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Subject: Twenty-First Meeting of the Middle East Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (MIDANPIRG/21) and Eleventh Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group-Middle East (RASG-MID/11) (Abu Dhabi, UAE, 4 - 8 March 2024)

Action required: Registering no later than 19 February 2024

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to refer to our State Letter (save-the-date) Ref.: ME 3 & ME 4 - 23/247 dated 2 November 2023; I wish to inform you that the Twenty-First meeting of the Middle East Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (MIDANPIRG/21) and the Eleventh meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group-Middle East (RASG-MID/11) will be gratefully hosted by the General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) of United Arab Emirates, at the **W hotel, Yas Island, Abu Dhabi, UAE, from 4 to 8 March 2024.**

The Provisional Agenda of the meetings is at **Attachment A**. The Provisional Agenda addresses a broad range of flight safety and air navigation capacity and efficiency issues of interest to the Civil Aviation Authorities, the Aircraft Accident Authorities, the Air Navigation Service Providers, Airports and all airspace users and stakeholders. Your comments on the Provisional Agenda, including any amendment you may wish to suggest, would be welcomed.

For more effectiveness, it would be grateful if you could ensure that your delegation consists of experts from the Civil Aviation Authorities, Accident Investigation Authorities, and service providers. The attendance of the Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons of the Sub-groups and Teams and Focal Points of both MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID is vital. In addition, the attendance of representatives from your States' Military Authority to these meetings would be also very beneficial and is highly encouraged.

For your convenience, the updated list of the designated MIDANPIRG Members/Alternates and Advisers is at **Attachment B**, and the RASG-MID Members/Alternates and Advisers is at **Attachment C**. Shall you have an update related to these lists, please let us know. The list of Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of MIDANPIRG, RASG-MID and their subsidiary bodies are at **Attachments D** and **E**, respectively.

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Your Administration/Organization is encouraged to participate actively in the work of the meetings by submitting Working Papers (WPs), Presentations (PPTs) and Information Papers (IPs) providing updates on achievements/Success Stories and challenges, and any other subject contained in the Provisional Agenda. Accordingly, please contact us at icaomid@icao.int to obtain related templates. I would be grateful to receive your WPs, PPTs and/or IPs by **12 February 2024**, to allow time for processing and posting on the ICAO MID website.

The Bulletin, including detailed administrative information for the meetings, other useful information for participants, and the Hotel List is at **Attachment F**.

To enable timely preparation and proper conduct of the meeting, I would appreciate if you could, as soon as possible, preferably not later than **19 February 2024** confirm the participation and registration of your designated MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID Members, Alternates and/or Advisers, as appropriate, through the following link: <https://www.icao.int/Meetings/MIDANPIRG-RASG/Pages/default.aspx>. Furthermore, all additional information concerning the Meetings is also available on the same link.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Attachments

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TWENTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE MIDDLE EAST AIR NAVIGATION PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP (MIDANPIRG/21) AND ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP-MIDDLE EAST (RASG-MID/11)

(Abu Dhabi, UAE, 4 - 8 March 2024)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- Agenda Item 1:** Adoption of the Provisional Agenda (*Plenary*)
- Agenda Item 2:** Global and Regional Developments (*Plenary*)
- 2.1 Review of the ANC report on MIDANPIRG/20 and RASG-MID/10 Meetings
 - 2.2 ICAO Global and Regional Aviation Safety and Air Navigation developments
 - 2.3 Update from States and International Organizations
- Agenda Item 3:** Coordination between MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID (*Plenary*)
- 3.1 Follow-up on the PIRG/RASG MID Conclusions and Decisions
 - 3.2 Safety Subjects of interest to MIDANPIRG
 - 3.3 Air Navigation Subjects of interest to RASG-MID
 - 3.4 MID Region Aerodromes Priorities and Challenges
- Agenda Item 4:** RASG-MID Work Programme (*RASG-MID/11*)
- 4.1 Follow-up on the RASG-MID/10 Conclusions and Decisions
 - 4.2 Outcomes of the RASG-MID Groups (ASRG, SEIG, ASPIG and AIIG)
 - 4.3 SSP Workshop
 - 4.4 Future Work Programme
- Agenda Item 5:** MIDANPIRG Work Programme (*MIDANPIRG/21*)
- 5.1 Follow-up on MIDANPIRG/20 Conclusions and Decisions
 - 5.2 MID Region Air Navigation priorities and targets
 - 5.3 ANS (AIM, PBN, AGA-AOP, ATM-SAR, CNS and MET)
 - 5.4 Air Navigation Deficiencies
 - 5.5 States' bilateral coordination
 - 5.6 Future Work Programme
- Agenda Item 6:** RASG-MID/ MIDANPIRG Working Arrangements (*Plenary*)
- 6.1 Working Arrangements
 - 6.2 Dates and Venue of MIDANPIRG/22 & RASG-MID/12
- Agenda Item 7:** Any other business (*Plenary*)
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MIDANPIRG/21 & RASG-MID/11 Meetings
(Abu Dhabi, UAE, 4 – 8 March 2024)

BULLETIN

1. LOCATION

1.1 The Twenty-First Meeting of the Middle East Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (MIDANPIRG/21) and Eleventh Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group-Middle East (RASG-MID/11) will be graciously hosted by the UAE General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) at, W hotel Abu Dhabi Yas Island Abu Dhabi, UAE, from 04 to 08 March 2024.

