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Agenda Item 4: Status of implementation of the GASP safety goals, targets and indicators including the priorities set in the regional safety plan

4.3. Other Safety initiatives

Outcomes of the Second Forum on Regional Safety Oversight Organizations for Global Aviation Safety - AFI RSOOs Session

(Presented by Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This working paper presents the Outcomes of the Second Forum on Regional Safety Oversight Organizations for Global Aviation Safety in particular the session that focuses on AFI RSOOs

Action: The action by the Meeting is in **paragraph 3**

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper relates to Strategic Objectives - A (Safety), B (Capacity and Efficiency)
<i>References:</i>	Ezulwini Declaration on Regional Safety Oversight Organization in Africa RSOO Strategic Plan and Roadmap

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. *The Africa and Indian Ocean (AFI) Regional Safety Oversight Organization (RSOOs) – Reaching a step further* session was held on 12 October 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya. The meeting was held as part of the Second Forum on Regional Safety Oversight Organizations for Global Aviation Safety. The AFI RSOO sessions attracted several participants including Directors General of CAAs, and RSOOs Executives from Africa and beyond, the industry and key partners representing Regional and International Organizations.
- 1.2. The forum discussed harmonization on establishment and operationalization of AFI RSOOs and gave some insight and experience to make the RSOOs/RAIO sustainable. Accordingly, the meeting discussed on the need to come up with an optimal number and size of AFI RSOOs/RAIO in the region. The AFI RSOOs/RAIO presented a common strategy and harmonized approach for implementation support to States which is aligned with the AFI RSOO study Strategic Plan and Roadmap. Furthermore, the AFI Plan stakeholders and partners discussed about strategies to support the AFI RSOO Strategic Plan implementation in line with the RSOOs' priorities and objectives.

- 1.3. The Forum agreed that recommendations, tasks/activities that have been suggested during the discussions and were already identified in the roadmap be further emphasized in revising the Strategic Plan.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1. The following conclusion and recommendations are the key outcomes of the Second Forum on Regional Safety Oversight Organizations for Global Aviation Safety in particular the session that focused on AFI RSOOs.

- 2.1.1. With regards to funding mechanisms and optimization of the number and size of RSOOs and RAIO, the AFI Plan in collaboration with stakeholders and partners, to review and update the AFI RSOOs/RAIO Strategic Plan and Roadmap.

- 2.1.2. The ICAO AFI Plan, in collaboration with stakeholders and partners, conduct an in-depth feasibility analysis taking into account the pros and cons of the different options of the AFI RSOOs/RAIO Strategic Plan with the objective of facilitating its final adoption by decision-makers.

- 2.1.3. ICAO, in collaboration with AFCAC and AUC, present the revised, and validated Strategic Plan and Roadmap, together with the in-depth feasibility analysis for the consideration and approval of the African Ministers responsible as a follow up to the Ezulwini Ministerial Declaration of March 2017.

- 2.1.4. RSOOs/RAIO to foster short-term and long-term secondment arrangements with their Member States qualified experts.

- 2.1.5. Encourage AFI RSOOs to go through the GASOS assessment process and share their experience among themselves.

- 2.1.6. Encourage information sharing among RSOOs/RAIOs through effective networking amongst RSOOs/RAIOs.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information provided in this working paper,
 - b) encourage States, international and regional organizations, development and financing institutions; and aviation industry to support the implementations of the outcomes of the AFI RSOO Forum; and
 - c) encourage States, international and regional organizations to continue supporting the AFI RSOO work programmes and their related activities.

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