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MEETING BULLETIN





Sixth Meeting of the Aerodrome Safety, Planning, and Implementation Group (ASPIG/6) (Muscat, Oman, 27-29 May 2024)

Venue Information/Location & pertinent Contact Details

1. Schedule of Meeting

- 1.1 The sixth Meeting of the Aerodrome Safety, Planning, and Implementation Group will take place in **Muscat from 27 to 29 May 2024**.
- 1.2 During that period, the working hours related to the meeting will be from 09:00 AM to 02:00 PM.

2. General Information about Venue and Reservation

2.1 The meeting will be held at CAA, Headquarters, Aviation Hall (Link HERE)





2.2 Recommended Hotels with special corporate Rates coordinated with Oman CAA:

Public Relations Department Civil Aviation Authority

list of the hotels the Civil Aviation Authority deals with

The Hotels and Location	Levels	Room's prices	Link	Focal person	Contact number
City Center Hotel, Muscat -	2 stars	14 OMR	https://maps.ap p.goo.gl/GBsZM BhW9QxEo5wa8	Shabeeb AL Balushi	+968 98355583
Novotel Muscat Airport- Muscat	4 stars	25 OMR	https://maps.ap p.goo.gl/E1FocP q2RTqbvrjY7		+968 24511800
Wave View Hotel – Muscat	4 stars	25 OMR	https://maps.ap p.goo.gl/MRBx3 phYBeWdwNbN A		+968 72727981
Mysk Al Mouj Hotel In The Marina, Muscat	4 stars	37 OMR	https://maps.ap p.goo.gl/6YkYgP bFbaePJjWf8	Majid AL Balushi	93823445 968+ 24274401 968+ 24274400 968+
Holiday inn hotel Muscat	4 starts	31 OMR	https://maps.ap p.goo.gl/pYBNm DCMyVdNxDt87	Maria AL Balushi	91402596 968+
Al Sahwa Hotel – Muscat -	2 stars	18 OMR	https://maps.ap p.goo.gl/G4YKn2 SYUSHQYjpA9		+968 9365 6076 987879 24 968+
Wanasa Inn – Muscat	Apartment	20 OMR	https://maps.ap p.goo.gl/Zr4CGf 35asGypxft7		+968 24271000
Al Thabit Modern Hotel – Muscat	Apartment	13 OMR	https://maps.ap p.goo.gl/DWfVv a6vUNP5zRSt6		+968 24552424

Note:

When making your reservation, please specify that you are attending the *ICAO/Oman CAA Meeting* to be accorded special corporate rates.

The above rates are as of April 2024 and are subject to change by the hotel without notice.

3. Registration of activity:

3.1 Participants are requested to register at the Secretariat's Desk located at the meeting venue from 08:00 a.m. to 09:00 a.m. on 27th May (the opening day).

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4. Focal Point of Contact for the Meeting

- 4.1 The focal points of contact for the meeting are:
 - a) From ICAO: Middle East (MID) Office

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E-mail: <u>mwissa@icao.int</u>

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Mr. Mohamed Iheb Hamdi

b) From Oman CAA:

Office/ Aerodrome Safety Department

Mr. Khalid Abdullah Al-Yousufi

Act. Director Aerodrome Safety Department

Phone: +968 99477781 Email: khalid@caa.gov.om

- 4.2 The daily secretarial and administrative support of the meeting will be provided by the office of Mr Yousuf Mohammed Al-Aufi emails: y.alaufi@caa.gov.om / Mobile No: +968 92343477.
- 4.3 The Sultanate of Oman Civil Aviation Authority will be glad to assist the participants to the Meeting with any advice they may require.
- 4.4 In case of emergency in Sultanate of Oman please call Focal Point from the Oman CAA Mr Yousuf Mohammed Al-Aufi emails: y.alaufi@caa.gov.om / Mobile No: +968 92343477.
- 4.5 Complimentary lunch/coffee breaks per day will be provided to all participants during the Meeting on the courtesy of Oman CAA.

Passport, VISA and customs formalities

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 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. Participants that require assistance for their entry visa need to directly contact Oman Focal Point Mr. Yousuf Mohammed Al-Aufi email: y.alaufi@caa.gov.om / Mobile No: +968 92343477 by submitting the following items:
 - Copy of the Current Valid Passport
 - Copy of the Personnel ID Photo with white background

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- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 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.

6. Other Useful Information

Transportation

- 6.1 Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for transportation from the airport to the city and return.
- 6.2 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 1.500 OMR and charged 250 Baisa for every kilometer.
- 6.3 Car rental agencies are located at the arrival hall of the airport terminal building.

Insurance

Participants are advised to have insurance coverage for any unexpected contingency including **Money Exchange**

- 6.4 There are no restrictions on import of foreign currency.
- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 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.
- 6.7 transport hazards (taxi, buses, rented cars etc.) and Medical Coverage.

Shopping

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

Tap Water

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

Language

6.10 Arabic is the national mother tongue, is the national language in Oman. However, the locals can also speak in English.

Sim Card

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

Time Difference:

6.12 Oman is 4 hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC +4).

Weather-

6.13 The main daily maximum and minimum temperatures for the month of May are between 40°C by day and drop down to 28°C during the nights.

Please refer to OMAN Weather in May 2024 for further updates.

Electric Plug and Socket

 $6.14\,$ Oman operates power plug sockets of type G. The standard voltage is 240 V and the frequency is 50 Hz We suggest you bring a universal travel adapter plug to charge your laptop and mobile electronic devices.



Tourism Information

6.15 Further tourist information can be found at link: https://www.fm.gov.om

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