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

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Agenda Item 3: Status of implementation of the 2024 Work Programme of RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
This working paper presents the status of implementation of the 2024 work programme of the RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies.	
Action by the Meeting is provided at paragraph 3 of this paper.	
<i>Strategic Objectives</i>	<i>A – Safety</i>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC) was established to guide the work of the Group and to ensure that the Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) identified by the region are accomplished in a timely, effective and efficient manner. In this regard, the RASC was mandated, amongst other things, to ensure that the activities of the Group are properly coordinated; monitor the implementation of the work programme of the Group and report the status to the RASG-AFI Plenary, on a regular basis.

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, Air Navigation Services

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The RASG-AFI/9 meeting held on 9 November 2023 in Cotonou, Benin, endorsed the 2024 work programme of the RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies, including meetings and other activities.

2.2 The 2024 Activities cover those of the RASC, the Safety Support Teams (SSTs), the Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT), as well as the RASG-AFI. The key focus areas include, but not limited to the implementation of the SEIs identified in the AFI-RASP 2023-2025 Edition; and the assistance provided to States by the Regional Offices and other stakeholders to develop and implement their National Aviation Safety Plans (NASPs), in alignment with the current AFI-RASP and the GASP.

2.3 A summary of the status of implementation of the 2024 work programme of RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies is presented in the table provided herewith as an Appendix to this Paper.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to,

- a) take note of the progress made in the implementation of the 2024 Work Programme of the RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies; and
- b) Provide further guidance as appropriate.

Summary of the Status of Implementation of the 2024 Work Programme of the RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies

RASG CONTRIBUTORY BODIES	ACTIVITIES	TARGETS/DATES	LOCATION/STATES	LEADER	Status of Implementation
RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC)	Teleconferences	March 2024; August 2024; October 2024.	Virtual	RASG-AFI Secretariat/Co-Chairpersons of RASC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The RASC/10 virtual meeting was held on 11 October 2024. • Holding quarterly RASC teleconferences has become challenging because of the volume of work. • RASC/10 agreed to hold two meetings per year, (one teleconference and one face-to-face). However, this will be subject to further discussions by the Programme Review Coordination Committee (PRCC) of the APIRG/RASG-AFI merger.
	Tenth Meeting of the RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC/10)	May, 2024	In-person, Dakar/Virtual	RASG-AFI Secretariat/Co-Chairpersons of RASC.	The outcomes of the RASC/10 Virtual meeting held on 11 October 2024 is presented in a separate Working Paper.
SAFETY SUPPORT TEAMS (SSTs)	Coordinate the implementation of the Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) identified in the AFI-RASP; and provide assistance when necessary.				

State Safety Oversight System Support Team (SSO-SST).	1) Coordinate with APIRG and conduct sensitization workshop on preparations of States for USOAP CMA activities, including avoidance of SSCs.	From 24 to 28 June 2024 (WACAF); From 1 to 5 July 2024 (ESAF).	All States	Regional Offices	<p>Accomplished</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A USOAP CMA Workshop was held in Dakar for WACAF States from 4 to 6 December 2023. It provided an overview of the USOAP CMA, including updates on PQs from the 2020 Edition and new CMA tools. • A workshop aimed to sensitize State focal points on the main causes of SSCs in air navigation services was held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, from 19 to 23 August 2024. The workshop was attended by 54 participants from WACAF and ESAF States and organizations. It covered best practices for preventing and resolving SSCs through case studies. The main outcomes were the need for high-level awareness and a collaborative approach to SSC prevention.
	2) Monitor the implementation of the SEIs identified in the AFI-RASP and provide reports on progress to the RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC).	March 2024; May 2024; August 2024; October 2024.	In-person/Virtual Meetings.	Secretary/Chairperson SSO-SST	<p>On-going</p> <p>Reports, including USOAP CMA, State Briefings, Regional Briefings, are available for download via iSTARS 4.0.</p> <p>The status of implementation is monitored and assessed during technical missions to States as well as periodically through desktop reviews of the USOAP CMA OLF and iSTARS, including PQ self-assessment, CAP and CC/EFOD. Detailed report on such activities is given in a separate Working Paper, WP/04A.</p>

