



Fourth Middle East Director General  
of Civil Aviation

# DGCA-MID\4

Virtual Meeting

**3 June 2021**





# International Certificate of Vaccination



This is to certify that the holder  
of this certificate has been  
successfully vaccinated against  
**Coronavirus COVID-19**  
in accordance with international  
health guidelines.

You are authorized to obtain any information you may require relative to this certificate, any sources to which you may apply and each such source is hereby authorized to provide you with such information. You are further-  
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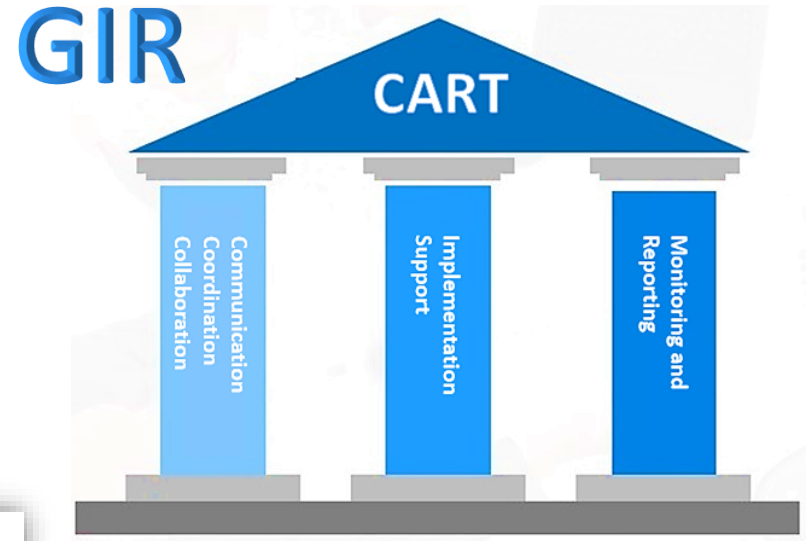
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## Regional Developments related to COVID-19

## Follow-up on the Conclusions of the 3<sup>rd</sup> DGCA-MID Virtual Meeting

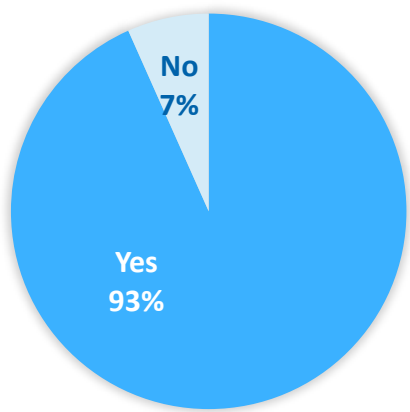
Conclusion		Status
<b>Conclusion 3/1 CART II and TOGD</b>	That, MID States are urged to implement the guidance contained in the ICAO CART II (including the High Level Cover Document), the TOGD (2nd Edition), and the ICAO Testing and Cross-Border Risk Management Measures Manual (ICAO Doc.10152).	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Conclusion 3/2 MID CART Implementation Plan</b>	That, the MID CART Implementation Plan at Appendix A is endorsed	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Conclusion 3/3 Actions on Capacity Building Activities</b>	That, the ICAO and all stakeholders to continue pursuing capacity building activities to support States and industry in the management of COVID-19	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Conclusion 3/4 COVID-19 Economic Impact Webinar</b>	That, ICAO, jointly with AACO, ACAO, ACI and IATA organize a webinar on COVID-19 Economic impact by Q2-2021.	<b>Completed</b>



