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**Subject: ICAO MID Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) Workshop  
(Dubai, UAE, 20 - 22 November 2017)**

**Action required: Reply not later than 1 November 2017**

Sir,

I have the honour to invite your Administration/Organization to participate in the ICAO MID Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) Workshop that will be held at the Sheraton Dubai Creek Hotel and Towers, Dubai, UAE, from **20 to 22 November 2017**. The Workshop is jointly organized by ICAO and the World Food Programme (WFP), sponsored by the Middle East Business Aviation Association (MEBAA) and supported by the General Civil Aviation Authority-UAE.

The RPAS Workshop will provide States, international organizations, operators and stakeholders with first-hand information on RPAS provisions and guidance material. This will assist State regulatory and administrative personnel involved in the development and implementation of their RPAS regulations as well as the certification and oversight of such activities.

The RPAS Workshop will provide a good opportunity for rule-making authorities, air navigation service providers, industry partners, international organizations and other stakeholders to share knowledge and experiences.

As this Workshop will address subjects of interest to a wide-ranging audience, you are invited to disseminate this information to any organization in your State that may be interested in RPAS operations. As the number of available seats is limited to 30, nominations that are not accepted due to the participation limit will be notified by return email.

The Detailed Work Programme of the Workshop is not yet finalized and will be sent at a later stage; however, the intended outcome of the Workshop is enclosed at **Attachment A**.

Participants should obtain updated information on entry visa/requirements by accessing the UAE Government web page [www.uaeinteract.com/travel/visas.asp](http://www.uaeinteract.com/travel/visas.asp). Additional administrative arrangements and other useful information for participants will be posted on the ICAO MID website in due course.

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I would appreciate if you could, as soon as possible, preferably not later than **1 November 2017**, confirm the participation of your Administration/Organization by submitting the Nomination Form at **Attachment B** to the following email address ([icaomid@icao.int](mailto:icaomid@icao.int)).

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Mohamed Khalifa Rahma  
Middle East Regional Director

**Attachments**



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**ICAO MID Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems Workshop**

**(RPAS)**

*(Dubai, UAE, 20 – 22 November 2017)*

**INTENDED OUTCOME**

1. ICAO will share with participants its ongoing work regarding the development of the international regulatory framework through Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), as well as procedures and guidance material contained in the *Manual on Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS)* (Doc 10019).
2. Staff members of Civil Aviation Authorities will be able to identify the role of the State in regulatory development as well as their responsibilities in overseeing RPAS operations.
3. Participants will be able to distinguish when RPAS certification requirements apply, versus approval of low risk operation of uncertified unmanned aircraft systems (UAS).
4. Staff members of air navigation service providers (ANSPs) will be able to identify the issues to be addressed when integrating RPAS into the ATM system.
5. Participants will prioritize the exchange of RPAS and UAS related information among regulators and other stakeholders leading to effective RPAS integration.
6. The scope of the Workshop will include:
  - a) overview of RPAS and uncertified UAS activities and their emerging challenges to all participants (State, operators, air navigation service providers, etc.) involved in such activities;
  - b) description of the ICAO framework, SARPs and guidance material;
  - c) description of other international initiatives; and
  - d) roundtable discussions between regulators, RPAS operators, manufacturers and service providers (e.g. ANSPs, aerodromes) to analyse and discuss practical examples of different RPAS operational and regulatory environments that affect or challenge the management of RPAS activities.

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INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION  
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ICAO MID REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS WORKSHOP  
(RPAS)

*(Dubai, UAE, 20 – 22 November 2017)*

NOMINATION FORM

1. Name in full: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. (as should appear in the official listing and name tag)
2. Title or Official Position: \_\_\_\_\_
3. State/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Hotel \_\_\_\_\_

Date: ..... Signature: .....

After completing, please send to: ICAO MID Office at the following e-mail address: ([icaomid@icao.int](mailto:icaomid@icao.int))  
with cc to ([ekhoury@icao.int](mailto:ekhoury@icao.int)).

*Note 1: Participants are expected to make their own hotel/visa arrangement.*

*Note 2: Please download Workshop materials from ICAO MID Regional Office website <https://www.icao.int/mid>*