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Attendance at Aviation Forums

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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

The ET-ABO has the intention to increase the promotion of AMDAR and the support given to the coordination of the development and provision of aircraft-based observations.

Members of the ET-ABO are already active in the AEEC Data Link Users Forum, but other relevant forums (including ICAO) should be identified and access to these forums should be pursued.

ACTION PROPOSED

The Meeting will be invited to note the document and to discuss ways how to identify international aviation forums relevant for the ET-ABO to pursue access to.

References

1. ET-ABO Work Plan 2013-2014
 2. Report of the AEEC DLUF meeting, Phoenix, Arizona, 5-7 February 2013
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DISCUSSION

- 1 The ET-ABO, represented by its members, is active in promoting the AMDAR observing program in the Data Link Users Forum of the Airlines Electronic Engineering Committee (AEEC DLUF);
 - 2 At the most recent meeting of the AEEC DLUF (Phoenix, Arizona, 5-7 February 2013) the ET-ABO was represented by Mr Carl Weiss;
 - 3 The next AEEC DLUF meeting will be held 17-18 September 2013 in London, UK, at which ET-ABO will be represented by Mr Stewart Taylor;
 - 4 At that meeting the benefits of Water Vapour data for the aviation industry will be emphasized, as well as the new ABO Structure and the ET-ABO objective to increase interaction with the different aviation groups and standards bodies;
 - 5 Mr Carl Weiss is also attending the annual meetings of the American Meteorological Society, but not in particular for representing the ABO interests;
 - 6 The ET-ABO will be more active in identifying other international forums related to the ABOP activities, such as relevant bodies in ICAO, SESAR and NextGen, the avionics industry and the aircraft manufacturers. It also might be interesting to get access to the AEEC Airline-only Roundtable Discussion (following the DLUF meeting) for direct interaction and exchange of ideas with the participating airline representatives.
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