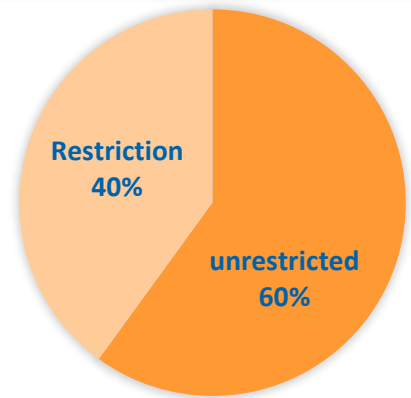
**Regional Developments**



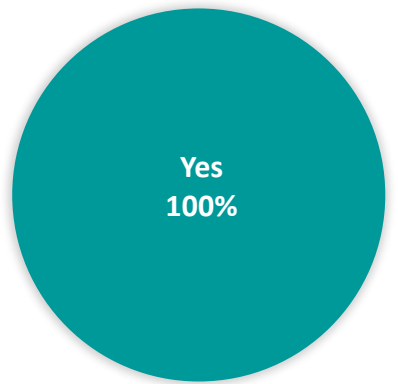
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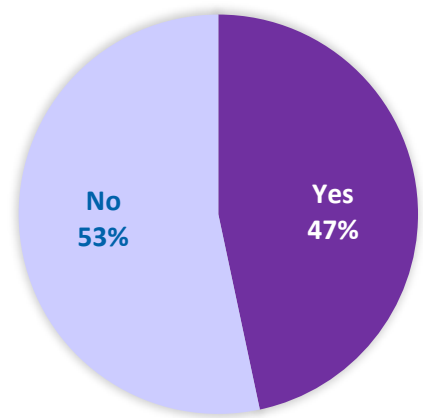
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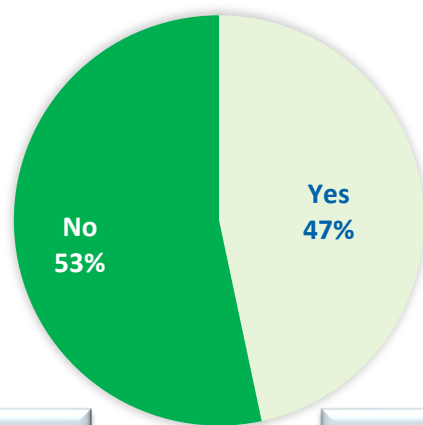
## COVID-19 PCR TEST CERTIFICATE



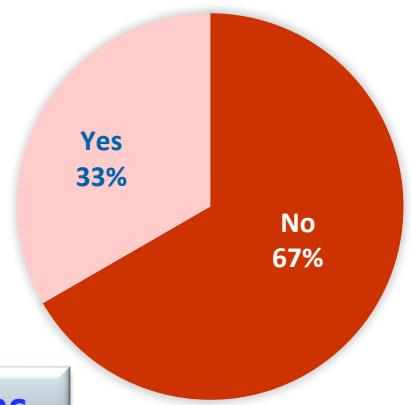
## COVID-19 TEST UPON ARRIVAL



## MANDATORY QUARANTINE



## RECOGNITION OF VACCINATION CERTIFICATES



As of 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2021

Source: States AI Publications



## Regional Status - CRRIC

The CART Report mentions that the level of implementation of the State measures need to be regularly monitored by ICAO

### ICAO Facilitates

- sharing of information and experience among States
- identification of gaps and needed support

### Through this information, ICAO will be able to

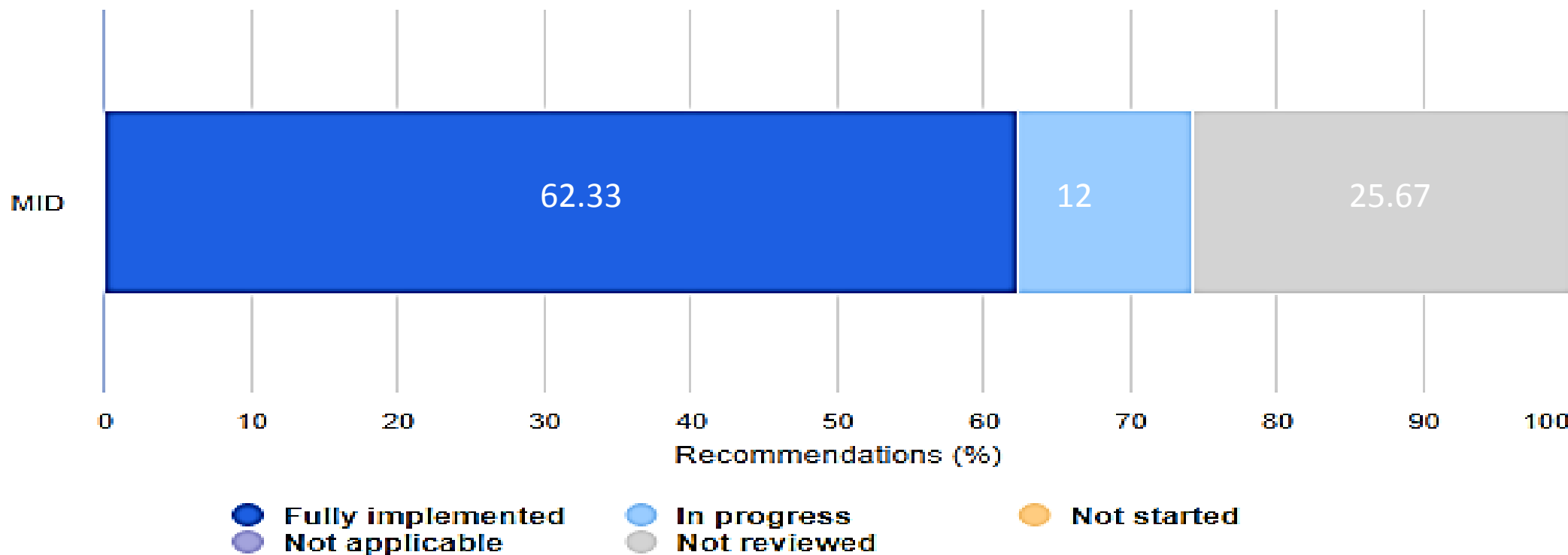
- provide appropriate, targeted and timely guidance, training and assistance States, mainly by means of implementation packages, for the effective implementation of measures outlined in the CART report
- help monitor progress in implementation by States



