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**FIFTH MEETING OF THE REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP FOR AFRICA - INDIAN OCEAN
(RASG-AFI/5)**

(Accra, Ghana, from 29 July to 2 August, 2019)

Agenda Item 1: Status of Implementation of the Conclusions and Decisions of RASG-AFI/4 Meeting.

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OF RASG-AFI/4 CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS (excluding common areas with APIRG).

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
<p>This paper provides a status report on the implementation of the Conclusions and Decisions of the Fourth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for Africa-Indian Ocean (RASG-AFI/4) held at Nairobi, Kenya, in October, 2017.</p>
<p>REFERENCE(S):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final Report of the Fourth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for Africa-Indian Ocean (RASG-AFI/4);• Report of the Seventh Meeting of the RASG-AFI Directors' General of Civil Aviation (DGCA/7).
<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 Fourth 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/4 meeting adopted Eleven (11) Conclusions and Eleven (11) Decisions; as shown in an **Appendix** to this paper, which provides the status of implementation of the actions derived therefrom.

2.2 The activities of the RASG-AFI are mainly categorized under the framework 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. 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/4 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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Decision 4/1	Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons	That, The Group elected the following Officials in line with the provisions of the RASG-AFI Procedures Handbook: Chairperson: Mr. Levers Mabaso, Acting Chief Director, Civil Aviation Safety, Security and SAR, Department of Transport, Republic of South Africa - 1 st Vice-Chairperson: Col. Dokisime Gnama Latta, Director General, Togo CAA - 2 nd Vice-Chairperson: Capt. Gilbert Kibe, Director General, KCAA - 3 rd Vice-Chairperson: Ms. Tanja Grobotek, Regional Director, Safety and Operations, IATA, Africa	South Africa Togo Kenya Industry/IATA	Leadership of RASG-AFI		2019	RASG-AFI Secretariat	Accomplished
Conclusion 4/1	Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP)	That States are: a) requested, in accordance with Assembly Resolution A39-12, to establish a national safety plan, including goals and targets consistent with the regional safety plan, and in line with the GASP objectives, including the global aviation safety roadmap, and based on their operational safety needs; and b) invited to provide ICAO feedback on the new global aviation safety roadmap and	States	National Safety Plans Feedback on new GASR and Suggestions for 2020 - 2022		2019 2019	RASG-AFI Secretariat RASG-AFI Secretariat	a) Majority of States have not yet developed national safety plan; ICAO to provide guidance material on the development of State's National Safety Plan

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		suggestions for the future 2020 -2022 edition of the GASP via email to: GASP@icao.int.		GASP provided to ICAO				b) Some States responded to the survey and provided the requested feedback
Conclusion 4/2	Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs)	That States, a) implement the relevant provisions of the Ezulwini Ministerial Declaration on Regional Safety Oversight Organizations in Africa; b) are urged to support the proposed global strategy and action plan to improve and strengthen existing RSOOs and the establishment of a global system for the provision of safety oversight; c) endorse the objectives for a global system for the provision of safety oversight; and d) RASG-AFI organs, and organizations are encouraged to participate in and contribute to the AFI Plan study for the strengthening and improvement of RSOOs in the AFI region as well as the study of a proposed Global Aviation Safety Oversight System (GASOS).	States RASG-AFI Organizations	Declaration implemented; Strong RSOOs Global safety oversight system established AFI Plan Study Report GASOS Study Report		2019 2019 2018	RASG-AFI Secretariat RASG-AFI Secretariat	a.) On-going b.) On-going c.) On-going d.) TOR for the AFI Plan Study for the strengthening and improvement of RSOOs in the AFI region complete. Recruitment of expert underway.

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Conclusion 4/3	Safety Management Implementation	That, States, regional and international organizations are invited to share tools and examples which support effective safety management implementation to be considered for posting on the ICAO safety management implementation website through an ICAO validation process.	States; Regional Organizations; International Organizations; ICAO	Safety Management tools / examples shared on ICAO website		2019	RASG-AFI Secretariat	Tools and examples are being developed for posting on the ICAO safety management implementation website. Introduction to SSP Foundation Tools are incorporated in the SSP Implementation assistance missions to States from 2018 onwards.
Conclusion 4/4	ICAO USOAP CMA Implementation	That, States are urged to fulfil their obligations under the USOAP CMA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and to take actions, as required, to provide up-to-date information on their safety oversight systems, with particular attention to: a) the implementation of immediate mitigation measures and sustainable corrective actions for the resolution and avoidance of SSC(s) as	States States	Resolution and prevention of SSCs;		2019	RASG-AFI Secretariat	a) Ongoing: Two SSCs in two States (Angola, Malawi) resolved. One SSC in One State (Eritrea) still exists; concerted efforts from all stakeholders

