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Agenda item 3: Implementation of air navigation objectives, targets and indicators, including the priorities set out in the regional air navigation plan

3.4. Regional air navigation plan

Support to States in the development of their national ASBU plans

(Note submitted by Cameroon)

SUMMARY	
<p>This note aims to encourage ICAO and the stakeholders concerned in the implementation of the ASBU elements to carry out more support actions in order to facilitate the development of the national ASBU plans. It is in line with APIRG conclusion 21/17 calling for States to develop their national ASBU plans. Indeed, given the low rate of implementation of this conclusion, ICAO is asked to provide more guidance material including ASBU national plan templates, ASBU action plan and roadmap template, in order to assist States in the development of a strategy for the implementation of ASBU elements.</p>	
<p>Action by the meeting is in paragraph 3.</p>	
REFERENCE(S)	Doc 9750 - Global Air Navigation Plan
<i>Strategic Objectives</i>	A-Safety, B-Air navigation Capacity and efficiency, D-Economic development of air transport, E-Environmental protection

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Aviation System Block Upgrade (ASBU) modules are structured in blocks and their implementation must be done in accordance with the operational requirements of the region. The ASBU framework and the technology roadmap have been set to ensure that all the conditions for planning activities at national and regional levels are met. To this end, APIRG Conclusion 21/17 requested the States of the AFI region to develop their National ASBU Plan for a better coordination and monitoring of ASBU implementation.
- 1.2. The Seventh Meeting of AAO Subgroup noted a low rate of development of national plans. This working paper proposes actions to the meeting to address this situation.

2 DISCUSSION

- 2.1. APIRG/21 Conclusion 21/17 called on States to develop their national plans for the implementation of ASBUs by 30 June 2018, however very little progress has been observed in the implementation of this action. Less than 10% of the states in the AFI region have a national ASBU plan approved by the relevant authorities and shared with the Regional Offices for consideration in the definition of the regional strategy for the implementation of air navigation services in the AFI region.
- 2.2. Considering the difficulties faced by States in understanding and implementing ASBU blocks, APIRG/22 Conclusion 22/30 was taken with the objective of harmonizing practices in the implementation of ASBU blocks in the AFI region, in particular by requesting States to designate their focal points to coordinate the implementation of ASBUs at the national level and ICAO to conduct training and awareness workshops on ASBU blocks. The same conclusion reiterated the need for States to develop and implement their national ASBU plans.
- 2.3. With the publication of the sixth edition of the GANP, APIRG conclusion 24/48 was taken and calling for States to revise their national ASBU plans in order to align them as well as the reports on the status of implementation of the ASBUs.
- 2.4. Despite the awareness workshops conducted by ICAO at the beginning of 2024 in Eswatini, there is still a low level of development of national ASBU plans. This situation also contributes to other shortcomings observed in the implementation by States of certain APIRG conclusions, including:
 - the low level of reporting on ASBU implementation ;
 - the low or no contribution of several States to the annual air navigation report of the AFI region, and very recently;
 - the weak contribution of States to Volume III of the eANP adopted at the last APIRG meeting with reference to APIRG 26 conclusion 26/12.
- 2.5. The review of the possible causes of this situation led to the observation that States do not have sufficient ICAO guidance material and competence for the development of these plans. It also seems necessary to consider supporting States through the establishment of a project team at the regional level to coordinate and assist States in the development of their national ASBU plans if necessary.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to.

- a) Take note of the information provided in this paper;
- b) Request ICAO to develop more guidance material and in particular a template of national ASBU plan for the AFI Region;
- c) Request ICAO to organize a workshop on the development of National ASBU Plans; and
- d) Set up a project team with the aim of assisting States in the development of their ASBU plans.