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

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

Agenda Item 4: Review and update of the Terms of Reference and Future Work Programme of the RASG-AFI and its Auxiliary Bodies

Future Work Programme of the RASG-AFI and its Auxiliary Bodies

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
<p>The Paper presents proposed activities of the RASG-AFI and its subsidiary bodies for 2020 for review and adoption by the RASG-AFI/5 meeting.</p> <p>Action by the meeting: Action to be taken by the Meeting is provided at paragraph 4 of the Paper.</p> <p>REFERENCE(S):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook• RASG-AFI/3 Report• APIRG/22 & RASG-AFI/5 – WP/4.2

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC) was established to guide the work of the Group and to ensure that safety initiatives are accomplished in a timely, effective and efficient manner. In this regard, the RASC was mandated, amongst other things, to propose an Annual Work Programme in addition to ensuring that the activities of the Group are properly coordinated.

1.2. The RASC also serves as an advisory body to the RASG-AFI by providing regular safety environment assessments and to undertake any action that may be required to ensure that the RASG-AFI achieves its objectives including the reduction of aviation risks and to minimize or avoid duplication of efforts in the AFI Region.

1.3. Provided as an **Appendix** to this paper is the proposed programme of activities for the 2020.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1. In line with Decision 2/5 of RASG-AFI/3 – RASG-AFI Activities and Future Work programme requiring RASC to exercise flexibility, at its discretion, on the contents and frequency of its activities whilst taking into account the logical chronology and sequence for effective implementation, the proposed 2020 Activities were developed with these objectives in mind.
- 2.2. The frequency of the RASC teleconferences although scheduled as quarterly, may be held at the discretion of the RASC and the proposed programme also provides for flexibility in the frequency and manner in which the activities of the Group and its subsidiary bodies are conducted.
- 2.3. The proposed 2020 Activities cover those of the RASC, the Safety Support Teams (SSTs) and RASG-AFI regional meetings. The new working arrangement for APIRG and RASG-AFI Meetings (Joint Opening and Closing Plenaries; and parallel sessions in-between) would require an amendment to the RASG-AFI Handbook to reflect same, as well as the provisions of the 2020-2022 Edition of the GASP. This arrangement is intended to ensure proper coordination between the Groups and ensure that all safety activities at the regional and sub-regional levels are properly coordinated amongst role players to avoid duplication of efforts.
- 2.4. Although no new Significant Safety Concerns (SSCs) have emerged since 2015, the remaining one in Eritrea has been long standing and require intensified intervention. Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation (AIG) continues to be weak generally in the region. The thinking in this respect (as well as for RSOOs) is the streamlining of regional organizations rather than their proliferation; the AFI Plan study will inform the way forward. Meanwhile, two AIG Workshops were held at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and Abuja, Nigeria, in August and September, 2018 respectively, to facilitate development of harmonized legislation, regulations and procedures in States. A key focus area relates to inclusion of certain items on the list of emerging safety issues for the Region, such as Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS); and progressive increase in EI levels in all areas for all States, taking into account the concept of High Safety Oversight Index in all functional areas.
- 2.5. In conclusion, in order to optimize resources and to ensure that the activities of the Group are effectively implemented, the RASC will continue to exercise flexibility on the contents and frequency of all planned activities whilst taking into account the immediate overall impact towards achieving the objectives of the Group.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1. The meeting is invited to:
 - a) Review and adopt the proposed RASG-AFI Activities for 2020 as contained in the **Appendix** to this paper; and
 - b) Provide further guidance as appropriate.

