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Agenda Item 4: Implementation of safety goals, targets and indicators, including the priorities set in the regional safety plan.

4.2 Regional Aviation Safety Plan for Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI-RASP) and associated Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs).

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
<p>This working paper presents for consideration the Regional Aviation Safety Plan for Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI-RASP) in compliance with Goal 4, Target 4.2: all regions to publish an updated regional aviation safety plan (RASP) by 2023, of the 2023-2025 edition of the GASP.</p>	
<p>The action by the Meeting is at paragraph 3 of this paper.</p>	
References:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP)</i> (Doc 10004), 2023-2025 Edition. • <i>Global Aviation Safety Roadmap</i> (Doc 10161), 2023-2025 Edition. • <i>Manual on the Development of Regional and National Aviation Safety Plans</i> (Doc 10131), Second Edition, 2022. • <i>Manual on Monitoring Implementation of Regional and National Aviation Safety Plans</i> (Doc 10162), First Edition, 2023. • <i>RASG-AFI/8 - Conclusion 8/07: Support to RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies.</i> • <i>Final Draft AFI- Regional Aviation Safety Plan (AFI-RASP);</i> • <i>RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook.</i>
<i>Strategic Objectives</i>	<p>This working paper relates to the Strategic Objectives on A – Aviation Safety; and B – Air navigation Capacity and Efficiency</p>

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) presents the global strategy for the continuous improvement of aviation safety; and provides a framework in which regional and national aviation safety plans (RASP and NASP, respectively) are developed and implemented.
- 1.2 The RASG-AFI activities are mainly implemented through its Contributory Bodies (Safety Support Teams (SSTs)). The RASG-AFI has established these Contributory Bodies to address safety challenges and support the process to develop, prioritize and implement safety enhancement initiatives identified by the region.

2. DISCUSSIONS

2.1 Development of the AFI-RASP

- 2.1.1 In accordance with the RASG-AFI/8 Meeting Conclusion 8/07, a State Letter on nomination of Focal Points for NASPs was disseminated in February 2023. A response rate of 91.67% was registered. These focal points are to equally serve as members of the SSTs.
- 2.1.1.1 A draft Regional Aviation Safety Plan (AFI-RASP 2023-2025 Edition) developed by the RASG-AFI Secretariat, was subjected to validation at a workshop conducted virtually from 2 to 5 October 2023. The workshop attracted 201 participants from States, RSOOs, RAIO, Industry, Regional and International Organizations. The workshop was facilitated by Regional Officers from the ESAF and WACAF Offices as well as the Technical Officer, GASP, from ICAO HQ. The outcome of the workshop (Draft AFI-RASP) was endorsed by the Ninth Meeting of the RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC/9), virtually held on 18 October 2023.
- 2.1.1.2 The 2023-2025 edition of the AFI-RASP, provided as an Appendix to this Working Paper, will guide States in developing their National Aviation Safety Plans (NASPs) that should be aligned to the Regional Plan and the current edition of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP). The AFI-RASP outlines key safety enhancement initiatives (SEIs) at the regional level, the roles and responsibilities for States, regions and industry, and provides a framework for the cooperation and collaboration to support States with the management of organizational challenges and operational safety risks.
- 2.1.1.3 The vision of the AFI-RASP is to achieve and maintain the aspirational safety goal of zero fatalities in commercial operations by 2030 and beyond, which is consistent with the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The plan's mission is to continually enhance regional aviation safety performance (and in consequence the global aviation safety performance) and resilience by providing a collaborative framework for States and industry.

2.2 Status of National Aviation Safety Plans (NASP) by the RASG-AFI States.

- 2.2.1 As at 31 October 2023, only 8 RASG-AFI Member States (Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Togo, Uganda) have published their NASPs and registered them with the ICAO Online Community. This is far short of the GASP and AFI-RASP Target requiring all States to publish their NASPs by 2024.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to,
- a) **Approve the draft AFI-RASP 2023-2025 Edition**, as hereby presented.
 - b) Encourage **States** to use the iPack NASP in support of the development of their NASPs, and implement the identified SEIs; accordingly, and
 - c) encourage the **Industry and other aviation stakeholders** to cooperate, collaborate and communicate in a bid to fully implement the identified Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs).