



**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION
ICAO MID CART WEBINAR**

(18 JUNE 2020, 10:00 - 11:00 UTC)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The MID CART Webinar was successfully held on Thursday 18 June 2020 from 10:00 to 11:00 UTC using ZOOM facility. The Webinar was organized by the ICAO MID Regional Office back-to-back with the Second DGCA-MID Virtual Meeting in coordination with ICAO HQ and all Stakeholders.

1.2 The objectives of the Webinar were to provide a forum to discuss the best way to implement the CART guidance in the MID Region, support States and industry for a safe, secure and sustainable restart and recovery of the aviation sector.

1.3 The Webinar was attended by a total of one hundred seventy-three (173) participants from twenty-four (24) States (Angola, Bahrain, Canada, Egypt, Iraq, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sudan, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, UAE, Uganda, UK, USA, and Yemen) and eleven (11) Organizations (AACO, ACAO, ACI, ASECNA, ESWACAA, IATA, IFATCA, IFALPA, DFT, WFP and ICAO) and seven (7) Industries.

1.4 The successful organization of the Webinar was highly appreciated by all participants as it was conducted in a timely manner, taking into consideration the latest developments related to COVID-19 at the global, regional and national levels.

1.5 The Webinar's materials including, presentations and the Summary of Discussion are available at <https://www.icao.int/MID/Pages/CART-Webinar.aspx>, the webinar recording is available at: [https://www.icao.int/Meetings/webinar-series/Pages/Report-on-the-Council-Aviation-Recovery-Task-Force-\(CART\).aspx](https://www.icao.int/Meetings/webinar-series/Pages/Report-on-the-Council-Aviation-Recovery-Task-Force-(CART).aspx)

2. OPENING

2.1 Mr. Mohamed Smaoui, the Acting Regional Director, ICAO MID Office, welcomed all participants and thanked them for participation in this important Webinar organized by the ICAO MID Regional Office in coordination with ICAO HQ to foster ICAO's global leadership in guiding and supporting the civil aviation industry.

2.2 Mr. Smaoui welcomed and expressed sincere appreciation to H.E. Eng. Saud A.R. Hashem, Representative of Saudi Arabia on the Council of ICAO and First Vice-President of the ICAO Council, as well as H.E. Eng. Angie. A. Mostafa and H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Elhassan, Representatives of Egypt and Sudan on the Council, respectively, for their participation, despite the challenges caused by the time difference.

2.3 Mr. Smaoui who was the moderator of the webinar, introduced and thanked the Speaker and Panelists for accepting the invitation to share their views, knowledge and experience and driving the momentum towards a successful restart and recovery of air transport in the MID Region, as follows:

- Mr. Abdul Wahab Teffaha, AACO's Secretary General (Panelist);
- Eng. Abdennebi Manar, Director General of ACAO (Panelist);
- Mr. Muhammad Albakri, IATA Regional Vice President Africa & Middle East (Panelist);
- Eng. Angie. A. Mostafa, representative of Egypt on the ICAO Council (Panelist);
- Dr. Khalil M. Khalil, CAPSCA-MID Chairman (Panelist); and
- Mr. Mohamed Rahma, ICAO Director Air Transport Bureau (Speaker and Panelist).

2.4 He also welcomed and thanked the ICAO Officials from HQ and other Regional Offices for their participation and support; including but not limited to Mr. Stephen Creamer, ICAO Director Air Navigation Bureau, Mr. Barry Kashambo, Regional Director, ESAF Office and Mr. Prosper Zo'o Minto'o, Regional Director, WACAF Office.

3. DISCUSSIONS

3.1 Mr. Rahma, Director Air Transport Bureau, ICAO HQ, delivered a Power Point Presentation on the CART Report and Take-off Guidance. He highlighted that the CART's guidelines and recommendations were developed to support the efforts to standardize the regional protocols for the restart and recovery of civil aviation. He provided an overview on building resilience and way forward. Dr. Jordaan, Chief, Aviation Medicine Section, ANB, provided an update on the Public Health Corridor (PHC).

3.2 The Panel discussed the issue of restoring passenger confidence in air transport, taking into consideration that Governments may not have the confidence to open their borders without imposing onerous measures such as quarantine and testing. In this respect, it was underlined that the quarantine and testing measures represent the main challenges for the resumption of operations by the industry. However, these measures are not taken at the level of the Civil Aviation Authorities but generally imposed by the Governments based on the recommendations by their Ministries of Health.