# Regional Status CART Phase I, II & III

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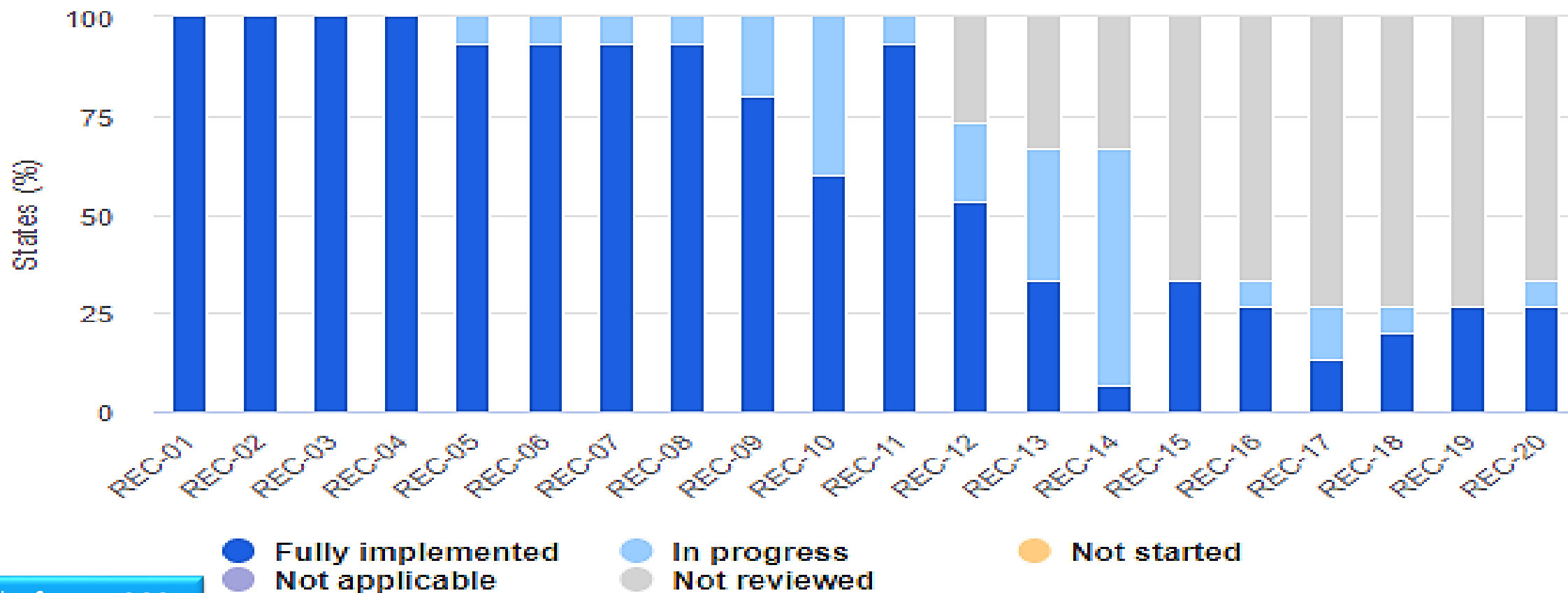
Overall Implementation Status



