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**13th Meeting of the Steering Committee of the
Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan
for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa
(AFI SECFAL Plan)**

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Report on the status of implementation of the Decisions and Recommendations of the 12th SC Meeting and Status of implementation of the August 2023 to December 2024 AFI SECFAL Plan Approved Activities and Projects

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SC WP 02

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01

Report on the
status of
implementation of
the Decisions and
Recommendations
of the 12th SC
Meeting

The Twelfth Meeting of the AFI SECFAL Plan Steering Committee (SC) was held on 23 August 2023.

Six Decisions and one Recommendation were made which required action by the Secretariat and other stakeholders

Decision 01: Status of implementation of the decisions and of the 11th AFI SECFAL Plan Steering Committee meeting

- a) *Noted the information contained in the working paper and in particular the implementation of the Decisions and Recommendations as highlighted in Attachment A to the Working Paper;*
 - No action required
- b) *Encouraged the Secretariat to enhance advocacy efforts to establish a sustainable funding mechanism for the Plan and explore potential options to secure long-term financial support*
 - Resource mobilization is ongoing. So far, no funds have been credited since the last SC Meeting
- c) *Directed the Secretariat to develop and implement specific projects to support the removal of the existing SSeCs and to prevent potential new SSeCs; and*
 - State-specific projects were conducted for two SSeCs States and New/potential SSeCs successfully mitigated but currently 6 States with SSeCs
- d) *Encouraged collaboration between ICAO and Partners to deal with the new and emerging threats to civil aviation including the insider threat, cybersecurity, the use of drones/unmanned aerial vehicles, and the use of improvised explosive devices*
 - The Secretariat continued to enhance cooperation, collaboration and coordination

a) Noted the content of the Working Paper and encouraged States to consistently furnish updated data in accordance with the revised Windhoek targets, using the real-time electronic survey;

b) Noted the progress made in the implementation of the Windhoek Declaration and Targets, urging AFI States that have not met the Targets, to put more effort towards meeting the Targets; and

c) Urged AFI States to continue collaborating with AFCAC to benefit from tailored technical assistance missions that address their specific needs to enhance aviation security and facilitation within the region and effectively implement the Targets

□ States continued to consistently furnish updated data in accordance with the revised targets, using AFCAC real-time electronic survey

□ Steady progress in the achievement of the targets has been recorded. The current AFI overall average EIs has increased from 64.31% in 2022 to 64.59% in 2023

□ AFI States have continued to collaborate with AFCAC to benefit from tailored technical assistance missions

Decision 03: Status of implementation of the 2022-2023 AFI SECFAL Plan Work programme and approval of the 2023-2024 Work programme

a) Noted the information contained in the Working Paper and in particular the implementation of the Plan Work Programme and activities between January 2022 up to July 2023 as highlighted in Attachment A to the Working Paper;

b) Noted and approved the activities included in the work programme, to be undertaken between August 2023 and December,2024 as detailed in Attachment B of Working Paper 03; and

c) Requested ICAO to increase the number of Train the Trainer sessions for Facilitation to enhance training opportunities

□ No action required

□ The implementation of the work programme is ongoing. Some activities completed, on track and pending. Some conducted under ISD-SEC

□ Activities are ongoing.

Decision 04: Status of implementation of the 10th RASFALG-AFI meeting recommendations, activities, and operationalization of the AFI-CES Cooperative scheme

a) Acknowledged and took note of the information and actions undertaken in the implementation of the RASFALG-AFI Group as presented in the Working Paper;

b) Encouraged member States to actively participate and respond to the on-line surveys concerning capacity-building needs, the status of implementation of Windhoek targets and designation or amendment of AFI-CES Experts;

c) Recognized the importance of promoting the implementation of One-Stop Security in Africa and urge member States to prioritize its adoption; and

d) Endorsed the recommendation for the active engagement and participation of AFI States in the AFCAC Aviation Security Working Group and its Sub-Groups.

□ No action required

□ AFCAC and ICAO continued to encourage states to actively participate and respond to the online surveys concerning capacity building and status of implementation of the Windhoek Targets and designation of AFI-CES experts

□ AFCAC to continue to encourage states to implement one-stop security in Africa.

□ AFI states to continue participation in the AFCAC Aviation security working group and its sub-groups.

Decision 05: Air transport facilitation recent developments

a) Urged States to implement the Provisions of Annex 9 (develop National Air Transport Facilitation Programmes, establish National Air Transport Facilitation Committee, and implement API and PNR systems) and nominate State Experts to Facilitation Panel and its working Group;

b) Encouraged States to implement the Recommendations of the Facilitation Stream of HLCC 2021;

c) Encouraged States to consider deployment of the iPacks and participate in the Facilitation-related training courses; and

d) Encouraged States to join the ICAO PKD

□ 4 FAL Annex 9 courses conducted in Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and South Africa for 90 participants from 27 AFI States. Seven states are FAL Panel members: Botswana, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal and South Africa

□ The Secretariat has continued to encourage States to implement the Recommendations during HLM, individual State engagement and regional meetings