3.3 With respect to the economic impact resulted from the crisis, the Panel discussed the financial relieve strategies that could be adopted by States in line with CART recommendation#10 and key principal#8. In order to support aviation industry including appropriate balance among the respective interest without compromise to aviation safety and security and also ensuring fair competition during the restart; the Panel underlined that an essential element to ensure effective restart, recovery and resumption is the States' support to their aviation industries financially and through their regulatory framework, in line with the CART guidelines.

3.4 In connection with the above, the Panel discussed different views on the subject and accordingly supported the following set of recommendations for the Governments in order to overcome the identified challenges to ensure successful and effective restart, recovery and resumption:

- maintain the principles of cohesiveness and working together;
- collaborate to ensure harmonization of requirements, particularly related to testing and quarantine measures;
- agree through the credible stakeholders (ICAO, WHO, IATA, ACI, etc.) on a set of measures to ensure that passengers' health will not be jeopardized and in the same time no unnecessary measures will be taken;
- implement harmonized risk mitigation measures in full accordance with the latest and most available prudent medical and traveler health advice;
- avoid fragmentation of measures and diversity; and
- provide financially and regulatory support to the industry in a harmonized and coordinated manner.

3.5 In concluding, the Webinar reiterated that the essential factor to achieve smooth and successful restart and recovery including restoring of the public confidence is through a collaborative approach towards effective implementation of the CART recommendations and guidance.

3.6 In the same vein, it was highlighted that ICAO's top priority is to support States in implementing CART recommendations and guidance in a harmonized manner. In this respect, it was highlighted that, the ICAO Secretariat is developing the 'Global Implementation Roadmap' which will be complemented by Regional Implementation Roadmaps, presenting the activities, mechanisms and tools put in place by ICAO to support, coordinate and monitor States' implementation of the recommendations and guidance issued by the CART. The ICAO's activities, including implementation support, coordination and monitoring activities, will continue to be performed in partnership with all stakeholders.

3.7 To facilitate implementation support, coordination and monitoring activities, ICAO is continuously developing tools and making them available on an on-line ‘COVID-19 Response and Recovery Implementation Centre’ (CRRIC). Amongst other products, the CRRIC offers a ‘gap analysis tool’ and a ‘database of risk mitigation measures’ for States to report respectively on their implementation of the CART recommendations as well as their service providers’ level of implementation of the guidance contained in the Take-off guidance document.

3.8 Coordination and monitoring activities and tools will enable the collection of feedback to help identify possible amendments to the CART recommendations and guidance and, consequently, to the Global and Regional Implementation Roadmaps, so as to continuously meet the needs of States and the aviation sector in an evolving environment. In this respect, it was highlighted that the CART Report and in particular the Take-off Guidance are live documents, which might be amended to cope with the developments.

3.9 As CART continues to review and update its work to better support the restart and recovery of civil aviation, the Panel emphasized on effective communication between all stakeholders at global, regional and national levels. It was underlined that feedback from States to the regional offices is an essential factor to ensure continuous improvement and harmonization at the regional and global levels.

3.10 Replying to a question on the conduct of CAPSCA technical assistance visits, Dr. Jordaan highlighted that considering the current situation with the COVID-19, the conduct of on-site CAPSCA technical assistance visits is not feasible and even planning for future on-site visits is uncertain; however, the CAPSCA checklist is being updated in coordination with key stakeholders; and alternatively, the assistance to States is provided more through the conduct of CAPSCA webinars and online training. In this respect, she encouraged the participants to enroll to the CAPSCA online Course on “*Conducting a Technical Assistance Visit to CAPSCA Member States and Airports*”. Furthermore, Dr. Khalil added that the CAPSCA-MID is maintaining close contact with States’ Focal Points to coordinate these activities and online assistance, as needed.

4. CLOSING

4.1 Mr. Mohamed Smaoui, the Acting Regional Director, ICAO MID Office thanked the Panel members and all participants for their active participation and fruitful discussion and valuable outcomes.

4.2 Mr. Smaoui reminded the audience about the Second DGCA-MID Virtual Meeting, which took place right after the closing of the Webinar.