As of 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2021

# Regional Status CART Phase I, II & III

## Implementation Status by Recommendation

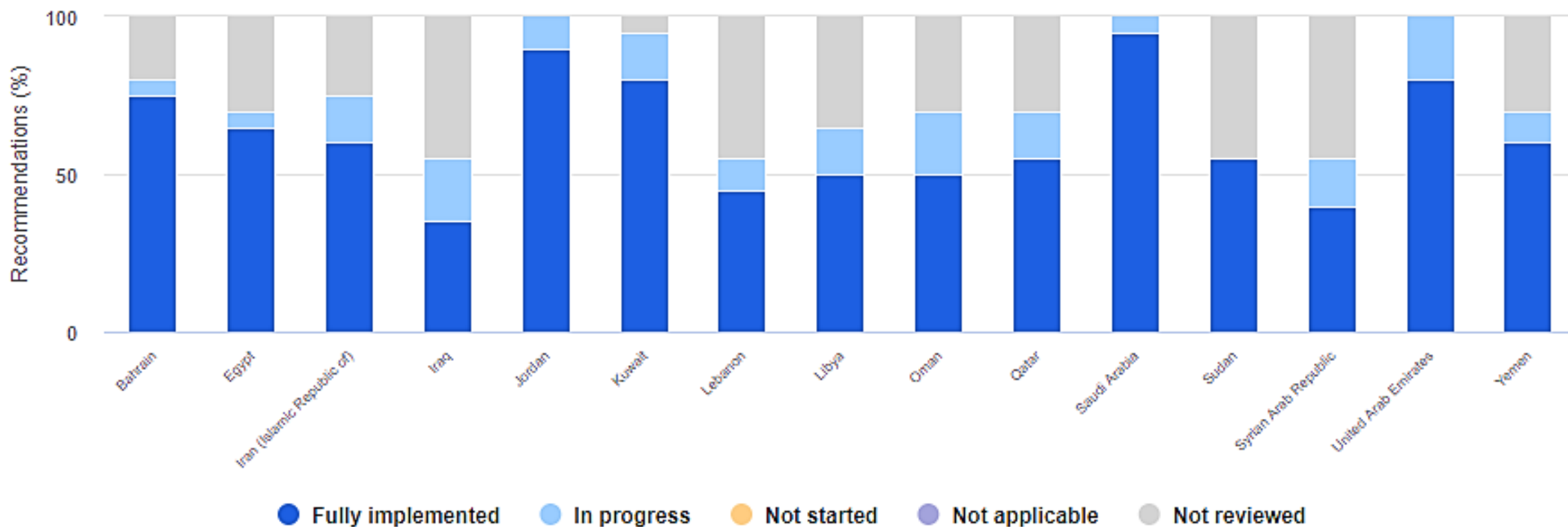


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# Regional Status CART Phase I, II & III

Implementation Status per State



As of 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2021

# The Disease Translocation Risk Level (DTRL)

DTRL is based on data drawn from the State Risk Levels App and guided by the information and recommendations provided in the Manual on Testing and Cross-Border Risk Management Measures (ICAO DOC 10152)

- Green (Level 0)** The origin State/area is below the cut-off values of 1 and 2 above
- Orange (Level 1)** The origin State/area is below the cut-off value of 1 or 2 above, but not both
- Red (Level 2)** The origin State/area exceeds the cut-off values of 1 and 2 above
- Dark Grey (INSTEST)** The State/area does not meet item 3
- Light Gray (NODATA)** There is insufficient data to calculate the selected conditions

The presented values already reflect that baseline, but can be changed based on agreement between States

Source WHO, based on Weekly data as of 03-05-2021

State	Region	Cases	Deaths	Tests	Cases/100k	Pos. Rate (%)	Tests/100k	Level
Bahrain	MID	7927	27	110656	465.86 ↑39.2	7.16 ↑0.95	6503.12 ↓-359.55	LEVEL2
Egypt	MID	7112	420		6.95 ↑0.9			
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	MID	138651	2910	850572	165.07 ↓-24.36	16.3 ↓-4.34	1012.67 ↑94.89	LEVEL2
Iraq	MID	43608	279	302754	108.42 ↓-26.2	14.4 ↓-3.65	752.7 ↑6.94	LEVEL2
Jordan	MID	10747	282	122700	105.33 ↓-53.26	8.76 ↓-2.74	1202.57 ↓-176.66	LEVEL2
Kuwait	MID	9637	62	61332	225.66 ↓-7.61	15.71 ↓-1	1436.16 ↑40.74	LEVEL2
Lebanon	MID	7269	182		106.5 ↓-47.87			
Libya	MID	2585	43		37.62 ↓-11.95			
Oman	MID	6991	66		136.9 ↓-35.13			
Qatar	MID	4747	44	36411	164.77 ↓-30.34	13.04 ↓-1.88	1263.81 ↓-43.7	LEVEL2
Saudi Arabia	MID	7132	79	431494	20.49 ↓-0.33	1.65 ↓-0.17	1239.43 ↑94.66	LEVEL0
Sudan	MID	271	49		0.62 ↓-0.87			
Syrian Arab Republic	MID	763	66		4.36 ↓-1.31			
United Arab Emirates	MID	13057	22	1356690	132.02 ↓-5.33	0.96 ↓-0.02	13717.24 ↓-287.41	LEVEL1
Yemen	MID	204	46		0.68 ↓-0.41			

# MID RPTF Background

The High-Level MID Regional virtual Meetings between ICAO, AACO, ACAO and IATA on COVID-19 Crisis Management agreed to establish the MID Region Recovery Plan Task Force (MID RPTF).

