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Twenty Seventh Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/27) & Tenth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for the AFI Region (RASG-AFI/10) – Joint sessions

4 and 8 November 2024

Agenda Item 3: APIRG and RASG-AFI Coordination

3.1 Outcomes of the ARC-TF/7 Meeting

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
This working paper presents the outcomes of the seventh Meeting of the APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF/7), held virtually on 17 October 2024.	
The meeting reviewed and discussed its terms of reference, the follow-up on the APIRG/26 & RASG-AFI/9 Conclusions and Decisions, as well as Conclusions and Decisions of the extraordinary meeting of APIRG and RASG-AFI, the enhancement of APIRG and RASG-AFI Structure, the APIRG and RASG-AFI common areas, the proposed Agenda for APIRG/27 & RASG-AFI/10 Joint sessions and the coordination of APIRG and RASG-AFI Annual Reports.	
The action by the Meeting is in paragraph 3	
Strategic Objectives	This working paper relates to the Strategic Objectives A, B, D et E
Reference(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APIRG and RASG-AFI Meetings Reports • APIRG and RASG-AFI Procedural Handbooks • ARF-TF ToR

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The meeting would recall that the Joint APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF) established, as a subsidiary body to APIRG and RASG-AFI, is responsible for coordinating the activities of APIRG and RASG-AFI on a routine basis. The ARC-TF is required to discuss common issues and report to APIRG and RASG-AFI.
- 1.2. The ARC-TF/7 meeting was held virtually on 17 October 2024. The meeting was attended by 29 participants from AFI States and Regional/International Organizations.

2 DISCUSSION

- 2.1. The meeting was Chaired by the Chairperson of the RASG-AFI, supported by the Deputy Regional Director of the ICAO ESAF Office. The ICAO ESAF and WACAF Regional Offices served as the Secretariat.

- 2.2. Discussions of the meeting included the review of the terms of reference of the ARC-TF, the follow-up on the APIRG/26 & RASG-AFI/9 Conclusions and Decisions, as well as Conclusions and Decisions of the extraordinary meeting of APIRG and RASG-AFI, the review of the enhancement of APIRG and RASG-AFI Structure, the review and update of the APIRG and RASG-AFI common areas, the review of the proposed Agenda for APIRG/27 & RASG-AFI/10 Joint sessions and the coordination of APIRG and RASG-AFI Annual Reports.

Review of the terms of reference of the ARC-TF

- 2.3. In accordance with normal practice within APIRG and RASG-AFI contributory bodies, the meeting reviewed its terms of reference (TOR).

Follow-up on the APIRG/26 & RASG-AFI/9 Conclusions and Decisions, as well as Conclusions and Decisions of the extraordinary meeting of APIRG and RASG-AFI

- 2.4. The meeting reviewed the progress made in the implementation of the APIRG/26 & RASG-AFI/9 Conclusions and Decisions, as well as Conclusions and Decisions of the extraordinary meeting of APIRG and RASG-AFI. The meeting urged all the stakeholders to expedite the implementation of the remaining actions.

Enhancement of APIRG and RASG-AFI Structure

- 2.5. The meeting recalled the previous decisions of APIRG & RASG-AFI meetings on the merging of the two groups into the new Group AASPG and reviewed the consolidated draft AASPG Procedural Handbook for submission to the APIRG/27&RASG-AFI/10 Joint meeting.
- 2.6. The meeting also discussed the proposed transitional arrangements as called by the Extraordinary Meeting of APIRG and RASG-AFI held on 19 July 2024 in Libreville, Gabon, and provided guidance as appropriate.

Review and update of APIRG and RASG-AFI common areas

- 2.7. The meeting was reminded that the review of the allocation of tasks and the areas of common interest between APIRG and RASG-AFI is part of the ARC-TF terms of reference and work Programme for the purpose of ensuring consistency, efficiency and avoidance of duplication and conflict between the activities of the two Groups as well as the AFI Plan.
- 2.8. The meeting reviewed and updated the list of identified common areas between the APIRG, RASG-AFI and the AFI Plan, bearing in mind the transition for the current two Groups to the AASPG. Items related to NASP and ANS Related SSCs were added to the current list.

Proposed Agenda for APIRG/27&RASG/10 Joint session

- 2.9. The meeting reviewed the draft Agenda for APIRG/27 & RASG-AFI/10 Joint sessions, to be held from 4 and 8 November 2024, developed in line with the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) recommendation for a uniform approach to the formulation of the agenda for PIRG and RASG Meetings.

- 2.10. The draft agenda for APIRG/27 & RASG-AFI/10 Joint sessions as presented by the Secretariat was discussed, amended and approved.

Coordination of APIRG and RASG-AFI Annual Reporting

- 2.11. As for the coordination of APIRG and RASG-AFI Annual Reporting, IATA wishes that the said report, as much as it will be a unique report under the framework of AASPG, be distinctly separated into two parts in order to efficiently and effectively address both air navigation and safety issues.
- 2.12. The meeting acknowledged the publication of the Tenth Edition of the RASG-AFI Annual Safety Report as well as the First Edition of the Annual Air Navigation report.
- 2.13. The meeting was briefed on the presentation of the APIRG/26 and RASG-AFI/9 reports to ANC and the ICAO Council, as well as the progress made since the last meeting in the coordination of the Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT) and the APIRG Air Navigation Reporting Team (AANRT) activities.
- 2.14. The meeting recognized the efforts of the APIRG and RASG-AFI Chairpersons and Secretaries leading to the successful coordination and reporting to ANC and ICAO Council.
- 2.15. The meeting acknowledged the publication of the Tenth Edition of the RASG-AFI Annual Safety Report as well as the First Edition of the Annual Air Navigation report.
- 2.16. For the next APIRG and RASG-AFI Annual Reporting, the meeting recommended that the unique report under the framework of AASPG address efficiently and effectively both air navigation and safety issues.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
- a) Note the information contained in the Working Paper; and
 - b) Provide guidance as appropriate.