



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Tenth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for the Africa-Indian Ocean (RASG-AFI/10)

7 November 2024

Agenda Item 2: Review of the RASC/10 meeting outcomes and the status of implementation of RASG-AFI/9 Conclusions and Decisions

2.2 Review of the outcomes of the RASC/10 Meeting

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
This working paper presents the RASC/10 meeting outcomes.	
The action by the Meeting is in paragraph 3	
Strategic Objectives	A—Safety, and B—Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Steering Committee of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for Africa-Indian Ocean (RASC) was created by the first meeting of the Group (RASG-AFI/1) held in Kampala, Uganda, from 26 to 27 March 2012. The RASC comprises representatives from States and international/regional organizations and industry and was established to guide the work of the RASG-AFI and ensure that safety initiatives are accomplished in a timely, effective and efficient manner.

1.2 The activities of the RASG-AFI are structured under the framework of Safety Support Teams (SSTs) dealing with Safety Oversight, Operational Safety Issues, State Safety Programme and air navigation services.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Tenth meeting of the RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC/10) was held virtually on 11 October 2024, attended by 20 participants from the membership of the RASC and other stakeholders.

2.2 The meeting was chaired by Mr. Blessing Kawai, Assistant Director Safety Programs - Africa & Middle East, IATA, and Third Vice-Chairperson of RASG-AFI. He was supported by Mr. Papa Atoumane, on behalf of the First Vice-Chairperson of RASG-AFI, Director General, ANACIM Senegal.

2.3 Mr. Prosper Zo’o Minto’o, ICAO Regional Director, WACAF Office acted as Secretary of the RASC/10 meeting assisted by Mr. Arthemon Ndikumana, the ICAO Deputy Regional Director

for ESAF Office, and Regional Officers from ICAO ESAF and WACAF Offices.

2.4 The RASC/10 Meeting discussed pertinent issues in accordance with the adopted agenda for consideration by the RASG-AFI/10 Meeting as follows:

Status of implementation of the Conclusions and Decisions of RASG-AFI/9 Meeting.

2.5 The meeting reviewed the status of implementation of the Conclusions and Decisions of RASG-AFI/9 Meeting and appreciated the achievements thus far. Having noted the low level of implementation of SSP foundation PQs by States, the meeting urged States to commit the required resources to expedite the implementation process.

Status of the implementation of the Work Programme of RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies.

2.6 The meeting reviewed the status of implementation of the 2024 Work Programme of RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies. The meeting requested to incorporate remaining activities in the 2025 work programme and expedite their implementation. These activities are related to the establishment of a network of investigators in the Africa-Indian Ocean region in line with the RSOO study, the conduct an awareness workshop on Systems/Component Failure/Malfunction, Non-powerplant (SCF-NP), and the LOC-I 5-year Plan which should be reviewed and re-strategized for its effective implementation.

Status of implementation of the GASP safety goals, targets and indicators including the priorities set for the RASG-AFI Region.

2.7 The meeting reviewed the reports on the activities of RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies; and noted the progress registered in the implementation. The meeting commended the work done by States, ICAO Regional Offices and Organizations including in the implementation of the SEIs identified by the region.

Review of the agenda of the Tenth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group

2.8 The draft agenda and explanatory notes for the Tenth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group was presented to the RASC/10 and endorsed by the meeting. The meeting discussed the assignment of responsibilities and timelines for the development for the finalization of the material.

Review of the RASC Terms of Reference (ToRs).

2.9 As per its normal practice, the meeting reviewed its Terms of Reference (ToRs) and recognized that holding quarterly RASC teleconferences has become a challenge due to the volume of work. As a result of the discussion, the meeting agreed to hold two meetings per year, (one teleconference and one face-to-face), bearing in mind the ongoing merging process between APIRG and RASG-AFI.

Future work programmes and schedule of next meetings of RASG-AFI and its contributory bodies.

2.10 The meeting reviewed the future work programme of the RASG-AFI and its contributory bodies. The proposed 2025 activities cover those of the RASC, the Safety Support Teams (SSTs), the Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT), and RASG-AFI meetings.

The 2023 Annual Safety Report.

2.11 The meeting was updated on the 2023 Annual Safety Report, particularly on the recommendations made by the Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT). The report highlighted, among others, the low performance in AIG audit and the limited number of States above the 75% of EI threshold.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Take note of the information in this paper; and
- b) Provide further guidance as appropriate.