The establishment of the MID RPTF was further supported by the First DGCA-MID Virtual Meeting held on 3 April 2020

The MID-RPTF serves as a platform for coordination and cooperation amongst all stakeholders to support States for the recovery of the aviation industry in Middle East during COVID-19 pandemic period and at the same time prepare for the post COVID-19 recovery phase

The MID RPTF/21 virtual meeting proposed to include the States CRRIC FPs and States Representatives in the MID RPTF and agreed to amend the MID RPTF Terms of Reference (TORs), accordingly; for an improved efficiency

The MID RPTF/22 virtual meeting updated and finalized the Draft MID RPTF TORs, for endorsement by 4th DGCA-MID virtual meeting

**(Action by the meeting: WP/1 refers)**



# MID RPTF Framework



**Public Health Requirements**



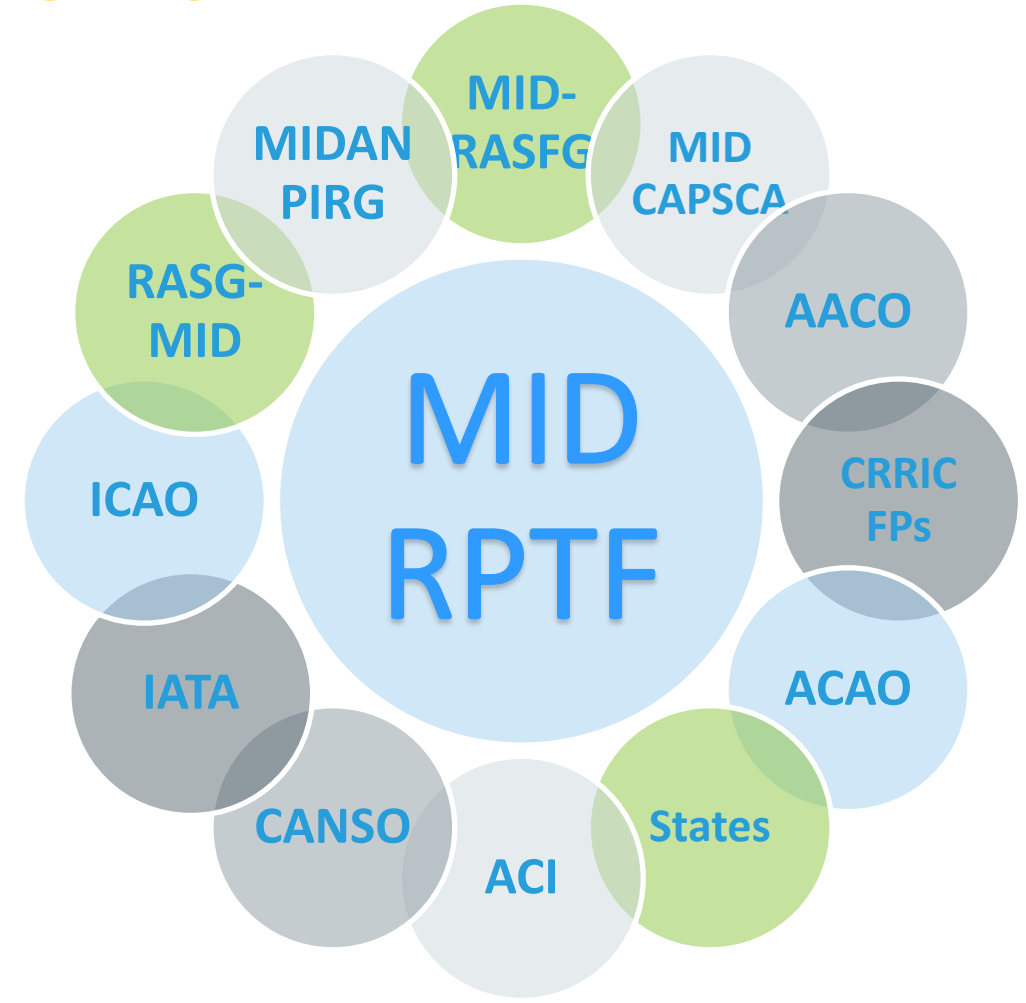
**Operational Safety Measures**



**Aviation Security & Facilitation**



**ANS/ATM**



# MID RPTF Main/Key Activities

Continuous sharing, communication and promotion of developed guidance material and best practices with MID States and stakeholders on operational safety measures, CAPSCA, AVSEC/FAL and ANS/ATM aspects