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		a high priority; b) finalization and submission of draft USOAP Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) on the On-line Framework (OLF), informing the relevant ICAO Regional Office when completed and ready for review; c) the completion of the compliance checklists/EFOD and update of the SAAQ; d) implementation of the CAPs, completion of the self-assessment of the PQs on the OLF, uploading of evidences/documents to report the progress and informing the relevant ICAO Regional Office when completed and ready for validation; e) prioritization of efforts in improving EI levels in the areas of AIG, ANS and AGA; and f) requesting assistance from the ICAO Regional Office and/or COSCAP/RSOO, if required.	States States States ICAO Regional Offices COSCAPs/ RSOOs	Draft CAPs uploaded on OLF CCs/EFOD completed & Updated SAAQs; Effective monitoring of CAP implementation progress; EI levels improved in AIG, AGA and ANS; Assistance provided by ICAO ROs and COSCAPs/		2019 2019 2019	RASG-AFI Secretariat RASG-AFI Secretariat RASG-AFI Secretariat EI levels improved in AIG, AGA and ANS	required in this endeavour. b) On-going , but a limited number of States have achieved limited or no progress c) Limited progress for majority of States d) On-going , more progress registered with States scheduled for a USOAP CMA Activity. Considerable number of States have achieved limited or no progress. e) On-going , AFI Plan Projects are on-going: Two AIG

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				RSOOs as required.				workshops conducted; aerodrome certification in 17 beneficiary States; and SAR. f) Accomplished A USOAP CMA Workshop was conducted in the WACAF Region in February, 2018 and in the ESAF Region in March 2019, geared towards providing States with up-to-date information on available tools and familiarisation with the OLF. Two Workshops were conducted for the ESAF (Addis

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								Ababa, Ethiopia) and WACAF (Abuja, Nigeria) Regions in August and September, 2018 respectively, geared towards assisting States in the establishment of fundamental AIG Systems.
Decision 4/2	Follow up on RASG-AFI/3 Meeting Conclusions and Decisions	That, The Secretariat expeditiously follow up and ensures implementation of all the open items in the list of RASG-AFI/3 Conclusions and Decisions and carries over to the Group's future Work Programme items that so require.	RASG-AFI Secretariat; RASC; SSTs.	RASG-AFI/3 Conclusions and Decisions implemented		2019	RASG-AFI Secretariat	The Abuja Safety Targets have been revised/re-formulated by RASC/3 and subsequently approved by RASG-AFI/4. AFCAC has made the revised targets available to States for implementation, which will be

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								monitored by AFCAC. Accomplished
Decision 4/3	Intensification of assistance to SSC States	That, RASC, in collaboration with other relevant partners, including the ICAO Regional Offices, AFI-CIS, COSCAPs/RSOs, and Partner States and organizations maintain and intensify assistance to States with outstanding SSC(s), namely Eritrea and Malawi, so as to resolve these, and take proactive steps and put in place effective strategies to prevent the emergence of new ones.	RASC; ICAO ROs; AFCAC; Organizations; Partners.	SSCs resolved in Eritrea and Malawi New SSCs avoided in the AFI Region		2019	RASG-AFI Secretariat	ERITREA: assistance provided by the ESAF Office remotely via teleconference and e-mail; MALAWI: Accomplished SSC resolved, following a USOAP CMA Activity in the State in December, 2018. CHALLENGES: Mainly attributed to lack of autonomous and adequately funded CAAs as well as inadequate qualified and sufficiently trained technical personnel. In the case of

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								Eritrea, reluctance and decline of external assistance, including ROST missions and assistance projects funded by SAFE funds, further aggravates the challenges and likelihood to resolve the SSC.
Conclusion 4/5	Development of project proposals for funding by the AFI Plan	That, the RASG AFI Secretariat in collaboration with the relevant Safety Support Teams (SSTs) and other stakeholders, develops and submit new project proposals in the areas of FSO, SSC, AIG, AIM, etc. to the AFI Plan Steering Committee for funding consideration.	RASG-AFI Secretariat; SSTs; AFI Plan.	Project Proposals developed and submitted to AFI Plan Steering Committee		November 2017	RASG-AFI Secretariat AFI Plan Secretariat	Project Documents on Aerodrome Certification, FSO, SSP, AIG and SAR have been approved by the AFI Plan Steering Committee and are at different levels of implementation. Project Document for AIM is being developed for approval by the AFI Plan SC. Accomplished

