REGIONAL AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION GROUP
RASFALG-AFI

TERMS OF REFERENCE
1. **MANDATE**

1.1 The African Ministers of Transport met in Luanda, Angola from 21 to 25 November 2011 and deliberated on Aviation Security. After taking stock of the actions taken by the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) in carrying out activities concerning Aviation Security, the meeting agreed on the need for a Regional Aviation Security Group as a mechanism to coordinate the implementation of the Abuja Declaration and Roadmap as well as ICAO Declaration and strategy on Aviation Security.

1.2 Through the ICAO Council Decision C-DEC 203/2, the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Initiative (which later became the AFI SECFAL Plan)) was established. The overall objective of AFI SECFAL Plan is to enhance security and facilitation in Africa in a sustainable manner.

1.3 The AFI SECFAL Plan was unanimously supported by States at the AFI Aviation security meeting in Dakar, Senegal and subsequently endorsed at the 24th Extraordinary Plenary session of AFCAC in 2014.

1.4 The First Steering Committee (SC) Meeting of the AFI SECFAL Plan held in Maputo, Mozambique, 18 May 2015, endorsed the establishment of the African Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (RASFG-AFI), now referred to as RASFALG-AFI, under the umbrella of AFCAC.

2. **OBJECTIVES OF THE RASFALG-AFI**

2.1 To support the AFI SECFAL Plan SC to identify regional security and facilitation issues and to increase awareness thereof among stakeholders.

2.2 To participate and monitor progress in the implementation of the AFI SECFAL Plan in order to improve aviation security and facilitation in the AFI region.

2.3 To develop and submit a yearly work plan to the SC for approval and take an active part in the implementation thereof.
2.4 To make technical recommendations to the SC on means to facilitate the implementation of the AFI SECFAL Plan and provide the SC with technical input with regard to the resolution of States security and facilitation oversight deficiencies, with emphasis and priority to States with Significant Security Concerns (SSeC) and those referred to the Monitoring and Assistance Review Board (MARB).

2.5 To provide assistance to States to resolve aviation security deficiencies to increase the level of Effective Implementation (EI) of the eight (8) Critical Elements (CE) for State’s effective aviation security oversight system.

2.6 The RASFALG-AFI will provide support to the AFI SECFAL Plan SC for the entire duration of the implementation of the AFI SECFAL Plan.

3. COMPOSITION OF THE RASFALG-AFI

3.1 Membership

3.1.1 The RASFALG-AFI consists of members, duly appointed by the Secretary General of AFCAC, with each AFI State being represented by one expert either in the area of Aviation Security or Facilitation.

3.1.2 Members of RASFALG-AFI will also include experts who are members of ICAO’s AVSEC Panel and Facilitation Panel respectively.

3.1.3 Each Aviation Security Training Centre (ASTCs) in the region will be represented by one expert.

3.1.4 Regional Economic Communities having Aviation Security and Facilitation responsibilities will be represented by one expert each.

3.1.5 Other stakeholders and observers may participate in and contribute to the work of RASFALG-AFI on an ad hoc basis at the invitation of the Secretary General of AFCAC.
3.2 **Chairperson**

3.2.1 The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the RASFALG-AFI shall be elected by its members on a two (2) year renewable term.

4. **TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO RASFALG-AFI**

4.1 The RASFALG-AFI may establish Working Groups and/or Task forces to address specific issues or undertake activities on Aviation Security (AVSEC) and Facilitation (FAL) under the RASFALG-AFI Work Plan.

5. **THE ROLE OF AFCAC & ICAO SECRETARIATS**

5.1 The Secretary General of AFCAC is responsible for the execution of the RASFALG-AFI Work Plan and activities, and has overall supervision, in consultation with the AFI SECFAL SC and AFI SECFAL Plan secretariat.

