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

Interim Report of the AFI-RSOO Strategy and Roadmap: Follow-up Feasibility Study on Funding and Optimization of number & size of RSOOs

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
<p>This working paper presents an interim report of the AFI-RSOO Strategy and Roadmap Follow-up Feasibility Study on Funding and Optimization of number & size of RSOOs, which was launched with the support of EASA as a follow-up action of both Ezulwini and Nairobi RSOO global fora.</p>	
<p>Actions by the Meeting are developed in section 3 of this working paper.</p>	
<i>Strategic Objectives</i>	A - Safety

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The 2017 Ezulwini Ministerial Declaration on Regional Safety Oversight Organizations in Africa requested the development of a Strategic Plan and Roadmap for their strengthening. The study conducted to identify necessary actions for ensuring the effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of the RSOOs, proposed a Strategic Plan and Roadmap for implementation.
- 1.2 The Second ICAO/EASA Global Forum on Regional Safety Oversight Organizations for Global Aviation Safety held from 10 to 12 October 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya, recommended the AFI Plan to review and update the AFI RSOOs/RAIO Strategic Plan and Roadmap with particular emphasis on the funding mechanisms and optimization of the number & size of RSOOs and RAIO.
- 1.3 To this end, ICAO and the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) under the EU-Africa Safety in Aviation (EU-ASA) project framework are coordinating the study. France Aviation Civile Services (FRACS) has been selected as the Consultant for the conduct of the feasibility follow-up study.

- 1.4 This study proposes an analysis and a strategic roadmap to make the RSOOs in the AFI region more reliable and efficient. It also proposes some strategies to strengthen the accident and serious incident investigation capacity in the AFI Region.

2. DISCUSSION

RSOOs' operationalization

- 2.1. The consultant discussed with stakeholders the status and challenges faced by Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs) in supporting aviation safety related activities in their member States. This includes the perception of RSOOs, States participation and training, resource shortage, financial instability, membership challenges, regulatory framework issues, etc.
- 2.2. The outcomes of this consultation include the need for improved collaboration, resource management, unified regulatory efforts among RSOOs and their member states to enhance aviation safety in the region.
- 2.3. The study outlines a strategy for strengthening Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs) in Africa through a structured three-phase roadmap: consolidation, maturation, and optimization; emphasizing effective operations, membership confirmation, staffing, and sustainable funding to enhance aviation safety oversight in the region.

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- 2.4. With regards to aircraft accident investigation, the study highlights the importance for African States (AFI) to establish a collaborative framework for accident and incident investigations within the aviation sector, in line with the ICAO Annex 13 requirements, and proposes a collaborative framework that aims to enhance the capabilities of AFI States in investigating aviation accidents effectively, ensuring improved safety in the region.
- 2.5. A workshop will be organized to discuss the study's proposals and recommendations.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1. The meeting is invited to take note of the information provided by the working paper and encourage States and Organizations to participate in the workshop.

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