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SAFIR Project First Working Session Dakar – 22/23/24 May 2013

The **SAFIR¹** (Satellite navigation services for **AF**rican **R**egion) project under the EU-Africa Common Strategy as well as the Joint EU-Africa Partnership is holding its first Working Session in Dakar (Senegal) on 22/23/24 May 2013.

The 3-day workshop dedicated to EGNOS² awareness and technical aspects will focus on:

- The EGNOS initiatives in Africa,
- The set-up of the EGNOS-Africa Joint Programme Office (JPO) by SAFIR,
- The other Working Sessions organised by SAFIR in 2013 and 2014,
- EGNOS V3 system performances (system requirements).

SAFIR will cover the costs (air transport, meals and accommodation) of twenty attendees including:

- Representatives of African stakeholders concerned with GNSS applications invited directly by the SAFIR Project Implementation Team (PIT),
- **Other African experts who may apply directly in e-mailing before 28 April (6 pm UT) a motivation letter plus a CV to the 3 Key Experts of the PIT:**
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² European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service

Logistic Information and detailed agenda will be given in due time to the participants selected by the PIT and approved by the ACP Secretariat and the European Commission.

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Note:

SAFIR

The SAFIR project is funded by the European Union and has started on 15 January 2013 for two years. It covers the set-up, staffing and operations of an EGNOS-Africa Joint Programme Office (JPO) with a proper regional participation of the various beneficiary countries. SAFIR will also set up and support a number of technical Working Sessions composed of regional stakeholders concerned with GNSS/EGNOS in sub-Saharan Africa, which will address all aspects of EGNOS-Africa system development and service provision in preparation of the infrastructure deployment phase, including system performance, applications, certification policy, industrial issues, maintenance, liability policy, governance structure ...

ASECNA:

ASECNA is a public organisation endowed with an international status, having 18 Member States* and vested with the responsibility of cooperative management of an airspace of 16,1 million km² (1,5 time the area covered by Europe). With air navigation safety as its main mission, ASECNA is a recognised model for autonomous, cooperative and transnational management of airspace, widely promoted by the international community.

* Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroun, Central African Republic, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, France, Gabon, Guinea Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Chad, Togo

Egis:

Egis is a consulting and engineering group working in the fields of transport, urban development, construction, industry, water, environment and energy. In the road and airport fields, the group is also involved in project financing, turnkey-contract projects and facility operation.

In the air transportation sector Egis offers cutting-edge products and services to the air traffic management, airport and air operations industries. The company's expertise ranges from consulting and engineering services to the provision of turnkey solutions. Egis has been developing a specific expertise in aviation-related GNSS applications and connected services with recent activities in standardization, GNSS systems performance analysis, definition of concept of operations, support to operational implementation, etc.

Pildo Labs:

Founded in 2001, Pildo Labs is an engineering company specialized in delivering top of the edge technology within the aeronautics and space sectors. PildoLabs is recognized as one of the main players for the development of advanced Air Navigation products and services enhanced by Satellite Navigation or GNSS (basic GPS or EGNOS, GBAS augmentations). Such leadership is the result from company involvement since the very beginning in most research and strategic programmes for the implementation of new enhanced novel operations through satellite technology. Pildo Labs played a key role within the approval process for EGNOS Safety of Life service, and is continuously supporting aviation community throughout its operational implementation.

ESSP:

ESSP has been founded in 2009 by the air navigation services providers from France (DGAC/DSNA), Germany (DFS), Italy (ENAV), Portugal (NAV-P), Spain (Aena), Switzerland (Skyguide) and UK (NATS) to act as service Provider for EGNOS, the European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service. The European Commission (EC) owns the EGNOS system and manages the EGNOS programme. ESA is the EGNOS design agent under a delegation agreement with the EC.