5.2 AFCAC will provide secretariat services to the RASFALG-AFI.

5.3 The AFI SECFAL Plan Secretariat will provide support to RASFALG-AFI Secretariat in its activities.

6. **MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE**

6.1 The RASFALG-AFI will meet once a year, and when necessary, after consultation with the Secretary General of AFCAC and AFI SECFAL Plan SC, additional meeting may be convened.

6.2 The Secretary General of AFCAC, in consultation with the AFI SECFAL Plan Secretariat, invite any Partner State/Organization to participate in the meeting, as appropriate.

6.3 The location of the meetings will alternate between AFCAC Headquarters, ICAO Regional offices in AFI and member States.
6.4 Member State may host a RASFALG-AFI meeting in close coordination with AFCAC as per its standing procedures thereto.

7. **FUNDING**

7.1 States and sponsoring organizations will be responsible for all expenses incurred by their members attending the meetings of the RASFALG-AFI and its Working Group and/or Task Team(s).

7.2 Recipient State of technical support from RASFALG-AFI shall bear the cost of air ticket(s), accommodation and Daily Subsistence allowance (DSA) for each expert while AFCAC shall be responsible for insurance cover for such experts while performing RASFALG-AFI technical support activities, with the support of ICAO AFI SECFAL Plan fund.

7.3 Regional Economic Communities/Organizations, States/ or other partners may provide financial support to RASFALG-AFI technical support activities through any contributions, including secondment of technical staff.

7.4 The AFI-SECFAL Plan will provide funding to the Technical Team of Experts of RASFALG-AFI and Experts of the AFCAC Cooperative Inspectorate Scheme during its technical mission of assisting member States, subject to the approval of the Chairperson of the SC-SECFAL.

8. **WORKING LANGUAGE OF RASFALG-AFI**

8.1 The working languages of the RASFALG-AFI will be English and French. Where possible, all documentation for the RASFALG meetings will be provided in both languages.

8.2 All meetings will be held in paperless environment to the extent possible.
9. REPORTING TO THE AFI-SECFAL PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

9.1 To monitor and measure the status of implementation of the RASFALG-AFI Work Plan, its Chairperson will report progress every year to the Secretary General of AFCAC and to AFI SECFAL Plan SC.

9.2 Reports shall be kept restricted and made available on a need to know basis.

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RASFALG-AFI MEMBERSHIP

**Chairperson**: To be elected by RASFALG-AFI members

**Members**

- All fifty-five (55) AFI States to be represented by one expert each

- **African member States** to ICAO AVSEC Panel
  
  Egypt  
  Ethiopia  
  Nigeria  
  Senegal  
  South Africa

- **African member States** to ICAO Facilitation (FAL) Panel
  
  Ethiopia  
  Kenya  
  Nigeria  
  South Africa

- **Aviation Security Training Centres (ASTCs)**
  
  Ecole Regionale de la Navigation Aerienne et du Management Senegal  
  Egyptair Training Academy, Egypt  
  Academie International Mohammed VI Casablanca, Morocco  
  East African School of Aviation, Kenya  
  Airports Company South Africa Training Centre, South Africa  
  Aviation Security and Safety Training Academy, Tunisia.  
  Cameroon Civil Aviation Authority Training Centre, Duala Cameroon  
  Aviation Security Training Center Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria
• **Regional Organizations/Economic Communities**

  - African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC)
  - African Union (AU)
  - Agence pour la Sécurité de la Navigation Aérienne en Afrique et à Madagascar (ASECNA)
  - Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO)
  - Arab Maghreb Union (AMU)
  - Centre africain d’étude et de recherche sur le terrorisme (CAERT)
  - Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA)
  - Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)
  - Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
  - Southern African Development Community (SADC)
  - African Airline Association (AFRAA)
  - Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
  - West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA)

• **International Organizations**

  - International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
  - Airports Council International (ACI)
  - European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC)
  - International Air Transport Association (IATA)
  - INTERPOL
  - World Customs Organization (WCO)
  - United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)
  - United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).