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Conclusion 4/6	Participation in Seminars, Workshops and Training	That, States, organizations and industry increase their participation in seminars, workshops and training organized by ICAO and other partners within the framework of activities of the SSTs to ensure maximum impact and benefit.	States Organizations Industry	Maximum impact of seminars, workshops and training activities		2019	RASG-AFI Secretariat	A different approach being pursued to ensure that Seminars and Workshops are results- oriented and that they achieve measurable objectives. On-going
Conclusion 4/7	Improvement of the production and utilization of the RASG-AFI Annual Safety Report	That, States and organizations: a) contribute data, make suggestions, provide guidance and participate effectively in the production of future editions of the ASR; and b) embrace and utilize the Annual Safety Reports to improve their respective levels of safety performance.	States Organizations	Improved quality and utilization of RASG-AFI Safety Reports		2018 and 2019	RASG-AFI Secretariat	On-going. Although copies of ASRs are posted on the ICAO website, little, if any, comments on the document are received from States. Accomplished

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Decision 4/4	Use of ICAO data	That, The Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT) should use ICAO data as much as possible in the preparation of the ASR for consistency with other related reports.	ASRT	Safety Report's data consistent with ICAO data		2018 and 2019	RASG-AFI Secretariat	The 5 th Edition of the ASR has reflected this Decision; and it is envisaged that subsequent Editions will reflect same. Accomplished
Conclusion 4/8	Development/ Implementation of ICAO Plans of action in all States	That, In line with AFI Plan Steering Committee Decision SC19/03, States that have accepted an ICAO Plan of Action fully commit to its implementation and for those that are yet to have one, to coordinate with their accredited Regional office for the development, acceptance and implementation of such a Plan.	States ICAO ROs	ICAO tailored Plans of action developed, accepted and implemented as applicable		2018 and 2019	RASG-AFI Secretariat	All WACAF States have accepted the ICAO State-specific Plan of Action; and Eight (8) within the ESAF Region were yet to accept an ICAO Plan of Action. However, efforts are being made to ensure that all States have one by the end of 2019.
Conclusion 4/9	Request for AFI Plan Support to States through	That, States, Airport Operators, ANSPs and all stakeholders strengthen their commitment and	States	Timely resolution of		2019	RASG-AFI Secretariat	AFI Plan funded projects on aerodrome certification, SSP, SAR and ANSP

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	safety oversight improvement projects	intensify efforts in the implementation of the on-going AFI Plan funded projects in the areas of Aerodrome Certification, SAR Organization, SSP Implementation, Fundamentals of Safety Oversight (FSO) and ANSP Peer Review, as well as new ones to be proposed under RASG-AFI SST activities, and ensure timely resolution of existing deficiencies and accomplishment of project objectives.	Airport Authorities ANSPs	deficiencies Project's objectives met				Peer Review, are being implemented and at different levels of implementation. As part of the efforts to improve the safety oversight capacity of States, the AFI Plan in collaboration with GAT, conducted two GSI OPS courses (one in Nairobi and one in Dakar). 29 participants from 19 States benefitted from the training. On-going
Conclusion 4/10	Amendment of AFI Plan Programme Document and Regional Office Safety Team (ROST) ToRs	That, States, organizations, and partners provide, through the ICAO Regional offices, proposals for amendment to the AFI Plan Programme Document and ROST TORs not later than 31 October 2017.	States Organizations Partners ICAO ROs	Proposals for amendments to AFI Plan PRODOC and ROST ToRs		31 October 2017	RASG-AFI Secretariat	The amendment process is on-going. Accomplished
Decision 4/5	Alignment of the AFI Air Navigation	That, RASG-AFI address the implementation of the relevant safety related Essential and Priority 1	RASG-AFI Secretariat	Coordinated implementation		2019	RASG-AFI Secretariat	On-going

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	System Action Plan with the ICAO ASBU Methodology	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.	APIRG Secretariat	of relevant ASBU module elements			APIRG Secretariat	
Decision 4/6	Provision of Support and Assistance for the integration and consolidation of RSOOs in the AFI Region	That, RASG-AFI and its subsidiary bodies support and provide assistance for the integration and consolidation of RSOOs as part of the drive to strengthen and ensure their sustainability, and efficiency.	RASG-AFI SSTs RSOOs	Support provided to RSOO integration/ consolidation efforts		2019	RASG-AFI Secretariat	RASG-AFI should continue to consistently participate in the GASOS-SG and the RSOO Cooperative Platform activities, which are geared towards strengthening the RSOOs thereby making them more effective and efficient, as well as provide a wider latitude for selection of Safety Oversight Organisations (SOOs). Accomplished