	<p>3) Reactivate the AIG project and identify beneficiary States for 2024. Provide support to the identified States by conducting workshops on development of generic materials for possible adoption/adaptation by States (CE-1 to CE-5).</p>	<p>8 – 12 April 2024; 15 – 19 April 2024 Adoption/adaptation of harmonized legislations, regulations and procedures. %EI scores in AIG with respect to CE-1 to CE-5 improved through USOAP CMA activities OR 75% CAP implementation/Self-assessment in AIG.</p>	<p>ESAF: One in-person Workshop WACAF: One in-person Workshop</p>	<p>Regional Offices; Secretary/Chairperson, SSO-SST</p>	<p>ICAO, in coordination with EASA, organized an Accident Investigation Workshop (AIG) in Dakar, Senegal, from 6 to 8 May 2024, in the framework of the EU-ASA project, which was attended by more than 100 accident investigators and experts from African Accident Investigation Authorities, Civil Aviation Authorities, ANSPs, RAIOS and RSOOs.</p>
<p>Operational Safety Issues Support Team (OSI-SST) (see ToRs and Composition).</p>	<p>1) Coordinate the implementation of Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) identified in the AFI-RASP to help address issues relating to Controlled Flight Into Terrain (CFIT). 2) Provide support to States (on-site and remotely) in the</p>	<p>Achieve a continuous reduction of operational safety risks - December 2024.</p>	<p>All States.</p>	<p>Secretaries/Chairperson, OSI-SST</p>	<p>1, 2 & 3) A CFIT workshop was conducted in Yaounde, Cameroon, from 7 to 9 October 2024. The workshop was supported by the ICAO ESAF and WACAF Regional Offices, IATA and AFPP. A detailed report on the workshop is given in a separate Working Paper, WP/04A.</p>

	<p>development/implementation of the CAPs/Self-assessment on identified CFIT-related PQs, (4.093, 4.149, 4.151, 4.153, 4.161, 4.165, 4.171, 4.203, 4.301, 4.434, 4.435); through ROST, AFI-CIS, RSOOs, experts from other States.</p> <p>3) Conduct annual CFIT workshop to review the status of implementation of the SEIs identified to mitigate risks related to CFIT occurrence; share safety critical information; and best practices.</p> <p>4) Conduct an awareness workshop on Systems Component Failure Non-powerplant (SCF-NP), which is one of the Regional High Risk Categories of occurrences (R-HRCs).</p> <p>5) Monitor the implementation of the SEIs using the iSTARS and the Monitoring Tool in the AFI-RASP. Provide reports on progress to the RASG-AFI</p>				<p>4) Coordination on conduct of an awareness workshop on Systems/ Component Failure/Malfunction- Non-powerplant (SCF-NP) is on-going.</p>
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<p>Steering Committee (RASC).</p>				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Coordinate the implementation of the Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) identified in the AFI-RASP to help address issues related to Loss of Control In-flight (LOC-I), 2) Conduct annual LOC-I workshop to review the status of implementation of the SEIs identified to mitigate risks related to LOC-I occurrence; share safety critical information; and best practices. 3) Review the status of implementation of the LOC-I 5-year Plan; and re-strategize if not on track. 4) Monitor the implementation of the 				<hr/> <p>1 & 2) The annual RASG-AFI LOC-I and UPRT Workshop is being planned for the last quarter of 2024.</p> <p>3) & 4)</p> <p>Detailed report on the implementation of the LOC-I 5-year Plan is given in a separate Working Paper, WP/04A.</p>

<p>SEIs and provide reports on progress to the RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC).</p>				
<p>1) Coordinate the implementation of the Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) identified in the AFI-RASP to help address issues related to Missed Air Collision (MAC) through implementation of the relevant project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct specific coordination meetings for states involved to address coordination failure issues with the aim to reduce the high level of Large Height Deviation (LHD) reports. • Conduct at least two workshops on RVSM related issues. • Follow-up with States through state letters on RVSM 	<p>Achieve a continuous reduction in Missed Air Collision occurrences in the RASG-AFI Region - 50% by December 2024.</p>	<p>All States.</p>	<p>OSI-SST Members; RASG-AFI States.</p>	<p>1) A workshop was conducted on 6th November 2023 for RVSM National Programme Managers, during which sensitization on LHD was provided.</p> <p>A detailed report on the activities related to mitigation of MAC risks is given in a separate Working Paper, WP/04A.</p>

