

CAPSCA-MID/3-SUMMARY REPORT



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SUMMARY REPORT

THIRD MEETING OF THE MIDDLE EAST COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR THE PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH EVENTS IN CIVIL AVIATION (CAPSCA)

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(Cairo, 18-20 November 2013)

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1. PLACE AND DURATION

1.1 The Third Meeting of the ICAO Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA) in the Middle East was held from 18 to 20 November 2013 at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Middle East (MID) Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt.

2. OPENING

2.1 The Meeting was opened by Mr. Mohamed R. M. Khonji, ICAO Middle East Regional Director who welcomed all the participants to the CAPSCA-MID/3 Meeting. Mr. Khonji recalled that the CAPSCA programme inception occurred after the outbreak of SARS in 2003 and Avian Flu in 2005. As the only ICAO programme that brings different sectors together in a formalized and routine manner, CAPSCA will help Aviation and Public Health partnership to develop and improve generic preparedness plans. Mr. Khonji advised the meeting that ICAO MID Regional Officer for Aerodromes and Ground Aids, Mr. Adel Ramlawi, is the CAPSCA-MID regional coordinator and focal point after the retirement of Mr. Jehad Faqir. He urged MID States to host the future CAPSCA meetings keeping in mind that the coming Global CAPSCA meeting is planned to be in the MID Region during year 2014. Finally, he thanked all the participants for attendance and wished them a pleasant stay and a fruitful meeting.

2.2 Dr. Anthony Evans (ICAO), Chief Aviation Medicine and CAPSCA Project Manager reminded, in his opening speech, the participants of the goals of CASCA –MID and that the name of the CAPSCA programme has changed. Fortunately, it has been managed to find a form of words that enabled the acronym of CAPSCA to be maintained. The change was made to extend CAPSCA's work to address public health hazards other than communicable disease such as radionuclear; chemical; bioterrorism. Dr. Evans indicated that despite the lack of funds, the CAPSCA programme will continue as recommended by the the 38th ICAO Assembly. He welcomed Adel as the new CAPSCA Regional Coordinator and wished the participants a productive meeting.

2.3 Ms. Dalia Samhouri, Epidemiologist and IHR Expert from the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO), welcomed the participants and stressed on the importance of the International Health Regulations (2005) as a legal instrument for attaining global health security through timely containment and mitigation of public health events that might be of national, regional and international concern. Ms. Samhouri invited ICAO as well as MID States to participate in the Second Regional Stakeholders Meeting to review the Implementation of the International Health Regulations 2005 (IHR). The meeting is organized by WHO to be held in Amman, Jordan, 12-14 December 2013.

2.4 Eng. Mohamed Ibrahim Sheriff, President of The Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority (ECAA) delivered an opening speech welcoming the CAPSCA team and MID States delegates to Cairo. He stressed the importance of the CAPSCA project and expressed Egypt's intention to support the project by all available means.

2.5 The meeting was chaired by Dr. Anthony Evans (ICAO), Chief Aviation Medicine and CAPSCA Project Manager, assisted by Adel Ramlawi RO/AGA, ICAO Middle East (MID) Office and Dr. Jarnail Singh (Singapore), CAPSCA Technical Advisor.

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2.6 Mr. Michiel Vreedenburgh, Chief, Implementation Support and Development Section, Safety ICAO HQ and the Global CAPSCA Coordinator could not attend the meeting as was planned.

3. ATTENDANCE

3.1 The meeting was attended by a total of twenty nine (29) participants from eight (8) States (Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Sudan, Saudi Arabia and USA) one (1) International Organization (WHO) and two airlines. The list of participants is at **Attachment A** to this Summary Report.

4. OFFICERS AND SECRETARIAT

4.1 Mr. Adel Ramlawi, Regional Officer, Aerodromes and Ground Aids, ICAO Middle East (MID) Office was the Secretary of the Meeting.

5. LANGUAGE

5.1 Discussions were conducted in English and documentation was issued in English.

6. WORK PROGRAMME AND DOCUMENTATION

6.1 The Meeting programme is at **Appendix A** to this Summary Report. All the meeting documentation and presentations related to the Meeting are available on the CAPSCA web site: www.capsca.org.

7. CONCLUSIONS

7.1 The meeting adopted the following Conclusions:

7.1.1 States are encouraged to host and support future Regional CAPSCA meetings which are intended to be hosted by MID States on rotational basis.

7.1.2 MID States are encouraged to support the next Global CAPSCA Meeting which is intended to be held during 2014 in the Middle East Region. Egypt has kindly agreed in principle to host the 2014 Global CAPSCA Meeting. This will be confirmed by an official letter to the ICAO MID Regional Office. A date will be confirmed after liaison with partner organisations, but the week commencing 16 November 2014 is anticipated.

7.1.3 ICAO is requested to write a State Letter to MID States that have not yet joined the CAPSCA project urging them to join the project and request an Assistance Visit.

7.1.4 WHO agreed to invite the National Civil Aviation Authorities (CAA) and other relevant stakeholders in the aviation sector e.g. airport and aircraft operators to attend meetings, seminars and workshops that are related to points of entry at airports. The ICAO Regional Office will facilitate such invitations.

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7.1.5 WHO agreed to collaborate with the ICAO Regional Office and national CAAs concerning WHO assessment visits to airports to facilitate the involvement of relevant stakeholders. The ICAO Regional Office will facilitate such invitations. ICAO will continue to invite WHO and public health officers to events organised by the aviation sector.

