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# Agenda Item 5: Updates on APIRG and RASG-AFI Meetings, Regional Plans (AFI ANP, AFI RASP), Annual Reporting, ICAO/AUC/AFCAC Aviation Infrastructure Gap Analysis and Priorities

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## Introduction

- The APIRG/25 & RASG-AFI/8 Meetings took place in Kigali, Rwanda, from November 7-11, 2022, with 200 participants from AFI States and various aviation organizations. The meetings adopted 40 Conclusions and 29 Decisions, detailed in the report available at [https://www.icao.int/ESAF/Documents/APIRG/APIRG%2025/Final%20Report/APIRG25\\_RASG8%20-%20REPORT-%20Eng.pdf](https://www.icao.int/ESAF/Documents/APIRG/APIRG%2025/Final%20Report/APIRG25_RASG8%20-%20REPORT-%20Eng.pdf)
- Similarly, the APIRG/26 & RASG-AFI/9 Meetings were held in Cotonou, Benin, from November 6-10, 2023, with 228 participants. These meetings resulted in 23 Conclusions and 23 Decisions, outlined in the report at [https://www.icao.int/WACAF/Documents/APIRG/APIRG%2026/Report/APIRG26\\_RASG9%20-%20FINAL%20REPORT%20%28English%29.pdf](https://www.icao.int/WACAF/Documents/APIRG/APIRG%2026/Report/APIRG26_RASG9%20-%20FINAL%20REPORT%20%28English%29.pdf)
- This presentation will focus on the outcomes of these meetings and other important items for the DGCA meeting's consideration.

# Key Outcomes of APIRG & RASG-AFI Meetings

1. Enhancements of APIRG and RASG-AFI Structure
2. High level attendance to the APIRG and RASG-AFI Meetings
3. Challenges faced by the APIRG and RASG-AFI Contributory bodies activities.
4. Management of air navigation deficiencies
5. Coordination of APIRG related activities within States
6. Prevention and resolution of USOAP CMA ANS related Significant Safety Concerns
7. AFI ANS Summit

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# 1. Enhancements of APIRG and RASG-AFI Structure

- The APIRG/25 & RASG-AFI/8 meetings Joint Session, through its **Decision 4/04 on the enhancement of APIRG and RASG-AFI Structure**, called upon the Secretaries of the two groups to coordinate with the Chairpersons and the ARC-TF supported by a small group, to **study the modalities of an integrated approach** to APIRG and RASG-AFI in combining them into one entity.
- The **result of the study** was presented at the joint session of APIRG/26 and RASG-AFI/9 with the **proposal of the combined entity**. The meeting upon discussions, called for the Secretariat to **expedite the finalization** of the study, and to **propose a draft Procedural Handbook** as well as the **schedule of the transition period** and other related arrangements by June 2024.
- The outcomes will be discussed in the Extraordinary APIRG and RASG-AFI Meeting.

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## 2. High level attendance to the APIRG & RASG-AFI Meetings

- The APIRG/25 & RASG-AFI/8 meetings discussed the **level of participation** of States in APIRG and RASG-AFI meetings, raised **concerns on the low attendance** of the Directors General of Civil Aviation Authorities and the CEOs of the industry in the APIRG and RASG-AFI meetings.
- The Secretariat and States were requested to explore **ways to increase the participation** of the Directors General of the Civil Aviation Authorities and CEOs of the industry to the APIRG and RASG- AFI Meetings.

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### 3. Challenges faced by the APIRG & RASG-AFI Contributory bodies activities.

- The APIRG/25 & RASG-AFI/8 meeting discussed the **challenges encountered** by the APIRG Subgroups in carrying out project development and implementation tasks.
- These challenges include among others, the **lack of States responses** to survey questionnaires, **lack of participation of designated experts** from different States and Organizations.
- The meeting note that **appropriate actions from Directors General of CAAs** is required to ensure the **effective participation of their experts** in the APIRG and RASG-AFI and their contributory bodies' activities..



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## 4. Management of air navigation deficiencies

- The meeting may also note that the APIRG/26 meeting noted with satisfaction, **the full operationalization of the online AANDD platform developed by the Secretariat and actions taken to assist States and key stakeholders in the use of that platform for the identification, notification, assessment, and resolution of air navigation deficiencies.**
- States and Organizations **that are yet to nominate AANDD Focal points are urged to do so**, and all States and stakeholders involved in APIRG framework **are encouraged to engage in the management activities related to Air navigation deficiencies** through the online platform accessible at <https://aandd.icao.int/>

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## 5. Coordination of APIRG related activities within States

- The meeting may recall that the APIRG/24 meeting, through its Conclusion 24/22 called States to nominate Experts for the coordination of APIRG and its subsidiary bodies activities as States National Coordinators for Planning and Implementation (NCPIs) and Technical Focal Points (FPs).
- So far, **twenty-eight (28) States** nominated their NCPIs and FPs, while **twenty (20) States** are yet to do so.