<p>approvals and usage of FL420.</p> <p>2) Monitor the implementation of the SEIs and provide reports on progress to the RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC).</p>				
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<p>1) Coordinate the implementation of the Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) identified in the AFI-RASP to assist in addressing Runway Safety related issues (Runway Excursions and Incursions) by establishing Runway Safety Teams (RSTs) at all international airports.</p> <p>2) Conduct annual workshops on Runway Safety to raise awareness on importance of runway safety programs in States to reduce Runway related incidents.</p> <p>3) Monitor the implementation of the SEIs and provide reports on</p>	<p>Achieve continuous reduction in Runway Excursions and incursions in States - December 2024.</p>	<p>All States</p>	<p>OSI-SST Members; RASG-AFI States. RSOOs,</p>	<p>1). Runway Safety Go Team missions conducted together with IATA in Maputo, Mozambique, from 1 to 5 July 2024 and Manzini, Eswatini, from 24 to 26 September 2024, all aimed at establishment of Runway Safety Teams at Maputo and King Mswati III International Airports.</p> <p>2). Runway Safety Workshop conducted in Lilongwe, Malawi, from 2 to 4 July 2024 to enhance the establishment of Runway Safety Teams in the State.</p> <p>3) A Webinar on the operational performance of Runway Safety Teams was conducted on 3 September 2024 to improve the reporting of agreed regional KPIs on RST performance.</p>
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	progress to the RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC).				
	Monitor the Implementation of the Regional and National Aviation Safety Plans (AFI-RASP and NASPs) ¹ . 	Implementation of the Regional and National Aviation Safety Plans – December 2024.	On-site and remote assistance and monitoring of the implementation of NASPs – All States.	OSI-SST; ICAO Regional Offices (ESAF/WACAF); RASG-AFI States.	Remote assistance and monitoring of the implementation of NASPs is on-going. As of 30 September 2024, 12 States (6 ESAF and 6 WACAF) had published their NASPs and registered on the ICAO Online Community of NASPs.
	1. All SSTs are required to carry out this task.				
State Safety Programme Support Team (SSP – SST) (see ToRs and Composition).	<p>1) Coordinate the implementation of Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) identified in the AFI-RASP to help address issues relating to SSP implementation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of the SSP Project, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake capacity building activities such as workshops: Safety Intelligence and Safety Performance Management, etc. <p>2) Monitor the implementation of the SEIs using iSTARS and the Monitoring Tool in the AFI-RASP. Provide reports on</p>	75% of RASG-AFI States (36) to complete SSP Gap Analysis by 31 December 2024.	<p>ESAF: Thirteen (13) States have so far achieved the target. Five (5) more States to be targeted.</p> <p>WACAF: Thirteen (13) States have so far achieved the target. Five (5) more States to be targeted.</p>	Secretaries/Chairperson, SSP-SST	<p>As per the AFI RASP G3-SEI-1, the Regional Offices supported the SSP implementation through the SSP project. A detailed report on these activities is given in a separate Working Paper, WP/04A.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A training on State Safety Programme (SSP) was conducted by ICAO in Nairobi, Kenya, from 27 November to 04 December 2023(23 Participants from States and RSOO attended the training). With support from the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, training on Safety Management Implementation was conducted in Dakar, Senegal, from 10 to 14 June 2024 (24 participants attended the training). <p>Currently, as per information provided by States on iSTARS, and regional office records, 33 RASG AFI States have completed the GAP Analysis.</p>

