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COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AVIATION SAFETY IN AFRICA (AFI PLAN)

SIXTEENTH AFI PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Montreal, Canada, 26 November 2015

Agenda Item 2: Proposed Programme of activities under the AFI Plan in 2016

(Presented by AFI Plan Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper presents information related to the proposed programme of activities under the AFI Plan for the year 2016.

Action: The Steering Committee is invited to:

- a) Note the information contained in the paper; and
- b) Consider and approve the proposed Work Programme for the year 2016.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This paper presents the proposed programme of activities under the AFI Plan for the year 2016, on the basis of the continuation of the Plan and expansion of its scope of activities to include the Abuja Safety Targets, the outcomes of the first and second AFI safety symposia, and the anticipated AFI ANS Targets to be adopted by APIRG/20.

2. SUMMARY OF PROGRESS -2015

2.1 During its fifteenth meeting, the Steering Committee reviewed the progress made in the implementation of the programme of activities that has been conducted under the AFI Plan for the year 2015.

2.2 Progress has been made in the implementation of the AFI Plan Work Programme 2015 as discussed under Agenda item 1 with the deferment of some activities to 2016.

2.3 In addition to some implementation activities, certain workshops and courses have also been deferred for various reasons and are rescheduled to be delivered in 2016. These include Safe Transport of Dangerous Good by Air, Performance Based Navigation Operations, Aviation Medicine, Search and Rescue and ECCAIRS Technical and End users course. This is due to resource constraints; while courses in Safety Management Systems and State Safety Programme have been rescheduled to next year to allow adequate time for the development of the course material.

3. PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2016

3.1 The formulation of the 2016 AFI Plan work programme takes in to account the 38th Assembly decision which extended the AFI Plan activities into AIG, AGA and ANS; recommendation of the 15th AFI Plan Steering Committee meeting; the outcomes of the 1st and 2nd AFI safety symposia and items to be carried over from the 2015 programme of activities. Furthermore, the plan considers the targets set for 2015 of removing all SSCs and increasing the EIs for at least 50 % of AFI member states to 60%. The detail of the activities under each focus area is provided at Attachment A to this Discussion Paper.

3.2 In terms of assistance to States, it is proposed to continue the implementation of the ICAO Plans of Action. And in so doing, States would be supported by the Regional Office Safety Teams (ROSTs) which will include as well working visits by States to the Regional Offices, AFI-CIS, TCB, COSCAPs/RSOOs and other development and technical partners.

3.3 With regard to Regional Safety Oversight Organisations (RSOOs) and Regional Accident and Incident Investigation Organizations (RAIAs), it is recommended to continue working with each sub-region for the effective strengthening of existing RSOOs and RAIOs. Accordingly, the AFI Plan secretariat will engage proactively and make follow up on the progress made to establish and operationalize such entities. However, considering the Arab Civil Aviation Commission (ACAC) and ICAO Middle East (MID) Region States initiative to establish an RSOO and its implication on the establishment of the RSOO of the Seven Partner States, the Secretariat will explore an alternative viable solution during the implementation of the 2016 work programme.

3.4 To facilitate integration of existing RSOOs and RAIOs, for economies of scale and their sustainability, there should be concerted effort to encourage the extension of membership of such entities (e.g. AAMAC, BAGAIA etc.)

3.5 It is proposed that the AFI Plan facilitates the delivery of inspector courses in English and French in the areas of Operations, Airworthiness, Personnel Licensing and Air Navigation Services through the ICAO Endorsed training institutions in Africa. In addition, the AFI Plan in close collaboration with GAT would be implementing other safety related workshops that have been deferred from the 2015 work programme as well as some initiatives emanating from recommendations of the 15th AFI Plan Steering Committee meeting, and the 1st and 2nd AFI safety symposia as described in **Attachment A**.