2. SCHEDULE OF THE MEETINGS

- 2.1 The opening session of the Meeting will be held at 09:00 hours, on Monday 4 March 2024.
- 2.2 The daily schedule and the order of the day will be announced at the opening session.
- 2.3 The Meetings will be conducted in English.

3. REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

3.1 Participants are requested to register, at the Registration Desk located at the entrance of the Meeting Hall, between 0800 and 1000 hours on the opening day of the Meeting. Participants are also requested to wear the identification badge, which will be issued to them when inside the meeting room. Registration link will be provided by ICAO on the ICAO website; attendees who did not pre-register can register at the registration desk where attendees will receive the badges to enter the meeting hall.

4. HOTEL RESERVATIONS/RETURN AIRLINE BOOKINGS

4.1 To benefit from the corporate rates, a list of hotels with UAE GCAA corporate rate is for your convenience with telephone/fax numbers and addresses. The offer is valid for reservations confirmed two weeks' time prior to 04 March 2023 prior. A reservation inquiry email needs be sent with subject "Meeting with GCAA –MIDANPIRG21 & RASG11 - Corporate Rate Inquiry" to the respective hotels. Hotels in Dubai with corporate rates are available if requested, further additional options can be obtained through www.booking.com or other hotel reservation platforms.

5. TRANSPORTATION

5.1 Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for transportation from/to the airport and from/to the events venue. However, taxis are available from Airports to all destinations. The taxi fare from the airport starts at 40 AED.

5.2 Car rental agencies are located at the arrival hall of the airport terminal building.

6. INSURANCE

6.1 Participants are advised to have insurance coverage for any unexpected contingency including transport hazards (taxi, buses, rented cars etc.) and Medical Coverage.

COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS

6.2 No requirements.

7. SOME USEFUL TRAVEL INFORMATION

PASSPORT

7.1 All foreign nationals entering the United Arab Emirates must possess a passport or other valid documents for travel valid for a minimum of 6 months from the date of entry into the United Arab Emirates.

VISA

7.2 It is mandatory for participants requiring entry visa to the United Arab Emirates to apply/obtain official visas from the UAE's Embassy or Consulate in their Country prior to their departure to UAE or online on <https://www.moec.gov.ae/en/entry-requirements>.

7.3 Participants that require assistance for their entry visa may contact the following Focal Points

- Mr. McEnroe Valentine Coelho
Mobile: +971 50 720 9609
E-mail: mcoelho@szc.gcaa.ae

CUSTOMS

7.5 Each traveler is permitted to bring items allowed as per the customs requirement in the following link: <https://u.ae/en/information-and-services/finance-and-investment/clearing-the-customs-and-paying-customs-duty>

8. CURRENCY, CREDIT CARDS AND BANKING SERVICES

8.1 The unit of currency in UAE is Dirhams (AED) with notes of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1000 and coins of Fils 10, 25, 50 and 1 Dirham. The current rates of exchange for the major currencies are as follows:

- USD 1= 3.673 AED
- More rates are available from www.xe.com

8.2 Foreign currency exchanges and ATMs are readily accessible at the airport and major shopping destinations.

8.3 International Credit Cards, such as Visa, Master Card, etc. are usually accepted at most hotels, department stores and restaurants.

8.4 Commercial banks, currency exchanges and major foreign currencies and branch networks stay open from 08:00 am to 04:00 pm for customers, six days a week, from Monday to Saturday, with Sunday being the day of closure, with a few exceptions. On Fridays, the aforementioned financial institutions stay open from 08:00 am and close at 12:00 pm to observe the Friday prayer.

9. OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

DRINKING WATER

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

TELEPHONE

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

10. WEATHER CONDITIONS

10.1 The main daily maximum and minimum temperatures for the month of March are between 30°C by day and drop down to 25°C during the nights. Please refer to <https://www.accuweather.com/en/ae/abudhabi/321626/march-weather/321626> for further updates.

11. OTHER ASSISTANCE

11.1 The General Civil Authority of UAE will be glad to assist the participants to the Meeting with any advice they may require.

11.2 In case of emergency in UAE, please call Focal Point from the UAE GCAA:

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**LIST OF NEARBY HOTELS
(UAE)**

HOTEL	ADDRESS	E-MAIL	TEL. NO. - RESERVATIONS
Cluster Hotel			
Raddison Blu Yas Island	Yas Island - Yas Plaza - Abu Dhabi	Reservations.radisson@yasplazahotels.com	+971 2 656 3000
Crowne Plaza Yas Island	Yas Island - Yas Plaza - Abu Dhabi	Reservations.cp@yasplazahotels.com	+971 2 656 3000
Park Inn by Radisson	Yas Island - Yas Plaza - Abu Dhabi	Reservations.radisson@yasplazahotels.com	+971 2 656 3000
Centro by Rotana	Yas Island – Yas Plaza – Abu Dhabi	Res.yasisland@rotana.com	+971 2 656 3000
Yas Island Rotana	Yas Island - Yas Plaza - Abu Dhabi	Res.yasisland@rotana.com	+971 2 656 3000
Individual Hotels			
W Hotel <i>* Venue of the Meetings</i>	Yas Island - Abu Dhabi	Cec.auhwh@marriott.com	+971 2 656 0000
Hilton Abu Dhabi Yas Island	Yas Bay - Yas Island - Abu Dhabi	Reservations_yasisland@hilton.com	+971 2 208 6888 +971 2 208 6830

CORPORATE RATES WILL BE PROVIDED LATER VIA EMAIL.

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