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General & Regional Director News

Mr. Mohamed Abubaker Farea attended a workshop on Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Radio Frequency Interference (RFI), held in Doha, Qatar, from 18 to 20 November 2025, along with the President of the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority, H.E. Mr. Mohamed Faleh Alhajri and the ICAO Regional Director for the EUR and NAT Regions, Mr. Nicolas Rallo.

EUR/NAT and MID Regions Advance Joint Action on GNSS Interference

ICAO European and North Atlantic (EUR/NAT) and Middle East (MID) Regional Offices jointly organized a workshop on **Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Radio Frequency Interference (RFI)**, held in **Doha, Qatar, from 18 to 20 November 2025**. The event was kindly hosted by the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority (QCAA) at the Qatar Air Traffic Control Centre (QATCC).

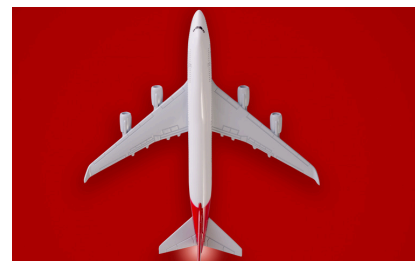
The workshop brought together 118 participants from States across the **ICAO European (EUR), North Atlantic (NAT) and Middle East (MID) Regions**, as well as representatives from international and regional organizations including **CANSO, EASA, EUROCONTROL, IATA, IFATCA, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)**, and a wide range of industry stakeholders. Building on the outcomes of the 42nd Session of the ICAO Assembly and previous regional work, the event aimed to facilitate dialogue on the operational impact of GNSS interference, share experiences, and explore measures to enhance reporting, mitigation strategies, and network resilience.

The Workshop was opened by the **President of the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority, H.E. Mr. Mohamed Faleh Alhajri, together with the ICAO Regional Director for the MID Region, Mr. Mohamed Abubaker Farea, and the ICAO Regional Director for the EUR and NAT Regions, Mr. Nicolas Rallo**, who emphasized the growing challenges of GNSS RFI and the need for strong regional and interregional coordination. Participants received updates from ITU, ICAO, EASA, EUROCONTROL, and industry on the operational impacts of interference and ongoing mitigation measures. Airbus, Boeing, and other partners presented plans to enhance navigation system resilience, while States and EUROCONTROL shared progress on Minimum Operational Network (MON) and Resilient Operational Network (RON) development.

The MID Office outlined its regional pathway, including the creation of a **MID NAV-MON Action Group** to support future NAV RON harmonization. The event concluded with panel discussions highlighting priorities such as improved interference reporting, development of MON/RON architectures, and strengthened PNT and CNS resilience, demonstrating strong collective commitment across regions.

KUWAIT COMMENDS ICAO MID SAFETY TEAM FOR STRENGTHENING SAFETY OVERSIGHT

The ICAO MID Regional Office received a letter of appreciation from the **State of Kuwait** recognizing the outstanding efforts of the **MID Safety Team**, including RO/FLS, RO/SAF-IMP, RO/AIM, and RO/AGA, in enhancing Kuwait's safety oversight system, as reflected in the preliminary results of the ICAO USOAP audit.



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IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

- RO/FLS supported the ongoing implementation of the ICAO-Iraq Project (IRQ 23801), with a particular focus on capacity-building activities aimed at enhancing the safety oversight capabilities of the ICAA. To date, 338 officials have been trained under the project.
- RO/FLS initiated coordination for the Civil Aviation Master Planning Training planned for 2026.
- RO-SAF/IMP conducted State Safety Risk Management (SSRM) for GCAA-UAE during the period 15-19 Dec 2025 to strengthen understanding of the State SRM framework and enhance SSP personnel practical skills in applying risk management process and methodologies at the State level. The workshop provides the structured data-driven framework through which the State proactively identifies, assesses, and mitigates safety risks across all aviation domains and ultimately to support in establishing State's safety risk register and risk picture.
- RO-SAF/IMP conducted technical assistance mission on 2 Dec 2025 to support Egypt Aircraft Accident Investigation Directorate for the upcoming USOAP-CMA Audit planned to be conducted in May 2026.
- RO-SAF/IMP conducted a meeting with MENA ARCM Safety Recommendations Platform Working Group (SRPWG) Chairperson with the objective to support the implementation of the MENA ARCM Safety Recommendations Platform Roadmap, 1 Dec 2025.

