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25 April 2023

Subject: Twentieth Meeting of the Middle East Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (MIDANPIRG/20) and Tenth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group-Middle East (RASG-MID/10) (*Muscat, Oman, 14 – 17 May 2023*)

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my Invitation Letter Ref: ME 3 & ME 4 - 23/049 dated 14 February 2023, and State Letter Ref: ME 3 & ME 4 - 23/090 dated 12 April 2023 on the abovementioned subject. I would like to confirm that the meetings will be held at the scheduled venue and dates in **Muscat**, **Oman**, from 14 to 17 May 2023 at the Kempinski Hotel Al Mouj. The Information Bulletin describing the administrative arrangements for the meeting including the hotel lists is at Attachment A.

Your Administration/Organization is strongly encouraged to submit a presentation providing updates on your achievements/success stories, challenges and coordination with adjacent States. I would be grateful to receive your presentation(s) by **8 May 2023**. However, it is to be noted that the deadline for submitting Working Papers was extended to **2 May 2023**. In order to allow time for processing and posting on the ICAO MID website, any Paper received after this deadline will be changed to an Information Paper.

In case you have not yet confirmed your Administration's attendance to this important meetings, you are kindly requested to confirm urgently your participation *(if you have not yet done so)*, through e-mail to <u>icaomid@icao.int</u> providing the names and contact details of your delegate(s) using the Nomination Form at **Attachment B**.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Attachments

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Twentieth Meeting of the Middle East Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (MIDANPIRG/20) and Tenth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group-Middle East (RASG-MID/10)

MIDANPIRG/20 & RASG-MID/10 Meetings (Muscat, Oman, 14 – 17 May 2023)

BULLETIN

1. LOCATION

1.1 The MIDANPIRG/20 and RASG-MID/10 Meetings will be held at the Kempinski Hotel Al Mouj, Muscat, Oman from 14 to 17 May 2023.

2. SCHEDULE OF THE WORKSHOP

- 2.1 The opening session of the Meeting will be held at 0900 hours on Sunday 14 May 2023.
- 2.2 The daily schedule and the order of the day will be announced at the opening session.
- 2.3 The Meetings will be conducted in English.

3. REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

3.1 Participants are requested to register, at the Registration Desk located at the entrance of the Meeting Hall, between 0800 and 0900 hours on the opening day of the Meeting. Participants are also requested to wear the identification badge, which will be issued to them when inside the meeting room.

4. HOTEL RESERVATIONS/RETURN AIRLINE BOOKINGS

4.1 Participants are requested to ensure that their return airline booking is confirmed, soon after their arrival in Muscat through their respective hotel reception desk. A list of hotels with Oman CAA corporate rate is attached for your convenience with telephone/fax numbers and addresses. You will need to arrange your own hotel reservation. Additional options can be obtained through <u>www.booking.com</u> or other hotel reservation platforms.

5. TRANSPORTATION

5.1 Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for transportation from the airport to the city and return.

5.2 Taxis are available from Muscat International Airport to all destinations in Muscat or other cities, from the taxi area just outside the main terminal building. The taxi fare from the airport start at 2.500 OMR and each kilometer costs 400 Baisa up 40 KM. then 200 Baisa is charged for every kilometer.

5.3 Car rental agencies are located at the arrival hall of the airport terminal building.

6. INSURANCE

6.1 Participants are advised to have insurance coverage for any unexpected contingency including transport hazards (taxi, buses, rented cars etc.) and Medical Coverage.

COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS

6.2 No requirements.

7. Some useful travel information

PASSPORT

7.1 All foreign nationals entering the Sultanate of Oman must possess valid passports or other valid documents for travel. Documents with less than six months to run before expiry are not acceptable.

VISA

7.2 It is mandatory for participants requiring entry visa to Sultanate of Oman to apply/obtain official visas from the Oman's Embassy or Consulate in their Country prior to their departure to Oman or online on www.rop.gov.om.

7.3 Participants that require assistance for their entry visa may contact Oman Focal Point Mr. Mohammed Al Tobi email: **midanpirg20@caa.gov.om** and **m.altobi@caa.gov.om** Mob. No: +968-97844966

7.4 It is mandatory for all non GCC participants to obtain visas from the Sultanate of Oman Embassy or Consulate in their country prior to their departure for Muscat or online application through <u>www.rop.gov.om</u> Some non GCC citizens may obtain visas on. These nationalities are listed in the following website: <u>www.rop.gov.om</u> and search for passport and residence services.

CUSTOMS

7.5 The following items may be brought into the Sultanate of Oman duty free:

Personal effects, such as necessary clothing 200 cigarettes or 250 gr. of cigars or tobacco Perfume for personal use.

Additional quantities of the above items may also be purchased at Muscat International Airport duty free arrival shops before clearing customs. Non-Muslims may purchase reasonable quantities of alcoholic drinks at this outlet.

8. CURRENCY, CREDIT CARDS AND BANKING SERVICES

8.1 The unit of currency in Oman is the **Omani Riyal (OMR).** The unit is divided into 1000 baizes with notes of 100, and 500 baizes and Rial notes of 1, 5, 10, 20, and 50. The Rial to USD exchange rate is 1 OMR = 2.6 US.