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## 6. Prevention and resolution of USOAP CMA Air Navigation Services (ANS) related Significant Safety Concerns

- As requested by the APIRG/26 meeting, through Conclusion 26/07, the ICAO WACAF AFPP are organizing a **workshop on the prevention and resolution of USOAP CMA Air Navigation Services (ANS) related Significant Safety Concerns (SSC)**, from 19 to 23 August 2024 in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.
- The workshop will discuss ANS related SSCs occurring in the region, their **root causes** as well as **actions required to prevent, mitigate or resolve them**. The event is intended for ANS and AGA experts from CAAs, ANSPs, and Airports Operators in charge of Instrument Flight Procedures, obstacle restriction and removal, and Nav aids.
- States and Organizations are requested to ensure the participation of **adequate inspectors and experts** in this workshop

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## 7. AFI ANS Summit

- In relation to APIRG Conclusion 25/09, which called upon the Secretariat to coordinate with key stakeholders for conducting an **AFI ATM (ANS) Summit by 2024**, the APIRG/26 Decision 26/24 established a **framework** coordinated by ICAO and IATA aimed to ensure an **effective preparation of the AFI Air Navigation Service Summit**.
- The purpose this ANS Summit is to :
  - **review existing Air Navigation related frameworks ;**
  - **consolidate initiatives and expected outcomes**, including the ongoing AU/AFCAC/ICAO Aviation Infrastructure Gap Analysis for Africa;
  - **develop and compile costed projects**, and identify specific activities with clear objectives, timelines and responsibilities of each stakeholder toward the conduct of the ANS Summit called by the APIRG Conclusion 22/35.
- The coordination is ongoing with **several virtual and in presence activities**.

# Update on the Regional Plans (AFI ANP, AFI RASP)

1. Updates on the Regional Air Navigation Plan (eANP)
2. Updates on the AFI Regional Aviation Safety Plan (RASP)

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# 1. Updates on the Regional Air Navigation Plan (eANP)

- The APIRG/26 meeting adopted **Volume III of the Regional Air Navigation Plan**, complying with ICAO Council requirements for all PIRGs to develop their ANPs in three volumes. The three volumes of the Regional air navigation plan are available at <https://www.icao.int/WACAF/Pages/AFI-eANPs.aspx>
- Volume III includes tables for data collection on planning and implementing ASBU elements in various areas, and for monitoring implementation status. An **online tool for reporting ASBU implementation** will be finalized by November 2024. States are urged to report their implementation status via this platform.
- Concerns were raised about the **low participation of States** in activities relating to the updating of the three volumes of the eANP, including webinars on the Regional Air Navigation Plan (ANP) conducted in October 2023.
- So far, **16 States** have provided amendment proposals, which are being processed by the ICAO ESAF and WACAF Regional Offices. States were requested to submit their contributions for updating Volumes I and II of the ANP.

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## 2. Updates on the AFI Regional Aviation Safety Plan (RASP)

- The RASG-AFI/9 meeting adopted the **2023-2025 Edition of the AFI-Regional Aviation Safety Plan (AFI-RASP)** and agreed that **National Aviation Safety Plans (NASPs)** should be developed by 31 December 2024 and registered on the ICAO Online portal.
- However, as of July 2024, only **12 RASG-AFI Member States** have published and registered their NASPs. This is **far short of the GASP and AFI-RASP target** requiring all States to publish their NASPs by 2024.

# Annual Reportings

1. Reporting to the ANC and to the Council
2. Annual safety report (ASR)
3. Annual air navigation report (AANR)



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## 1. Reporting to the ANC and to the Council

- The APIRG/26 and RASG-AFI/9 joint session reviewed the outcomes of the previous APIRG/25 and RASG-AFI/8 reports to the Air Navigation Commission and the ICAO Council, along with progress made since the last meeting in coordinating the Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT) and the APIRG Air Navigation Reporting Team (AANRT) activities.
- Significant efforts by the Chairpersons and Secretaries of APIRG and RASG-AFI (from the Cameroon and Uganda CAAs) led to successful coordination and reporting to the ANC and ICAO Council.

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## 2. & 3. Annual safety report (ASR) and Annual air navigation report (AANR)

- The Tenth Edition of the RASG-AFI Annual Safety Report (ASR) and the First edition of the APIRG Annual Air Navigation Report (AANR) have been published at <https://www.icao.int/WACAF/Pages/rasg-afi.aspx> for the ASR and at <https://www.icao.int/WACAF/Pages/AFI-AnnualReports.aspx> for the AANR.
- These reports provide **detailed information on key air navigation and safety matters.**
- The **official release of these reports** will occur at the end of the current session, and **States are encouraged to provide data and information** to support the timely development of future reports..

# ICAO/AUC/AFCAC Infrastructure Gap Analysis and Priorities

Update on ICAO/AUC/AFCAC  
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## Update on the ICAO/AUC/AFCAC Infrastructure Gap Analysis and Priorities

- The ICAO Assembly Resolution A41-27 calls for implementing a **Plan of Action for the development of aviation infrastructure in Africa**. This includes a **long-term gap analysis over a 25-year projection** to determine and secure necessary resources and funding.
- The AFI Plan Steering Committee, in collaboration with AUC, AFCAC, and other partners, decided to **prioritize infrastructure development** based on recommendations from a 2019 gap analysis.
- A **new gap analysis** was initiated by AUC in collaboration with AFCAC and ICAO to identify **gaps in airports and Air Navigation Infrastructure and services with a 25-year traffic projection**.

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## Update on the ICAO/AUC/AFCAC Infrastructure Gap Analysis and Priorities (Cont'd)

- A working group of experts was formed, comprising **experts from States and key regional and international organization**, and the first workshop was held in Casablanca in June 2023 to develop a **coordinated strategy and work plan**.
- ICAO designed **tools for data gathering and analysis**, and the study outcomes were discussed at a meeting in Addis Ababa in June 2024.

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## Action by the meeting

The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information in this paper; and
- b) advise as appropriate on concerns raised in the working paper.**

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# Thank You