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Attachment A

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DP/02 ATTACHMENT A: Proposed Programme of activities under the AFI Plan in 2016

Focus Area 1 – Enabling States to establish and maintain an effective and sustainable safety oversight system		
Activity	Objective	Programme 2016
Development of State (Regional) Safety Programmes and the conduct of SSP training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist States to develop and implement State Safety Programmes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Safety Programme courses (English). State Safety Programme courses (French).
BAG member States (Cape-Verde, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra-Leone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish an effective and sustainable Regional Safety Oversight Organization and Regional Accident and Incident Investigation Organization for the BAG States. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support to BAGASOO to continue in 2016 to ensure sustainability. Support, follow up and the establishment of BAGAIA and its expansion to non-BAG States. Encourage BAG States to join AAMAC for ANS supervision services.
CEMAC member States and Sao Tome and Principe (Cameroon, Chad, Central African Republic, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Sao Tome & Principe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish an effective and sustainable Regional Safety Oversight Organization and Regional Accident and Incident Investigation Organization for the CEMAC States and Sao Tome and Principe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support and follow-up on the establishment of the Regional Safety Oversight Organization and Accident Investigation Organizations. Support the recruitment of Technical personnel including the option of establishing a Cooperative Inspectorate Scheme
East Africa Community (EAC) Partner States (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen the existing EAC Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA). Establish an EAC Regional Accident and Incident Investigation Organization (EAC-RAIO). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support to realize the effective establishment of EAC-RAIO. Support CASSOA strategy and ensure sustainability

SEVEN Partners States (Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Libya, Somalia and Sudan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish an effective and sustainable Regional Safety Oversight Organization and Regional Accident and Incident Investigation Organization for the Seven Partners States. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare a viable alternative solution to move the establishment of RSOO for these States. Support Ethiopia's lead role of cementing the RSOO initiative
SADC member States (Angola, Botswana, DRC, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish an effective and sustainable Regional Safety Oversight Organization (RSOO) and Regional Accident and Incident Investigation Organization for SADC member States (SADC-RAIO). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AFI Plan to continue engaging SASO and support activities for its operationalization.
UEMOA member States and Mauritania (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Togo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish an effective and sustainable Regional Safety Oversight Organization (RSOO) and an independent Regional Accident and Incident Investigation Agency for UEMOA member States and Mauritania (UEMOA-RAIO). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up on the establishment of the Regional Safety Oversight Organization and Accident Investigation Organization.

Focus Area 2 – Assist States to resolve identified deficiencies within a reasonable time

Activity	Objective	Programme 2016
Safety Inspectors training courses	Delivery of training for Safety Inspectors:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airworthiness Inspector courses. Operations Inspector courses. Personnel Licensing Inspector courses. Air Navigation Services Inspector courses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate conduct of courses at ICAO endorsed training centers.
Seminars, workshops and safety-related training courses other than Safety Inspector, SSP and SMS	Develop qualified inspectors in State Safety Oversight Systems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air. Aviation Medicine. State Safety Oversight Organization. Air Space design and concept Performance-based Navigation Implementation Search and Rescue (SAR) Aviation training organization inspector ECCAIRS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air workshop 1 Aviation Medicine Workshop 1 State Safety Oversight Organization Workshop 1 Airspace design and concept workshop 1 Performance Based Navigation Operations 1 SAR Workshop 1 Training/ workshop on Aviation Training Inspectors 1 ECCAIRS technical and end users course

Direct support to States on the MARB list to resolve identified deficiencies

Activity	Objective	Programme 2016
Provide direct support to African States in their effort to resolve identified deficiencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist States in implementation of their Corrective Action Plans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue implementation through ROST's activities. Follow up on the implementation of the ICAO Plans of Action and establish new ones with additional States as may be required. Support the interventions under TCB, AFI-CIS and other partners. Coordinate with the States the building of safety oversight capacities in line with the ICAO Plans of Action.

Focus Area 3 – Enhance aviation safety culture of African service providers

Activity	Objective	Programme 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct Safety Management Systems courses Support the development of service providers SMS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enable aviation service providers to develop and implement their respective Safety Management Systems (SMS). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety Management Systems courses (English). Safety Management Systems courses (French).

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