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RUNWAY SAFETY MANAGEMENT AND GLOBAL REPORTING FORMAT TRAINING

The Namibia Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) is pleased to announce the commencement of the Runway Safety Management and Global Reporting Format (GRF) training interventions with effect 17 – 26 April 2023. These courses are being hosted in collaboration with the Airports Council International (ACI) World to harmonize methodologies in assessing and reporting runway surface conditions to enhance safety.

The training courses have attracted participants from the regulatory authorities, airports, and key stakeholders in the aviation industry. NCAA embraces stakeholder collaboration and is committed to promote aviation safety. The interventions aim to build capacity in aviation safety operations. Similarly, to enhance adherence to global standardization, harmonization, and competence in aviation safety requirements, which ultimately increase the States' effective level of implementation (EI). These initiatives underscore, the No Country Left Behind initiative created by the International Civil Aviation (ICAO) to support member states to effectively implement the standards and recommended practices.

After completion of these courses, participants will have a comprehensive theoretical and practical understanding of runway safety requirements and responsibilities. Participants will be able to identify and mitigate threats; take a proactive approach towards airfield and runway safety by acquiring strong working knowledge of 'live' airfield operations. Furthermore, participants will have an appreciation of how equipment and human error influence runway safety, and effective runway safety surveillance actions.

In order for the regulatory authority to promote and develop a safety culture in Namibia, aviation stakeholders are encouraged to support the establishment of multi-disciplinary Runway Safety Teams at aerodromes. Stakeholders are encouraged to voluntarily report any safety incident and be assured that there are no punitive measures.

The NCAA plans to host more of these training interventions to ensure that all stakeholders are thoroughly trained and receive requisite refresher courses to improve on aviation safety measures.

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