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Proposed RASG-AFI Work Programme for 2020

RASG SUBSIDIARY BODY	ACTIVITY	TARGETS/DATES	LOCATION/ STATES	LEADER/ PARTICANTS	Status of Implementation
RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC)	Teleconferences	Quarterly or as determined by RASC	Not Applicable (N/A)	Co-Chairpersons and ICAO Secretariat; members of RASC	
	Fifth Meeting of the RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC/5), - review the status of implementation of the 2019 Work Programme; - propose amendment to the RASG-AFI Handbook in order to reflect the revised terms of reference and current working arrangement of APIRG & RASG-AFI as well as the provisions of the 2020-2022 Edition of the GASP.	February, 2020	ICAO ESAF Office, Nairobi, Kenya.	Co-Chairpersons and members of the RASC.	
SAFETY SUPPORT TEAMS	Coordinate implementation assistance for the approved projects				
Safety Support Team - Significant Safety Concerns (SSC)	To assist resolve the only existing SSC in the Region; and avoid emergence of new ones.	All SSCs to be resolved by end of January, 2020	ESAF: ▪ Eritrea	Ghana and South Africa (as SST-SSC Champion States) and the RASG-AFI Members	
Safety Support Team - Fundamentals of Safety Oversight (FSO)	To help improve Effective Implementation (EI) of the CEs of a State's Safety Oversight System to 60%.	85% of RASG-AFI States (40) to meet the target of 60% EI by 31 December, 2020	ESAF: Thirteen (13) States achieved the target. Seven (7) more States to be targeted.	Senegal, as SST – FSO Champion State and the RASG-AFI Members	

			WACAF: Fifteen (15) States achieved the target. Five (5) more States to be targeted.		
	States to reach a High Safety Oversight Index (SOI) in all functional areas (Operational, Air Navigation, Support).	85% of RASG-AFI States (40) to reach a High SOI in all functional areas by 31 December, 2020.	ESAF: Thirteen (13) States achieved the target. Seven (7) more States to be targeted. WACAF: Fourteen (14) States achieved the target. Six (6) more States to be targeted.		
	States to implement State Safety Programmes (SSP)	85% of RASG-AFI States (40) that have met the target of 60% EI to complete SSP Gap Analysis by 31 December, 2020	ESAF: Four (4) States have so far achieved the target. Sixteen (16) more States to be targeted. WACAF: Eight (8) States have so far achieved the target. Twelve (12) more States to be targeted.		
Safety Support Team - Accident Investigation	Two AIG Workshops to be conducted to support establishment and strengthening of Regional Accident Investigation Organisations (RAIOs) as well as assist States in improving %EI in AIG with respect to CE -1 to 5.	August and September - to facilitate development of harmonized legislations, regulations and procedures.	ESAF: Two (2) Workshops WACAF: Three (3) Workshops	Ethiopia, Cape Verde, as Champion States for SST – AIG; and the RASG-AFI Members	
Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT)	Sixth Meeting of the Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT) – To draft the 6 th Edition of the RASG-AFI Annual Safety	April 2020	Dakar, Senegal	IATA and ASRT members	

	Report. Correspondences/teleconferences amongst members of the ASRT	on need basis	N/A		
Safety Support Team - Emerging Safety Issues	To assist in addressing Runway Safety related issues by establishing RSTs at all international airports.	Achieve a continuous reduction of operational safety risks - Dec. 2020	All States without SSCs and above 60% EIs	Kenya, as SST - ESI Champion State and the RASG-AFI Members	
	To help address issues related to Loss of Control In-flight (LOC-I) by implementing the project proposal developed.	Achieve a continuous reduction of operational safety risks - Dec. 2020	All States without SSCs and above 60% EIs	Kenya, as ESI-SST Champion State and the RASG-AFI Members	
	To help tackle issues relating to Controlled Flight Into Terrain (CFIT)	Achieve a continuous reduction of operational safety risks - Dec. 2020	All States without SSCs and above 60% EIs	Kenya, as ESI-SST Champion State and Members	
	To assist in the implementation of the AIM Project in coordination with the AFI Plan and other stakeholders.	Achieve a continuous reduction of operational safety risks - Dec. 2020	All States	Kenya, as ESI-SST Champion State and Members	
	Develop a project proposal on Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) in coordination with APIRG.	Development of generic legislation, regulations and procedures on RPAS for possible adoption and adaptation by States - Dec. 2020	All States	Kenya, as ESI-SST Champion State and Members	
RASG-AFI Plenary Meeting	6th RASG-AFI Meeting (RASG-AFI/6)	July 2020	To be determined	RASG-AFI Secretariat in coordination with Chairperson	

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