

10th Meeting of the African Flight Procedure Programme Steering Committee

(Dakar, Senegal, 19 to 21 November 2024)

Agenda Item 4: Project terminal report

Working Paper 4.2: Follow up of phase III decisions

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the Project document for the African Flight Procedure Phase III, a project terminal shall be prepared and submitted to the Steering Committee for review and approval. This working paper provide a follow up of the decisions taken during Phase III.

Action by the meeting is indicated in section 3.

REFERENCES

Phase III project document
Steering Committee meetings' deliberations

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The project context, schedule, objectives, deliverables and activities as well as its resources, the legal framework, and the governance rules are provided in the Phase III project document.
- 1.2 Relationships between individual project members and ICAO is provided in the Management Service Agreement (MSA) signed by the ICAO secretary General and individual project members.
- 1.3 According to the Project document, paragraph 9.2.2, "Towards the end of the project, ICAO will prepare a project terminal report (PTR) for review and approval by the Steering Committee during its last scheduled meeting". Based on the project scope, the Steering Committee should review the operational results four months prior to the end of each Phase and decide on the implementation of the subsequent phase.
- 1.4 This working paper presents a follow up of the decisions taken during Phase III.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 The Special Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Regional Air Navigation (RAN) meeting held in Durban, South Africa from 24 to 29 November 2008, has identified the main issues and problems faced by States with regard to instrument flight procedure design. These hurdles were captured in the Programme document which proposed strategies to address them.
- 2.2 Moreover, for the good operations of the project or to address PANS-OPS related issues raised by the participating members (project member, ICAO, Donors, Host Administration, AFCAC), many decisions have been taking by the Steering Committee.



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2.3 As detailed in Attachment 4.2 below, twenty-two decisions were taken to address the issues and problems. Sixteen (16) were totally completed and six (6) are still pending. The pending decisions are provided below:

- a) **“Decision SC/8-Dec05:** In order to improve the level of effective implementation of PBN, Member States are urged to update the list of their international airports published in the AFI Air Navigation Plan in coordination with the relevant ICAO Regional Office”. Many States have not yet updated their list of international airports in the Air Navigation Plan. The consequence is wrong statistics for the PBN implementation.
- b) **“Decision SC/8-Dec07:** Members of the AFPP Steering Committee are requested to sign the revised MSA for the Programme”. Twelve (12) out the forty-two (42) project members (including Host administration) have already signed the MSA. AFPP takes opportunity of the major ICAO meetings to submit it. Unfortunately, many Directors general CAAs don’t attend these events.
- c) **“Decision SC/9-Dec02:** In line with SC/7-Dec01, ICAO to examine possibilities for resource mobilization to assist States in difficulties with PBN implementation (e.g. Burundi, Zimbabwe)”. This decision was partially implemented: Sao Tome and Principe benefitted from the SAFE funds for capacity building of the CAA for PANS-OPS oversight.
- d) **“Decision SC/9-Dec04:** ICAO shall create and maintain a pool of qualified senior PANS-OPS inspectors who can be seconded to the AFPP by their administrations upon request, in order to assist other States with related safety oversight activities. States and organizations are invited to submit to ICAO nominations of qualified staff to be included in the pool of PANS-OPS inspectors.” Refer to the table for more details;
- e) **“Decision SC/9-Dec05:** ICAO is authorized to procure PANS-OPS charting software with project funds.” As project fund is not enough to afford such software, more support is needed from Project members. Incentive measures might be granted to members who accept to provide a license.
- f) **“Decision SC/9-Dec09:** The consultant to be proposed by ASECNA shall be appointed for three assignments between SC/9 (25 October 2023) and the scheduled end date of Phase III on 31 July 2025. If ASECNA is not in a position to propose a consultant, other members may propose candidates which will be recruited based on the same modalities”.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Steering Committee is invited to:

- a) take note of the information provided in this paper;
- b) encourage Project member that have not yet done so to sign the MSA;



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- c) Urge members to update the list of their international airports published in the AFI Air Navigation Plan;
- d) Sponsor a aeronautical charting software to the Programme.

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