Continuous support to States on the use of TE system in line with Recommendation 12 (revised) by providing guidance and continuous coordination and communication

Continuous support to States on the implementation of the CAPSCA Programme

Encourage States to make use of industry guidance on vaccine transportation

Encourage States to report any deficiency/difficulty in the implementation of ICAO CART Recommendations 15 and 16

Encourage States to continue advocating and communicating the CART III Recommendations and guidance for States Administration in the decision-making process

Support State/ANSP readiness, ensuring a safe resumption of flight operations, by:

Supporting the development of business continuity surveys, to highlight issues like ATC licensing, availability of ANS staff (vaccination, skill levels...), calibration of NAVAIDs

Alleviating non-required ATFM measures during the low traffic period; exchanging expected traffic demand to enhance ATS units planning and readiness, support in implementing the ATFM when becomes required according to traffic growth

# Regional Activities

## MID Office Activities in support of CART Implementation

CRRIC Workshop  
18 Jan. 21

Webinar on Recommendation 10  
Economic and Financial Measures  
10 Mar. 21

Webinar on Economic Impact of  
COVID-19 on Aviation  
5-6 Apr. 21

Targeted Exemptions (TE) System  
Webinar  
19 Apr. 21

RPTF Meetings

One to one communications with States



# Webinar on Economic Impact of COVID-19 on Aviation (5-6 Apr. 21)

- **WP/2 refers**
- **Action by The meeting**
  - ✓ The meeting is invited to encourage States and stakeholders to implement the Recommendations emanating from the Webinar on Economic Impact of COVID-19 on Aviation



**Webinar on Economic Impact of COVID-19 on Aviation**

5-6 April 2021, 12:00 – 14:30 (UTC)





