



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Seventh Meeting of the APIRG Infrastructure and Information Management Sub-Group (IIM/SG7)

Dakar, Senegal, 5 - 8 August 2024

Agenda Item 2 : Status of implementation of Conclusions and Decisions of the IIM/SG6 Meeting and APIRG/26 Meeting applicable to the Sub-group

WP2.3 Establishment of the Flight and Flow – Information for Collaborative Environment (FF-ICE) task force

(Presented by FF-ICE TF)

SUMMARY
<p>This working paper outlines activities relating to the establishment of the Flight and Flow – Information for Collaborative Environment (FF-ICE) task force.</p> <p>Action by the meeting in paragraph 3</p>
<p>REFERENCE(S) :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Doc 9750, Global Air Navigation Plan ▪ Doc 4444 – PANS-ATM ▪ Doc 9965 - Manual on Flight and Flow – Information for Collaborative Environment ▪ APIRG 26 Report
<p>This working document relates to ICAO Strategic Objectives: A – Safety, B – Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency, D – Economic Development of Air Transport, and E – Environmental Protection.</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 During the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG) 26 meeting held in Cotonou, Benin, between 6 – 10 November 2023, South Africa and ASECNA presented working papers on the Flight and Flow information for Collaborative Environment.
- 1.2 The APIRG meeting discussed the working papers and noted the low level of awareness on FF-ICE in the region that needed to be addressed assist the AFI Region to better prepare for the transition to FF-ICE in 2032.
- 1.3 The following decision was formulated to that effect
APIRG/26 Decision 26/17: Establishment of the FF-ICE Task Force
That, considering the planned regional sunset date for ICAO 2012 FPL defined as 2032, and in order to coordinate a harmonized implementation of FF-ICE in the region:
 - a) The AAO and IIM SG to coordinate the establishment of an FF-ICE Task Force which includes technical experts from States, ANSPs, Airspace users and other concerned international organizations by 28 February 2024;

- b) The Task Force to establish framework for the launching of FF-ICE Project and to conduct a workshop to provide awareness on FF-ICE developments to the AFI Region.

2. DISCUSSIONS

- 2.1 A State letter State Letter T 13/19 – 0116 dated 7 March 2024 was circulated to states on 12 March 2024 to establish the Flight and Flow Information for Collaborative Environment Task Force. States was invited to provide a list of experts including their curriculum vitae (CVs), for participation in the FF-ICE Task Force. Nominations was requested to be forwarded not later than 18 March 2024, to the JCAO WACAF Office and that a final list of FF-ICE Task Force members would be drawn up by the Secretariat based on the CVs provided.
- 2.2 Based on the States’ submissions, a task team was selected by the Secretariat, and an initial virtual kick-off meeting for the task force establishment was scheduled for 19th April 2024.
- 2.3 During the meeting the ICAO Secretariate called for nomination for task force lead and 2 deputy chairs. Mr Raoul Bester from South Africa was selected as task force lead, with Ms Farida Cheptoo Mitei from Kenya and Mr Essosimna Kelewou from Togo selected as deputy chairs respectively.
- 2.4 The task force members are listed below:

Country	Name	TF Designation
Kenya	Joseph Muthee Mwangi	TF Team member
Kenya	Vincent O. Oduor	TF Team member
Kenya	Farida Cheptoo Mitei	TF Deputy Chair
Mauritania	Mohammed Abdel Wahab Chessidine	TF Team member
Mauritania	M’Bodj Ibrahima Saidou	TF Team member
Roberts FIR	Diallo Abdoulaye Bory	TF Team member
Roberts FIR	Phillip Bobson Trye	TF Team member
Senegal	Moustapha Thioune	TF Team member
Senegal	Cheikh Ahmadou Bamba Fall	TF Team member
South Africa	Raoul Bester	TF Lead
South Africa	James Davis	TF Team member
Togo	Essosimna Kelewou	TF Deputy Chair

- 2.5 The task force noted that industry stakeholders such as IATA and AFRAA did not form part of the selected task team. As FF-ICE will have a significant impact on airlines, the task force proposes the inclusion of such organisations within the task force.
- 2.6 The task force team developed a Terms of Reference (ToR) based on APIRG 26 decision 17 to guide the activities. The proposed ToR has been attached as appendix A to this working paper.
- 2.7 The proposed tasks include:
- Analyse and determine the functional requirements for implementation of FF-ICE within the AFI Region using the applicable ICAO Guidance Materials.
 - Consult relevant stakeholders, identify prioritize and consolidate inputs in order to establish a framework for the launching of the FF-ICE project.
 - Conduct comprehensive GAP analysis to assess the readiness of AFI States to implement provisions of FF-ICE.
 - Conduct awareness workshop on FF-ICE developments in the AFI Region.
 - Develop report on findings for presentation at the AAO/SG and IIM/SG for endorsement at APIRG

2.6 The task force team further developed a proposed webinar theme, synopsis and topics as required by APIRG 26 decision 17 for the task force to conduct awareness workshop on FF-ICE developments in the AFI Region. The proposed webinar theme, synopsis and topics are attached to this working paper as appendix B.

2.7 The proposed date for the awareness webinar on FF-ICE is middle to end October 2024 to allow circulation of the appropriate state letter to states.

3. ACTIONS BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the contents of this working paper.
- b) Acknowledge the establishment of the task force and the composition of the team.
- c) Support the invitation extension of task force to industry stakeholders such as IATA, AFRAA.
- d) Endorse the proposed ToR
- e) Endorse the proposed webinar theme, synopsis and topics.

3.2 **Draft IIM/SG7 Conclusion /Decision 7/xx : FF-ICE taskforce**

That ;

In support of APIRG 26 decision 17, IIM SG endorse the proposed FF-ICE TF ToR and proposed webinar theme, synopsis and tasks.

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