□ Benin, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Niger and Uganda

□ 19 States joined PKD

Decision 06: Ratification of air-law treaties

- a) *Encouraged those African member States that have not already done so, to become parties to the international air law treaties highlighted in this working paper and to any other international air law treaties that they have not yet ratified;*
- b) *Urged the Secretariat to continue to facilitate delivery of ICAO legal seminars, workshops, the ICAO Air Law Course, and other similar events, which include segments on ratification;*
- c) *Encouraged African member States to make use of ICAO legal seminars and workshops, the Civil Aviation Legal Advisers Forum (CALAF), the ICAO International Air Law Course as well as other similar events for the continuous training and development of their legal advisers regarding ratification and implementation of international air law instruments and to consider hosting from time to time such events in their States and regions; and*
- d) *Urged African member States to initially inform ICAO before 31 December 2023 of their progress towards the ratification of international air law treaties by using the tracking matrix shared during the Meeting.*

- ICAO Secretariat has engaged states that have not acceded to the International Air Law Instruments to accede, through state letters
- ICAO legal seminar is planned for 2024 in ESAF region for AFI English speaking states. The seminar is pending availability of funding
- As above
- To date, 12 States have ratified Beijing Convention and its Protocol (2010) and Montreal Protocol (2014)

Recommendation 01: Presentations by partners

- a) *Appreciated the efforts made by ACI to support AFI States through the APEX airport peer reviews and urged States to utilize the opportunity to improve aviation security at international airports;*
- b) *Commended the contribution and continued support provided by the European Union and ECAC through the CASE II project to build AVSEC capacity in African States and called for continued collaboration and partnership;*
- c) *Noted with appreciation the assistance provided by UNOCT towards the establishment and implementation of Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) systems, through its Counter-Terrorism Travel Programme (CTTP);*
- d) *Commended the work undertaken by the US TSA to support AFI States and requested the TSA's continued support, engagement and collaboration with the AFI SECFAL Plan; and*
- e) *Urged the AFI States to take advantage of existing INTERPOL infrastructure to strengthen the border control measures to fight terrorism and transnational organized crime.*

- ❑ ACI has continued to support AFI States airports.
- ❑ ECAC has continued to support AFI States through the CASE II project to build AVSEC capacity
- ❑ UNOCT has continued to support AFI States towards the establishment and implementation of API and PNR systems, through its Counter-Terrorism Travel Programme (CTTP).
- ❑ Coordination and collaboration between the Plan and TSA are ongoing.
- ❑ Coordination and collaboration between the Plan and INTERPOL are ongoing.

02

Report on the
status of
implementation of
the August 2023
to December 2024
AFI SECFAL Plan
Approved
Activities and
Projects

Support activities provided to States as from August 2023 up to June 2024 were based on the tasks required to implement the priority State Specific Projects as approved by the SC.

State Specific Projects being implemented/completed

- Only two State Specific Projects approved are currently being implemented in Comoros and Equatorial Guinea due to lack of resources;
- To compensate for this lack of resources, some of the project activities have been implemented with funding from other sources. These includes States specific project of DRC, South Sudan, Guinea, Comoros, Lesotho and Madagascar.

Support on USAP-CMA CAP implementation and preparations for future USAP Audits

- Technical assistance missions to support the implementation of USAP-CMA Corrective Action Plans were conducted to:
 - Botswana,
 - Burundi,
 - Namibia, and
 - Rwanda

Implementation of FAL i-Packs

The AFI SECFAL Plan supported the implementation of FAL i-Pack and the following States benefitted:

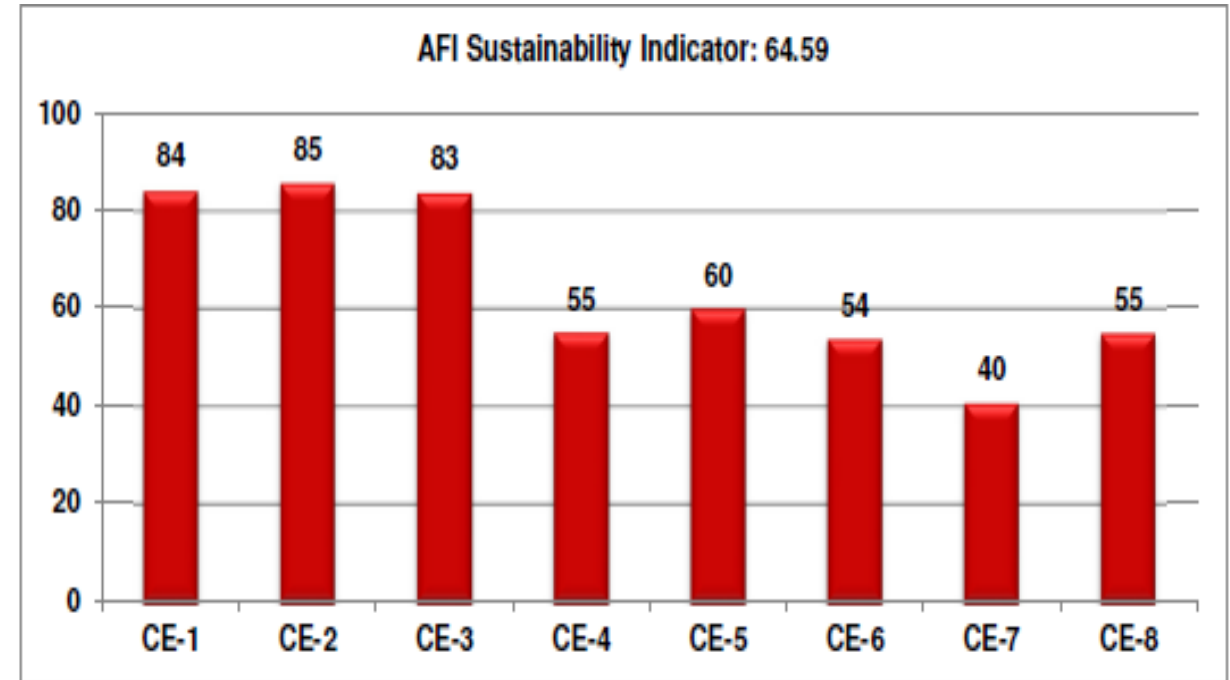
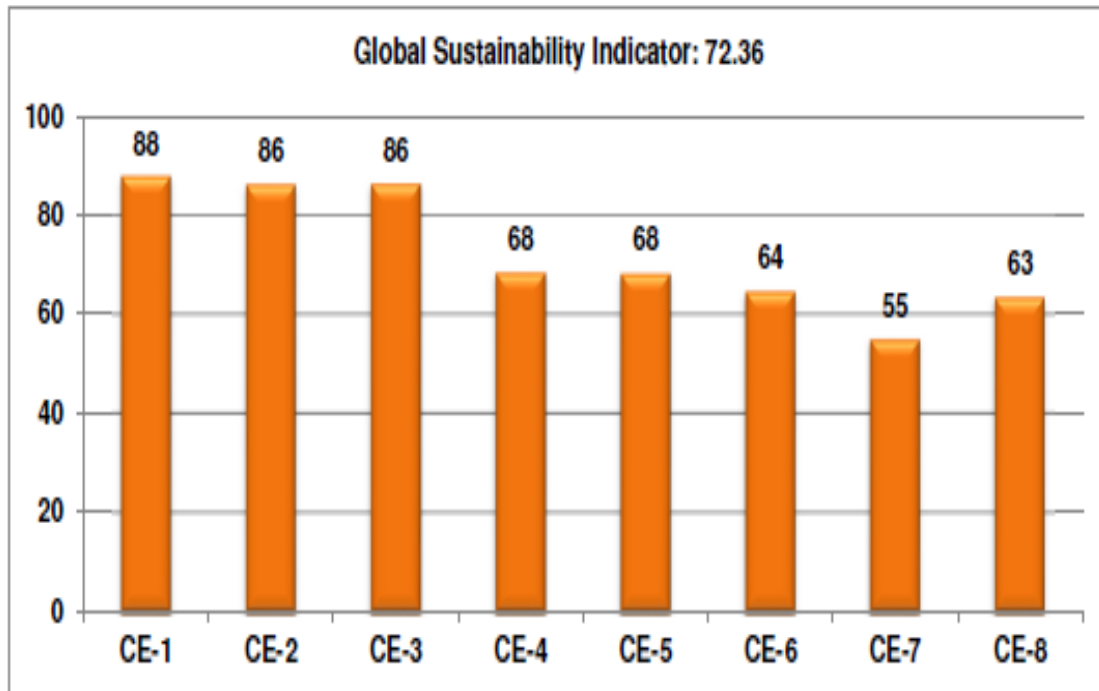
- Benin,
- Democratic Republic of Congo,
- Niger,
- Burundi, and
- Uganda.

Annex 09 Facilitation related Activities

- Four (4) FAL Annex 9 courses conducted in Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and South Africa for 90 participants from 27 AFI States.
- The Plan continued to collaborate and coordination with other UN Agencies to support states on API/PNR/PKD, leading to an increase of ICAO PKD membership (from 18 in 2022 to 19 in 2023).
- API/PNR implementation remain a challenge to many AFI States.



By December 2023 AFI Performance



03 CONCLUSION

The AFI SECFAL Plan secretariat remains focused on completion of the implementation of the yet to be implemented Decisions and Recommendations of the previous SC meeting, and the remaining activities of the 2023-2024 Work Programme, including but not limited to the following persistent challenges:

- a) Delayed resolution of existing Significant Security Concerns (SSeCs) and low EI in some States;
- b) Unreliable funding, to implement the State specific projects and other Work Programme activities

04

ACTION BY THE
STEERING
COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee is invited to:

- a) Note the information contained in this paper and in particular the implementation of the Recommendations and Decisions (Attachment A) , and the implementation of the 2023-2024 Work Programme as highlighted (Attachment B) to this Working Paper; and
- b) Continue the advocacy to establish a sustainable funding mechanism for the Plan during the extended period (2024-2030) and explore potential options to secure long-term financial support.

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