8.2 There are no restrictions on import of foreign currency.

8.3 International Credit Cards, such as American Express, Diners Club, Visa, Master Card, Carte Blanche, etc. are usually accepted at most hotels, department stores and restaurants.

8.4 All commercial banks exchange major foreign currencies and are open 0800-1400 hours Sundays through Thursdays. There are also plenty of foreign exchange houses who do accept foreign currency. There are plenty of ATM machines all over Oman which are strategically located.

9. OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

SHOPPING

9.1 Be prepared to bargain in small shops, sidewalk vendors etc. In large stores, however, the prices are fixed.

TAP WATER

9.2 It is recommended that all visitors drink only bottled water/beverages, however, tap water is safe for drinking.

TELEPHONE

9.3 Mobile sim Cards are available at the Service providers outlets at the airport arrival hall and all major commercial centers.

10. WEATHER CONDITIONS

10.1 The main daily maximum and minimum temperatures for the month of May are between 40°C by day and drops down to 28°C during the nights. Please refer to <u>http://www.accuweather.com/en/om/muscat/258638/june-weather/258638</u> for further updates.

11. OTHER ASSISTANCE

11.1 The Sultanate of Oman Civil Aviation Authority will be glad to assist the participants to the Meeting with any advice they may require.

11.2 In case of emergency in Sultanate of Oman please call Focal Point from the Oman CAA Mr. Abdulah Al Kindi e-mail: a.alkindi@caa.gov.om mobile: +968 93233202

Hotels and Hotel Apartments



Hotel	Rate	Address / Location	Email	Telephone	Mobile
Kempinski Hotel Muscat *****	S : 87 OMR D: 99 OMR B&B Inclusive all tax	Al Mouj, Seeb, Muscat, Oman	Waleed.alabri@kempinski.com kempinski.com/muscat		+968 92536075
Mysk Al Mouj Hotel ****	SBB: 40.679 OMR DBB: 45.609 OMR B&B Inclusive of all Taxes	Al Mouj, Seeb, Muscat, Oman	firas.alamri@myskhotels.com reservations.almoujmuscat@myskhotels.com	+968 24274400	+968 92790082
Avani Muscat Hotel & Suites ****	S room: OMR 35 net with breakfast D room: OMR 40 net with breakfast	Sultan Qaboos Highway, Right beside Al-Araimi Boulevard Mall, P.O. Box 3371, PC 111 Muscat – Sultanate of Oman	Ms. Naima Al Rashdi: <u>nrashdi@avanihotels.com</u> Avani Muscat Hotel Reservations Department: <u>res.vmus@avanihotels.com</u>	Avani Muscat Hotel Reservations Department: +968 2262 6000	Ms. Naima Al Rashdi: +968 9927 4409
Holiday Inn Muscat Al-Seeb ****	S 35 OMR Net inclusive breakfast D 40 OMR Net inclusive breakfast	Very close to Al Mouj, the airport and city center mall	mouza.alrajhi@holidayinnmuscat.com reservations@holidayinnmuscat.com www.holidayinn.com	+968 22080531/53	+ 968 91402596
CITY CENTER HOTEL	Strd Queen OMR 14 Strd Twin OMR 13 Superior King OMR 17 Superior Twin OMR 16 Junior Suite OMR 23 (incl. taxes) Rate is room only (breakfast not incl.)	Al-Mawaleh (Next to City Center Mall)	sylvia.dani@citycenterhoteloman.com		+968 22866655 +968 22866644
AL Thabit Modern Hotel Apartment	S 13 OMR D 14 OMR 1 BHK 15 OMR 2 BHK 25 OMR	Close to Al Mouj, the airport and city center mall	<u>Muscat@gghotels.com</u> <u>Nitish.gghotels@gmail.com</u>		+968 99387789 +968 99342901
JARZEZ HOTEL APARTMENT	S =15.750 OMR D =31.750 OMR B&B INCLUSIVE OF ALL TAX	AL HAIL SHAMALIYA, Seeb Muscat OMAN BOX 24 PC 105	jarzez@fayedatours.com www.jarzezhotel.com	+968 24551738	+968 96417847



	Single room is for maximum 2 person Double room is for maximum 4 person			
BLUE PENINSULA HOTEL	SSB: 12 OMR SDB: 8 OMR WITHOUT BREAKFAST TAXES INCLUDED	NORTH AL-HAIL	peninsulahotel2@gmail.com	+968-92222488

Note:

- 1. When making your reservation, please specify that you are attending an ICAO to be accorded special corporate rates.
- 2. The above rates are as of January 2023 and are subject to change by the hotel without notice.

Rate Valid from 12th May 2023 till 19th May 2023

Hotel	Rate	Address / Location	Email	Telephone	Mobile	Distance to CAA
Radisson Collection Hotel Muscat 5*	Single occupancy @ OMR 39.000 Double Occupancy @ OMR 45.000 Above rates are quoted inclusive of breakfast and all applicable taxes per room per night	Airport Heights, Seeb, Muscat	peter.antony@radissoncollection.con reservations.muscat@radissoncollection.com	+968 24350500	+968 92121749	9 KM