	progress to the RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC).				<p>The group average EI of SSP foundation Protocol Questions (FPQs) in the RASG-AFI Region is 68.14 per cent. Twelve States have achieved over 85 per cent completion of the SSP Foundation PQs, indicating considerable progress. No State in the Region has fully completed all SSP foundation PQs.</p> <p>States’ experts are participating in the regional SSP assistance activities under the AFI Plan SSP project.</p>
Air Navigation Services Safety Support Team (ANS – SST) (see ToRs and Composition).	To assist States, establish and maintain appropriate air navigation infrastructure to support safe aviation operations. Coordinate relevant APIRG and RASG-AFI activities, in order to avoid any duplication of efforts, inconsistencies and contradictions.	APIRG/RASG-AFI Task Force (ARC-TF) meetings.		Co-Chairpersons; ICAO Secretariat	<p>ATM/SAR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Regional Office assisted Guinea in setting up its SAR point of Contact (SPOC) with successful connection to COSPAS-SARSAT and training of technical personnel. -The Regional Office is supporting Liberia in developing technical material for SAR implementation -The Regional office provided capacity building training to States’ focal points on Airport and ATC capacity assessment and publication and development of related guidance material. Remote assistance is ongoing on the same with States such as Liberia. -The Regional Office supported Gabon in setting up its civil/military framework through the development of the draft act for Civil/military cooperation policy Board (CMAB) of Gabon.

					<p>MET:</p> <p>The Regional Office through CODEVMET Project assisted seven (7) States (Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Nigeria, Senegal, and Togo) in enhancing the capabilities of their Civil Aviation Authorities (CAAs) to conduct effective safety oversight activities in the field of aeronautical meteorology (MET).</p> <p>An in-person workshop was conducted in Namibia to discuss the unique meteorological challenges faced by the aviation sector in the ESAF Region, areas of improvement and opportunities for collaboration.</p> <p>Detailed report on common activities of APIRG and RASG-AFI is given in a separate Working Paper on the outcomes of ARC-TF/7.</p>
Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT)	Tenth Meeting of the Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT) – To draft the 10 th Edition of the RASG- AFI Annual Safety Report via correspondences/teleconferences. Physical meeting of the members of the ASRT to collate and compile the draft Report.	May 2024	Via electronic means/physical meeting to be held in Dakar, Senegal.	ASRT members	<p>Accomplished</p> <p>The Tenth Meeting of the Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT) was convened at the IATA Office, Johannesburg, South Africa, from 6 to 10 May 2024, to produce the Tenth Edition of the Annual Safety Report 2023, which was officially published at the 9th Edition of the AFI Aviation Week Events held in Libreville, Gabon, in July 2024.</p>
Safety Support Teams (SSTs)	Conduct a sensitization workshop on AFI-RASP	18 – 22 March 2024	In-person/Virtual	Secretaries/Chairpersons of the SSTs.	<p>Accomplished.</p> <p>Two workshops on the Regional Aviation Safety Plan for Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI-RASP) and National Aviation Safety Plan (NASP) were conducted in Nairobi, Kenya, from 28 to 31 May 2024 (47 participants from ESAF States, industry and ICAO ESAF Regional office attended the</p>

					workshop); and in Banjul, The Gambia, from 16 to 20 September 2024 (50 participants from CAAs, Ground Handling Agents, etc.) attended the workshop). The two workshops sensitized the RASG-AFI States and other stakeholders on the AFI-RASP and provided guidance on the development and implementation of their NASPs, as required by the RASG-AFI/9 Conclusion 9/05; and that Secretariat and other stakeholders to support States in the development of their NASPs, including conduct of workshops (RASG-AFI/9 Conclusion 9/06).
RASG-AFI/APIRG Common Areas	Review/Follow-up Teleconference/physical meeting	Review Reports from ARC-TF	Virtual/physical meeting	Co-Chairpersons; ICAO Secretariat; members of ARC-TF	Detailed report on APIRG and RASG-AFI common areas is given in a separate Working Paper on the outcomes of ARC-TF/7, held virtually on 17 October 2024.
RASG-AFI Plenary Meeting	10th Meeting of the RASG-AFI (RASG-AFI/10)	November 2024	Dates and venue to be determined (TBD)	RASG-AFI Secretariat in coordination with the Chairperson and the host State.	Tenth Meeting of the RASG-AFI (RASG-AFI/10) is scheduled for 7 November 2024 in East London, South Africa.

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