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# IATA Regional Update

Kamil Alawadhi  
IATA Regional Vice President  
Africa & Middle East



# Connectivity is Key

Passenger Demand is Present

## ✓ Opening Borders

- and creating Opportunities

## ✓ Rebuilding the Network

- Flexibility to Plan Where Demand is Strong

## ✓ Schedule Planning

- Confidence in the system
- Slot Flexibility

**57%** of passengers ready to travel in 2 months or less when Pandemic is contained

Passengers who want to travel to see family and friends

**72%**

**Airlines Are Ready**

Including seeking out New Markets

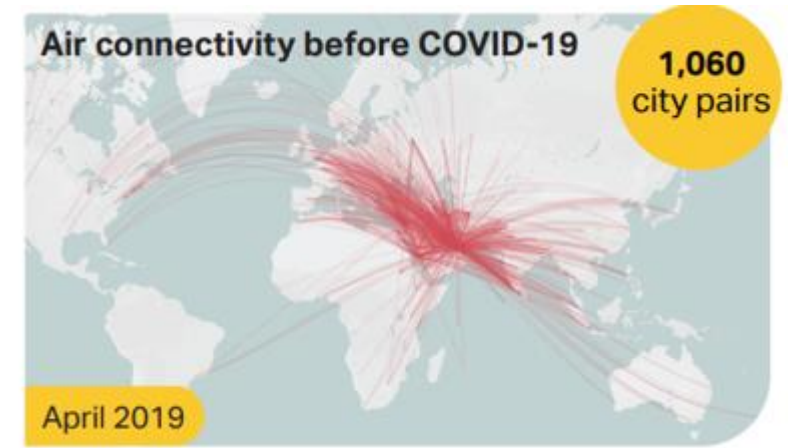
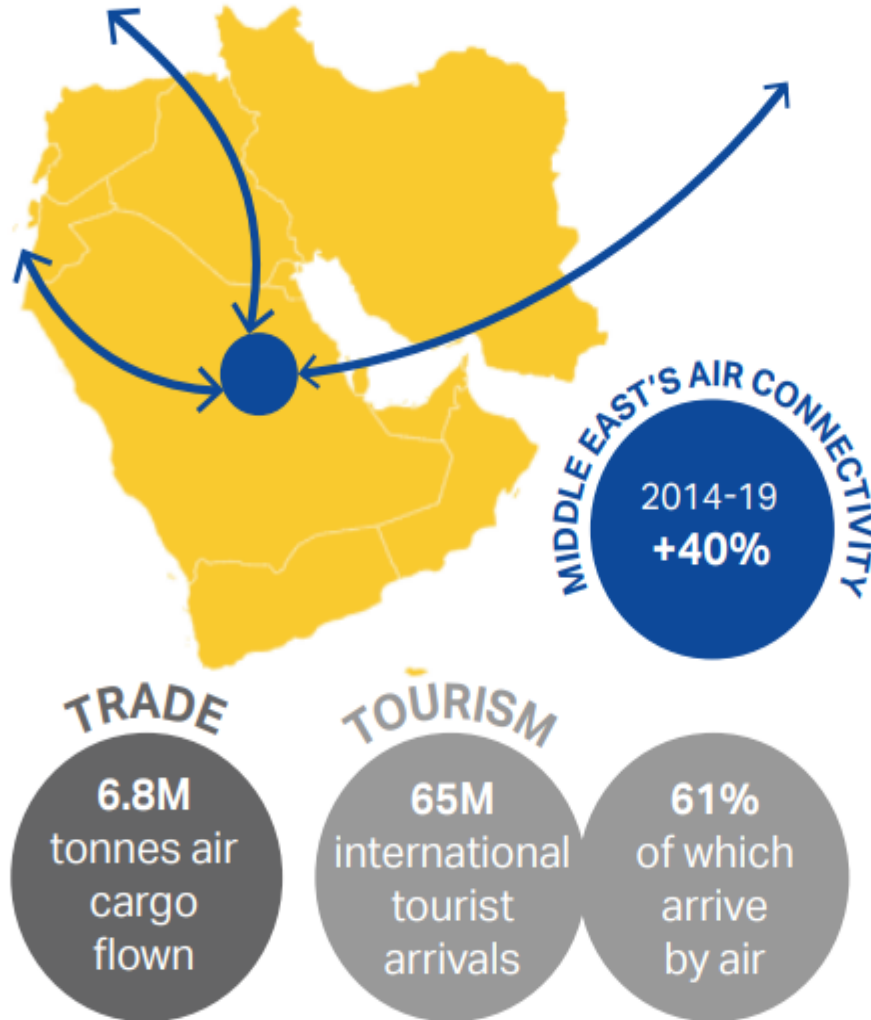




# MIDDLE EAST AIR CONNECTIVITY

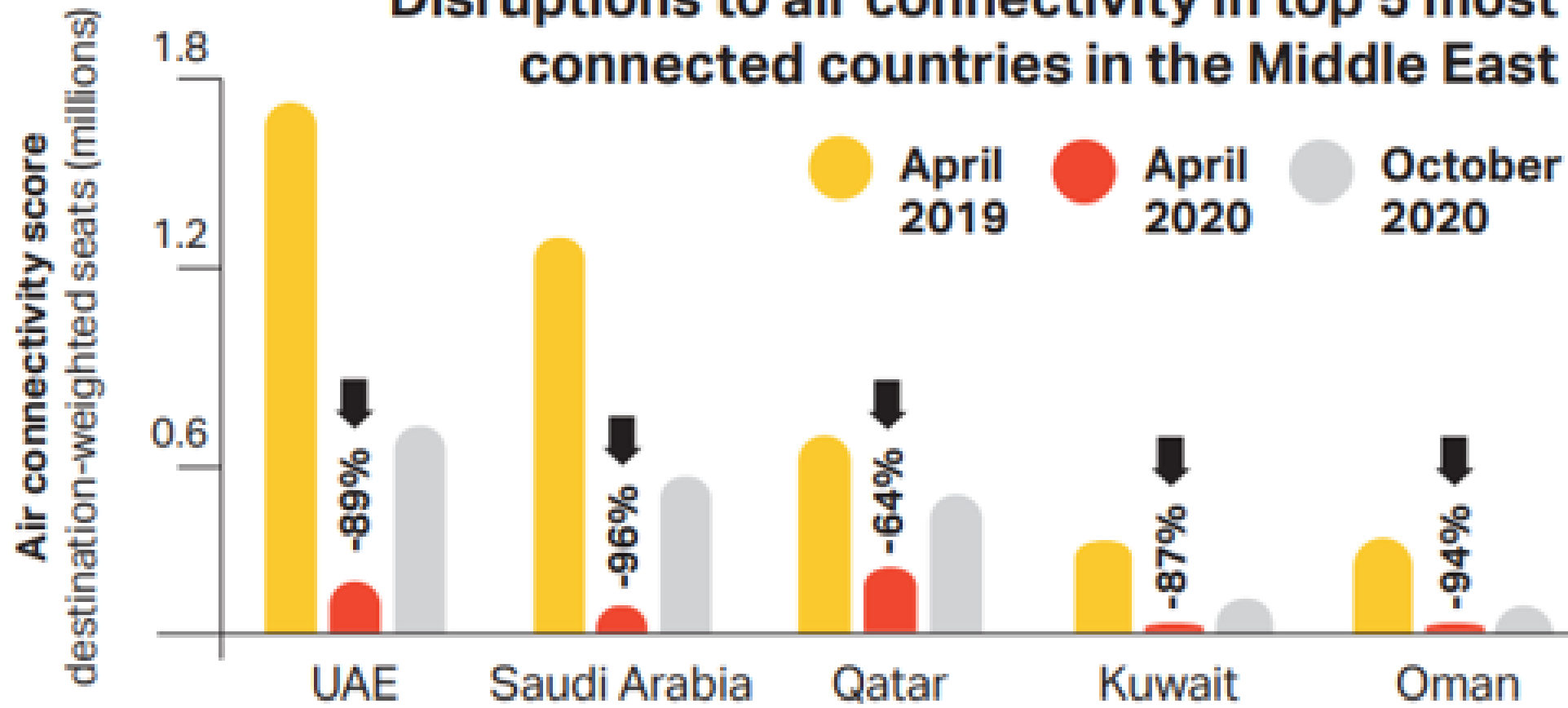
**IATA'S AIR CONNECTIVITY INDEX** measures how well connected a country's cities are to other cities around the world critical for trade, tourism and other economic flows.

