Strengthened RSOOs within AFI Region.	EASA/ICAO Forum on RSOOs convened in Ezulwini, Swaziland, in March, 2017. The First Meeting of the Global Aviation Safety Organisation System Study Group (GASOS-SG) convened in Montreal, Canada, in September, 2017. Declaration adopted and Study for the strengthening of RSOOs being prepared by AFI Plan.
Decision 3/12	Generation of reports of RASG-AFI outcomes for the attention of the AFI Plan Steering Committee	That, The Group requested that, in order for the synergies between the AFI Plan activities and those of the Group to be maximized for greater impact, reports of RASG-AFI outcomes be generated by the Secretariat for the attention of the AFI Plan Steering Committee.	RASG-AFI Secretariat.	RASG-AFI outcomes shared with AFI Plan Steering Committee	On-going RASG-AFI outcomes are being shared with AFI Plan Steering Committee through dedicated papers.

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Decision 3/13	Incorporation of the AFI Plan goals for 2016 into RASG-AFI work programme for the same year and coordination of its implementation.	That, The Group requested the Secretariat to incorporate the AFI Plan goals for 2016 into its work programme for the same year and coordinate with the former in its implementation.	RASG-AFI Secretariat and AFI Plan Secretariat.	Implementation of the RASG-AFI Work Programme incorporating AFI Plan goals for 2016.	Closed RASG-AFI Work Programme 2017 incorporated AFI Plan goals for 2017 and its implementation is being coordinated.
Decision 3/14	RASG –AFI’s support for the continuation of the AFI Plan beyond 2016.	That, The Group reaffirmed RASG–AFI’s support for the continuation of the AFI Plan beyond 2016.	RASG-AFI Secretariat and AFI Plan Secretariat.	Re-affirmation of RASG-AFI support for continuation of AFI Plan beyond 2016 as published in the RASG-AFI/3 Report.	Closed

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Decision 3/15	Establishment of a Joint APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF).	<p>The RASG-AFI/3 Meeting having examined the proposal of the RASG-AFI Steering Committee on the establishment of a Joint APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF), decided as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) approved the proposal to establish the Joint APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF) based on the proposed Terms of Reference (TORs); b) that the two (2) representatives of RASG-AFI on the Task Force be from States and Industry respectively; and c) requested that the proposal on the establishment of the APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF) also be brought to the attention of APIRG for endorsement and implementation. 	APIRG; RASG-AFI; RASC; AFI States; Industry.	Established APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force.	A Joint Coordination Task Force has been established comprising, Airbus (representing the Industry); AFCAC; APIRG Secretariat; RASG-AFI Secretariat. However, identification of States for representation in the Task Force (One Safety and One ANS) is still outstanding.

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Decision 3/16	Synchronization of the work programmes of APIRG and RASG-AFI with that of the AFI Plan.	The Group encouraged the synchronization, in as much as possible, of the work programmes of APIRG and RASG-AFI with that of the AFI Plan.	RASG-AFI Secretariat; APIRG Secretariat; and AFI Plan Secretariat.	Synchronised Work Programmes of APIRG; RASG-AFI; and AFI Plan.	Closed The 2017 Work Programmes of APIRG, RASG-AFI, and AFI Plan have been synchronized.
Decision 3/17	Provision of precise time-bound actions on those elements identified as on-going in the RASG AFI work programme for 2016.	That, The Group reviewed and endorsed the RASG AFI work programme for 2016 and tasked the Secretariat and RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC) to provide precise time-bound actions on those elements identified as on-going.	RASG-AFI Secretariat and RASC.	Timely implementation of identified actions.	On-going
Decision 3/18	Designation of Cape Verde as Co-Champion for the SST-AIG supported by an Industry Member, IFALPA.	That, Considering the need to strengthen the SSTs as key drivers of RASG-AFI activities, the Group agreed to designate Cape Verde as Co-Champion for the SST-AIG supported by an Industry Member, IFALPA.	RASG-AFI Secretariat; Champion State for SST-AIG (Cape Verde); Ethiopia; IFALPA.	Revised RASG-AFI Structure incorporating Ethiopia; Cape Verde; and IFALPA as Champions of SST-AIG.	Closed The RASG-AFI Structure updated as in Appendix-B to the RASG-AFI/3 Report.