



TECHNICAL PREPARATORY COORDINATION MEETING

Accra, Ghana, 28th February 2019

Report

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Venue, Date, and Attendance

The technical coordination meeting of the AFISNET JTE with the Department of Transport of the ECOWAS Commission was held on 28 February 2019 at the Ghana Aviation Training Academy (GATA), Accra

The meeting was attended by representatives of ASECNA, GCAA, the ECOWAS Commission and the ICAO WACAF Office.

Two core members of the JTE, NAMA and Robert FIR were absent.

The list of participants is attached as **Appendix 1** to this summary report.

1.2 Officers and Secretariat

The meeting was chaired by Ing. **Joyce Asante**, Ag Director Air Traffic Safety Engineering of GCAA.

Mr. **Isaiah Kofi Tefutor** (GCAA), was appointed as rapporteur of the meeting. He was assisted by Mr. **François-Xavier SALAMBANGA** Regional Officer CNS, ICAO WACAF Office.

1.3 Working language

The meeting was conducted in English.

2. REPORT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

The meeting deliberated on seven (07) Agenda Items as attached in **Appendix 2** to this summary report.

2.1 Agenda Item 1: Review of SNMC/26 meeting Conclusions/Decisions 26/10, 26/11 & 26/12 related to the AFISNET Re-engineering Project

2.1.1 The meeting reviewed the status of implementation of Conclusion 26/10, Decision 26/11 & Conclusion 26/12 related to the AFISNET Re-engineering Project related to the coordination with ECOWAS.

2.1.2 It was noted a delay in the implementation of these conclusions/decisions resulting in the non-effective holding of the AFISNET Board meeting as agreed during the coordination meeting in Montreal.

2.2 Agenda Item 2: *Actions conducted or to be undertaken for implementation*

2.2.1 The meeting was briefed on the initiatives conducted to coordinate the actions called upon by the above conclusions and decisions in particular the unsuccessful teleconference attempted on January 2019.

2.2.2 It was agreed that the project document needed to be developed in order to provide the ECOWAS Commission and Partners with relevant and concise information on the project.

2.3 Agenda Item 3: *Identification of possible partners under the auspices of ECOWAS*

2.3.1 The Department of Transport of the ECOWAS Commission provided the meeting with a list of potential Funders/Donors comprising the African Union Commission (**AU**), the African Development Bank (**AfDB**), the African Finance Cooperation (**AFC**), the Chinese Government and the Germany Cooperation (**GIZ**).

2.3.2 The meeting agreed that additional partners could be identified.

2.4 Agenda Item 4: *Required Technical documents*

2.4.1 The Department of Infrastructure (Transport) of the ECOWAS Commission presented to the meeting a draft MoU between the ECOWAS Commission and the ANSPs operating in its members States (ASECNA, ASA, GCAA, NAMA, the Roberts FIR). This MoU is a prerequisite to future cooperation between ECOWAS and the ANSPs for future facilitation and assistance from ECOWAS for the project.

2.4.2 The meeting applauded the initiative and decided the following actions:

1. ANSPs will review the draft MOU and give their technical inputs by 15 March 2019
2. The consolidated document will be translated from English to French by ECOWAS to enable ASECNA Legal Unit to review and align it with their regulatory documents
3. In the meantime, the ECOWAS Commission will formally liaise with ASA (Cape Verde) to ensure its full involvement in the Project

2.4.3 The ECOWAS Commission was asked by the meeting to provide a checklist of required documents governing the project process. It was agreed that the list to be forwarded later by ECOWAS may embrace but not limited to technical, administrative, legal and procurement guidelines documents.

2.4.4 The JTE Secretariat presented to the meeting the *Guidelines for the Finalization of the Priority Projects* and the *Project Data Sheet Template* already filled and submitted to the Macroeconomic Economic Policy Department of ECOWAS on 2014. It was decided to update the Project Data Sheet Template and re submit to the Department of Infrastructure (Transport) of the ECOWAS Commission by 15th of March 2019.

2.5 Agenda Item 5 & 6: *Planning of SNMC Board meetings with ECOWAS and coordination meeting with Funders*

The meeting agreed to plan the SNMC Board meetings with ECOWAS for the signature of the MoU back to back with the coordination meeting with Funders.

2.6 Agenda Item 7: Any Other Business

The meeting decides to set up a platform of e-exchange in order to improve coordination.

ANSPs are asked to forward to ECOWAS Department of Infrastructure (Transport) the number and composition of the delegation which will attend the above coordination meeting (refer to 2.5).

Signed on this day 28 February 2019

In Accra, Ghana

For ASECNA

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