See report titled "[Air Connectivity: Measuring the connections that drive economic growth](http://www.iata.org/economics)" ([www.iata.org/economics](http://www.iata.org/economics))



City pairs figures rounded to the second digit.

## Disruptions to air connectivity in top 5 most connected countries in the Middle East



# Quarantine

## Kills Demand

- Lack of Stability
- Inconsistent Measures
- Changing Requirements
- Inability to Effectively Plan Operations
- Cost to Passengers & Airlines

# Border Restrictions

## Limits Recovery



# Pre-Departure & Post Arrival Testing

- High Testing Costs - Stalling Recovery
- Increased Processing & Waiting Times
- Inconsistent Testing Requirements

## Crew

- Not Being Considered as ‘Essential Staff’
- Escalating Cost to Airline

# Vaccination

- Paper-based manual process risk progress in digital solutions and overwhelm airport processes
- No alignment on requirements for accepting vaccinated passenger
- Complex requirements in some countries

# Operations & Planning

It is essential to have Complete, Timely, Accurate, Consistent information without any ambiguities for **ALL** information data users

- Operational Personnel
- Ground Staff / Check-in
- The Travelling Public



# Operations & Planning

- Removal and/or Reduction in Constraints
- Assurance of Capacity and Capability to meet Demand
- System Resilience across the network
- Flexibility & Stability to support efficient and sustainable operations

Embrace Opportunities for a Re energized framework for the Future

# Dubai

November and December saw over

**4 Million**

**Passengers** with

traffic proliferation between UK and Dubai

**26 Million**

The Number of Passengers travelling through DXB in 2020

**4 Million**

The Number of PCR tests per month, paid for by the Government.

**Test Results**

Delivered on the same day



# Amman

- QAIA saw increase from 7.5K Passengers in Apr 2020 to 100K in Oct 2020 when borders opened, to reach around 152K in Apr 2021
- Aircraft movement increased from 384 in Apr 2020 to 1,476 in Oct 2020 when borders opened, to reach around 2,245 in Apr 2021
- 45 testing stations at QAIA

# The Ask

- Implement Testing & Vaccine as an acceptable Alternative to Quarantine
- Exempt Passengers from Testing upon arrival & Quarantine if Vaccinated
- States to adopt Digital Process for COVID Testing & Vaccination certification
- Crew to be treated as Essential Staff with Testing & Quarantine measures alleviated
- Support restart through efficient and sustainable operations
- Slot Relief for Winter 2021/22 Season







*Recover, Reconnect, Rebuild*





# Challenges



Need for Harmonization of Precautionary Measures to Facilitate Air Transport Restart



Fake COVID-19 PCR Test Certificates



Mutual Recognition of COVID-19 Test and Vaccine Certificates



Economic and Financial Support to the Civil Aviation Sector, to Meet Air Transport Operational Requirements and Support the Aviation System Recovery



# Challenges



Cooperation between States to Ensure the Availability and Distribution of Vaccines

Coordination between the Health and Aviation Authorities and Active Participation of CAAs in the Decision Making Process at the National Level

Unprecedented operational challenge for airports due to space constrained facilities (physical distancing) and potential multiple and diverse COVID-19 checks

## Q&A



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**Break  
(10 Min)**