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Decision 4/7	Composition of the APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF)	<p>That,</p> <p>a) the Secretariat re-examine and reconcile, in collaboration with the RASC and APIRG Project Coordination Committee (APCC), the needs of all stakeholders regarding representation in and composition of the ARC-TF; and</p> <p>b) Cyber threats and ANS resilience, RPAS and RSOOs be included amongst the areas of shared responsibility of APIRG and RASG-AFI.</p>	<p>RASC APCC</p> <p>RASC APCC</p>	<p>ARC-TF Membership established and operational</p> <p>Updated allocation of common tasks between APIRG and RASG-AFI</p>		<p>30 November 2017</p>	<p>RASG-AFI Secretariat APIRG Secretariat</p> <p>RASG-AFI Secretariat APIRG Secretariat</p>	<p>States' representation to be discussed by RASC/4 and APCC (In this regard, suggestion for one of the vice-chairpersons of RASG-AFI to represent States is hereby made by Secretariat; and the APIRG Secretary to follow-up with APCC for representation of ANSPs). The membership of the ARC-TF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two representatives from APIRG; • Two representatives from RASG-AFI (Secretariat, State); and

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								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One representative from AFCAC. <p>On-going</p>
Decision 4/8	Outcome of the APIRG/21 Meeting on issues of common interest	That, The Secretariat and RASG-AFI organs (RASC, SSTs, etc.) examine the Conclusions and Decisions of APIRG/21 and incorporate, as appropriate, the relevant elements in their respective work programmes.	RASG-AFI Secretariat APIRG Secretariat	Relevant APIRG/21 Conclusions and Decisions incorporated in RASG-AFI work programme		31 December 2017	RASG-AFI Secretariat APIRG Secretariat	Accomplished
Decision 4/9	Review and endorsement of the revised Abuja Safety Targets and new timeframes	That; The proposed revised AFI Safety/ANS Targets are reviewed with the following observations: 1. Abuja Safety Targets are endorsed subject to: a. Replacement of reference to '10% safety margin' in targets 2 and 6 relating to autonomous CAAs and SSP Implementation respectively, with the term 'positive safety	RASG-AFI Secretariat	Proposed Abuja Safety targets endorsed		31 December 2017	RASG-AFI Secretariat	Accomplished

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		3. the Secretariat re-examine and amend, in collaboration with the RASC and APIRG Project Coordination Committee (APCC), the proposed revised AFI Safety/AN Targets taking into account the above observations and recommendations.						
Decision 4/10	Review and endorsement of the RASG-AFI work programme for 2018/2019	That, the Group reviewed and endorsed the RASG AFI work programme for 2018/19 and tasked the Secretariat to incorporate the following: a) outcomes of the APIRG/21 meeting as relevant and applicable to RASG-AFI activities; b) addressing the new areas of cyber security, RPAS and RSOOs; c) capacity building activities (workshops, seminars, and training); and d) any relevant activities identified by the APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Taskforce.	RASG-AFI Secretariat	RASG-AFI 2018/2019 Work Programme finalized and endorsed		31 December 2017	RASG-AFI Secretariat APIRG Secretariat	a.) Accomplished b.) recommendation to RASC/4 for Cyber Security and RPAS to be included in the list of emerging safety issues for AFI is hereby made by the Secretariat.
Decision 4/11	Identification of Capacity Building initiatives	That: the RASC explores various avenues including on-going initiatives of partners aimed at building the capacity of aviation personnel.	RASC Partners	Capacity Building initiatives and opportunities		2019	RASG-AFI Secretariat APIRG Secretariat	Sixteen States with EI less than 40% in CE-4 (8 from ESAF and 8 from WACAF) to nominate one

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				identified				candidate each to partake in the GSI-OPS training course scheduled for 18 June – 4 July, 2018 in Nairobi, Kenya, to be funded by the AFI Plan. Accomplished
Conclusion 4/11	Human Resource Development Fund (HRDF) for Africa Initiative	That, the relevant fora be requested to assess the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) for Africa initiative, in order to determine its effectiveness in addressing the capacity building needs of States and seek any improvements necessary.	RASG-AFI Secretariat	Optimized contribution of HRDF to capacity building efforts in the AFI Region.		2018	RASG-AFI Secretariat	

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