



HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE



On the Improvement of Search and Rescue (SAR) Services in Africa
(Lomé, TOGO, 10-12 April 2017)



DRAFT CONFERENCE WORK PROGRAMME

DAY ONE, Monday, 10 April 2017: EXPERTS' SESSIONS

09:00 – 10:00	<p>CONFERENCE OPENING CEREMONY:</p> <p>Opening Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Address Togo (TBD), • Statement by AFCAC (President/SG), • Statement by ICAO (President) • Statement by AUC (TBD) • Opening Speech by Togo (TBD)
10:00 – 11:30 (including 20 mn Coffee/Tea Break)	<p><i>1ST SESSION: STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SAR SERVICES IN AFRICA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of ICAO USOAP Audits Results in the area of the implementation of SAR (ICAO) in the AFI region • Presentation of Results of Gap Analysis carried by the SAR Technical Expert Team (TET) (Chairman of the TET/ICAO) • Challenges with SAR requirements implementation in the AFI Region (ICAO)
11:30 – 13:00	<p><i>2nd SESSION: BEST PRACTICES AND EXPERIENCES</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best practices and experiences within the AFI Region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Togo ❖ Côte d'Ivoire ❖ Kenya ❖ Egypt ❖ South Africa ❖ Cameroon
13:00 – 14:00	<p>Lunch Break</p>
14:00 – 16:00 (including 20 mn Coffee/Tea Break)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best practices and experiences within other regions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ USA ❖ Brazil ❖ France ❖ UK ❖ UAE ❖ Malaysia ❖ Singapore

DAY TWO, Tuesday 11 April 2017: EXPERTS' SESSIONS

<p>08:30 – 11:00 (including 20 mn Coffee/Tea Break)</p>	<p><i>3rd SESSION: PROPOSED SOLUTIONS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SAR SERVICES IN AFRICA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on SAR related ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (ICAO) • Requirements for an SAR Organization (ICAO) • Building Co-operation for effective implementation of SAR (AFCAC) • Outcome of the SAR Workshop in Seychelles (July 2016) • Development of SAR Experts' competency : Training and SAR Exercises (TBD) • Presentation of regulatory texts developed by the TET (Chairman of TET) • AFI Plan Project on SAR (Chairman of AFI Plan) • AFCAC SAR Technical Cooperation Project (AFCAC) • Establishment of Regional and Sub-Regional SAR Joint Rescue and Coordination Centres (JRCC) and the Sharing of Resources (Human, Assets, Funding, etc.) (PANEL)
<p>11:00 – 13:00</p>	<p><i>4th SESSION: Forum for Discussion and Signing of SAR Letters of Agreement (LoAs) between adjacent States</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAR Letters of Agreement : Requirements and proposed Template (TET) • Need for the establishment of international cooperation between African States and neighbouring States providing SAR services over the high seas (TBD)
<p>13:00 – 14:00</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>
<p>14:00 – 15:30</p>	<p>Panel Discussion: Development of an AFI Regional SAR Plan in a Harmonized Manner - SAR Plans and Experiences of other Regions Moderator: TBD Panelists: TBD</p>
<p>15:30 – 16:00</p>	<p>Coffee/Tea Break</p>
<p>16:00 – 17:00</p>	<p>EXPERTS' SESSIONS Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the outcomes of the Experts' sessions • Presentation of Conclusions and Recommendations

DAY THREE: Wednesday 12 April 2017

09:00 – 10:30	5th SESSION: Ministerial Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the Outcomes of the experts' sessions (TBD)• Highlights of the proposed solutions• Endorsement of Models of Regulatory texts (National SAR Plans, Legislation and Manuals)• Outcomes of the ICAO A39 on SAR and high-level recent development on Technology and Equipment supporting SAR (Partner TBD /ICAO)• Presentation of the objectives and the advantages of the Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System (GADSS) Concept and the status of its development (ICAO)
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee/Tea Break
11:00 – 13:00	Panel Discussion: Funding of SAR Operations Moderator: TBD Panelists: TBD
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 16:00	CONFERENCE CLOSING REMARKS: Speakers: AFCAC (President/SG), ICAO (President), AUC (TBD) and Togo (TBD) Adoption of Declaration on the Improvement of the Provision of SAR Services in Africa including targets