

**AFCAC CONTINENTAL CAPACITY
BUILDING PROGRAM FOR STATES, RECs
AND AFRICAN AIRLINES ON CORSIA
IMPLEMENTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION OVERSIGHT**

CONCEPT NOTE

FINAL

**PROPOSED DATES:
5-7 JULY 2021 & 14-16 JULY 2021**

I. BACKGROUND

During the 39th ICAO Assembly in 2016, States adopted a global market-based measure scheme for international aviation called the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), to address the increase in total CO₂ emissions from international aviation as initially captured by the Assembly Resolution A39-3. In June 2018, the ICAO Council adopted the first edition of the Annex 16 on Environmental Protection, Volume IV — Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) and this became applicable on 1 January 2019. Annex 16 Volume IV being applicable from 2019, requires all States put in place mechanisms to monitor and report to ICAO the CO₂ emissions data from international aviation each year.

Environmental Protection is a Strategic objective for AFCAC. The AFCAC Extra Ordinary Plenary Session held in 2018, appealed to the AUC and Partners to mobilize resources to support capacity-building efforts. During the 40th Session of the ICAO Assembly, AFCAC on behalf of the African States presented two Working Papers (WP 176 and WP 177) which called on the need to increase and enhance capacity-building efforts in Africa for environmental protection. At the 40th Assembly, Resolutions A40-18, A40-19 and A40-25 noted the importance of capacity building initiatives in aviation and requested partnerships and enhancement of capacity building initiatives to support the implementation of ICAO SARPs.

AFCAC plans to collaborate with ICAO and partners to continuously build capacity of member States Experts, Environment Experts of RECs and African Aeroplane Operators (in collaboration with AFRAA), ANSPs, IATA and ACI in implementation of environmental protection initiatives in Africa.

II. PROGRAM BRIEF

Program Title	AFCAC Continental Capacity Building Program
Collaborating Entities	AFCAC Member States, ICAO, AFRAA, AU RECs, IATA, Sister Organizations (ECAC, ACAO, LACAC), ANSPs, ACI, African training Organizations etc
Strategic Objectives:	Environmental Protection.
Beneficiaries	AFCAC Member States, RECs Experts, African Aeroplane Operators, African ANSPs and Airports

III. OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the capacity-building program are to;

- Sensitize Member States, RECs, African airline, ANSPs and Airport Experts on CORSIA Implementation.
- Build capacity of States and RECs Environment experts on Environmental Protection oversight.
- Sensitize States, RECs, airlines, airports and African aviation Environment experts on African Environmental Plan.

- Provide a platform for sharing of experiences and identify areas for further capacity building and technical assistance

IV. PARTICIPANTS

Environment Experts (Focal Points) from AFCAC Member States, RECs, African Aeroplane Operators, Airports, ANSPs and African CORSIA verification bodies who are responsible for the implementation of environmental protection initiatives in Africa.

V. PROPOSED TOPICS

The following topics will be covered by the capacity-building program.

Topic	Proposed Persons/States/Organizations	Resource
CORSIA Implementation – States Perspective	ICAO Montreal ICAO Regional Office (ESAF, WACAF)	
CORSIA Implementation – African Operators Perspective	ICAO Montreal AFRAA & IATA ANSPs, ACI-Africa	
Annex 16 volumes I, II, III and related ETM provisions	ICAO Montreal FAA Expert	
Environmental Protection oversight - States' Experts Perspective	ICAO Montreal FAA Expert	
Draft African Environmental Plan and targets – Structure and Implementation	AFCAC & AFI-Group Coordinator	
Sharing of experiences on environmental protection by Selected States and aeroplane operators	Selected States ANSPs, Airports Selected Operators ECAC, ACAO, LACAC	
Roles of ANSPs, Airports and Operators in CORSIA and Environmental protection	ANSPS Airports Airlines African Training Organizations CORSIA verification Bodies	

VI. SESSIONS

AFCAC proposes to conduct two back-to-back 3-day sessions through a virtual set up in July 2021 in both English and French languages.

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VII. EXPECTED RESULTS

The expected results of the capacity building program are:

- States, RECs, ANSPs, Airport and African airline Experts sensitized on CORSIA Implementation.
- States environment experts will have capacity for Environmental Protection oversight in line with the provisions of Annex 16.

- States and RECs Environment experts sensitized on the draft African Environmental Plan and understand their roles in its implementation.
- States, RECs, ANSPs and airlines have shared experiences and areas for further capacity and technical assistance identified by AFCAC

VIII. Further Information

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