7.1.6 The meeting expressed concern at the low rate of implementation of the IHR (2005) at the POEs and recognised that the CAPSCA-MID project can facilitate the implementation of the IHR (2005) requirements at airports through the State's compliance with the SARPs in ICAO Annexes 6, 9, 11, 14, 18 and the PANS-ATM. In this context, WHO is requested to urge the MID States join and support the CAPSCA – MID project and request Assistance Visits so as to enhance the implementation of the IHR requirements at airports.

7.1.7 WHO is requested to extend invitations to relevant stakeholders in the aviation sector to attend the upcoming WHO regional meeting in Jordan, 12-14 December, to discuss implementation of the IHR in the Eastern Mediterranean.

7.1.8 The National IHR Focal Point should be the first point of contact for any questions or concerns pertaining to public health requests directed to the aviation sector

7.1.9 MID States and Organisations are reminded to:

- confirm support for ICAO to continue the CAPSCA-MID project;
- consider providing voluntary contributions to CAPSCA-MID project; and
- consider cost-recovery (by the State) assistance visits

7.1.10 When the report on the 38th ICAO Assembly is finalised and if agreed by the ICAO Council, a State Letter will be written by ICAO to States requesting financial support to CAPSCA.

7.1.11 ICAO will ask the Food and Agriculture Organization/World Organization for Animal Health if any special guidance is needed for management of unwell pets that are carried in the aircraft cabin.

7.1.12 States are encouraged to share their preparedness plans for aviation with other States by sending them to the Regional Office, for posting on the CAPSCA website. Jordan, Qatar Airways and Oman (subject to approval by the respective organizations) agreed to permit their preparedness plans to be posted on the CAPSCA website.

7.1.13 Further consideration is required concerning whether or not airports designated under the IHR (2005) should be provided to flight crew prior to flight and/or included in the aircraft flight plan for use as diversionary airports should a diversion be required.

7.1.14 Participants who wish to use any of the videos shown during the presentation on “Biodiaspora” should write to Dr. Khan (info@biodiaspora.com) requesting his agreement.

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7.1.15 Management of travellers suspected of suffering from a communicable disease during transit stops requires further consideration. The topic will be included in the 2014 CAPSCA-MID/Global Meeting. Dr Mubarak Al Doub (Kuwait) agreed to give a presentation on the subject.

8. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

8.1 Dr. Anthony Evans thanked all participants for their active participation, cooperation and contribution that made the meeting productive and successful.

8.2 All representatives from States participating in the meeting have shown keen interest to support of CAPSCA project in the MID Region



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PROGRAMME

**3RD CAPSCA MIDDLE EAST MEETING
CAIRO, EGYPT, 18 - 20 NOVEMBER 2013**

Day 1 (Monday 18 November 2013)

- 08:00-09:15 Registration of Delegates (Secretariat)
- 09:15-09:45 Opening of the Meeting
Mr Mohamed Khonji, ICAO Regional Director
Dr Dalia Samhouri, WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean
Eng. Mohamed Sherif, Egyptian CAA President
Dr Anthony Evans, ICAO Chief Aviation Medicine, CAPSCA programme manager
Dr Hussein Mohamed Sultan, Egyptian CAA and CAPSCA-MID Chairman
- 09:45-10:00 Introduction to the Event and Participants Self-introduction (Dr Anthony Evans, Chief Aviation Medicine and CAPSCA Project Manager, ICAO)
- 10:00-10:30 Group Photo and Coffee break
- 10:30-11:00 Update on CAPSCA (Dr Anthony Evans)
- 11:00-11:30 Review of the previous meeting Conclusions and CAPSCA Middle East Activities (Mr Adel Ramlawi, Regional Officer Aerodromes and CAPSCA Regional Coordinator, ICAO)
- 11:30-12:15 Results of the 4th CAPSCA Global Coordination Meeting (Dr Jarnail Singh, CAPSCA Technical Advisor/CAA Singapore – on behalf of Mr. Michiel Vreedenburgh)
- 12:15-12:45 Coffee Break
- 12:45-13:15 Highlights of CAPSCA in other Regions (Dr Anthony Evans)
- 13:15-14:00 Screening at points of Entry: Pros and Cons (Dr Jarnail Singh)
- 14:00-14:45 Lessons Learned from CAPSCA Assistance Visits to States and Airports (Dr Anthony Evans - on behalf of Mr. Michiel Vreedenburgh)

Day 2 (Tuesday 19 November 2013)

- 09:00-09:45 Regional Progress in IHR (2005) Implementation (Dr Dalia Samhouri, WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean)
- 09:45-10:15 Arrival of an “affected” aircraft – best practice guidelines (Dr Anthony Evans)
- 10:15-10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45-11:15 Communication procedures review (Dr Jarnail Singh, CAPSCA Technical Advisor,, CAA Singapore)
- 11:15-11:45 Comparison of ICAO documentation with WHO documentation (Dr Anthony Evans)
- 11:45-12:15 ACI update
- 12:15-13:00 International Health Regulations and public health emergencies recent developments, MERS-CoV (Dr Dalia Samhouri, WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean)
- 13:00-13:30 Coffee break
- 13:30–14:00 Observations on international preparedness planning (Dr Peter Houck, past CDC medical officer)
- 14:00-15:00 BioDiaspora: Evidence-Based Decision-Making in Public Health (Dr Kamran Khan - virtual presentation)

Day 3 (Wednesday 20 November 2013)

- 09:00-10:30 Presentations from participants on national preparedness plans, including comments on the interface of security with public health events
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-12:30 Table top exercise (Dr Jarnail Singh)
- 12:30-13:00 Coffee break
- 13:00-13:45 Table top exercise, continued (Dr Jarnail Singh)
- 13:45-14:00 CAPSCA Future and Funding (Dr Anthony Evans)
- 14:00-14:30 Meeting Conclusions (Dr Anthony Evans)

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