CASP-MID ACTIVITIES

In December, CASP-MID, under the guidance of ICAO MID, led multiple regional initiatives to strengthen aviation security across the Middle East:

- **CASP-MID 12th Steering Committee Meeting – Riyadh (1-2 December 2025):**
 - CASP-MID convened its 12th Steering Committee Meeting in Riyadh, hosted by Saudi Arabia (GACA), bringing together senior aviation security officials and ICAO representatives. The meeting reviewed progress under the 2025 work programme, assessed emerging security threats and capacity-building needs, and endorsed strategic priorities to enhance regional cooperation and support States' compliance with ICAO SARPs.
- **CASP-MID Landside Security Workshop (8-10 December 2025):**
 - CASP-MID conducted a Landside Security Workshop from 8 to 10 December 2025, gathering aviation security professionals from across the region. The workshop focused on ICAO guidance, risk-based landside security, stakeholder coordination, and protection of airport public areas, promoting a holistic and proactive approach to aviation security.



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SAFETY

- RO/FLS coordinated with OAS on the issuance of the ICAO USOAP State Letter dated 8 December 2025, confirming the conduct of the Iran ICVM from 11 to 18 May 2026.
- RO/FLS initiated coordination for the Regional ICAO Government Safety Inspector - Airworthiness (GSI-AIR) training course planned for 2026.
- RO-SAF/IMP participated in the Sixteenth ICAO Global Aviation Safety Plan Study Group Meeting (GASP-SG/16), hosted by GCAA-UAE in Dubai from 9 to 12 December 2025, contributing to the development of the 2029-2031 GASP Edition and delivering a presentation on the MID-RASP 2026-2028 as a case study on how GASP drives regional safety plans.
- RO-SAF/IMP held a meeting with Qatar Civil Aviation Authority on 2 December 2025 to discuss support for selected Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) under the MID-RASP 2026-2028 Edition.
- RO-SAF/IMP met with an Airbus representative on 3 December 2025 to discuss potential Airbus support for Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) under the MID-RASP 2026-2028 Edition.

AERODROMES AND GROUND AIDS - OPERATIONS

RO-AGA supported the GANP-NANP Workshop held in Muscat, Oman, for the benefit of the Oman CAA and relevant service providers.

COMMUNICATION, NAVIGATION AND SURVEILLANCE

In its capacity as the MID CNS Focal Point, RO-AGA organized, in coordination with HQ, an online workshop on "VHF COM Frequency Database Quality Control." The objective of this workshop was to provide high-level guidance to States on ensuring accurate, consistent, and complete VHF COM frequency data to support terrestrial and space-based VHF services and the future Frequency Finder database.



SECURITY AND FACILITATION

- The RO-AVSEC participated in the Twelfth Meeting of the CASP-MID Executive Steering Committee (ESC/12), held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on 1-2 December 2025.
- The Advanced AVSEC Operations and Innovation Webinar was successfully conducted jointly with the CASP-MID Programme and held virtually on 15 December 2025.
- A coordination MS Teams meeting was held on 15 December 2025 with the State of Qatar to discuss arrangements for the Fifth Meeting of the Middle East Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (MID-RASFG/5), scheduled to take place in Doha, Qatar, from 3 to 5 February 2026.
- A coordination MS Teams meeting was also held on 15 December 2025 with WACAF AVSEC/FAL Officers to discuss planning and arrangements for the upcoming Security Audit Findings Seminar, to be hosted at the ICAO MID Office in May 2026 (dates to be confirmed).

AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES

- Following the 24th Khartoum FIR CCT meeting (25 November 2025) and completion of the safety assessment, the required documents—including Contingency Plan Amendment 6, Letters of Procedures between concerned ACCs, and NOTAMs—were developed and issued in a timely manner. The updated contingency plan was successfully implemented on 9 December 2025, enabling traffic operations in the northeast of Khartoum FIR through agreed contingency routes.
- The IFPD Provision and Oversight Workshop and the Tenth Meeting of the ICAO MID PBN Subgroup (PBN SG/10) were successfully held in Amman, Jordan, from 7 to 11 December 2025, with over 70 participants from MID States, international organizations, and industry. The activities focused on strengthening regulatory frameworks and oversight for Instrument Flight Procedures (IFP), sharing best practices, and supporting service providers in aligning with ICAO SARPs, PANS, and State regulations.
- GANP/NANP Workshop/Assistance Mission (Muscat, Oman, 15-18 December 2025) was successfully conducted (SIP-2024-MID-1915) with the support of DRD, RO/AGA, ROs/ATM from the MID Office and TO/Air Navigation Systems (GANP) FP from ICAO HQ. The Workshop provided an opportunity to review the GANP 8th Edition and promote the use of the GANP portal and AN-SPA tool. It clarified the Performance Based Management Process and promoted its implementation. The new ANP Volume III Template was presented to the Workshop, and guidance was provided to support Oman in the development of their National Air Navigation Plan.
- On 22 December 2025, the Regional Officer - Information Management (RO-IM) actively participated in the monthly IM/AIM coordination call, contributing regional updates, highlighting priorities, and exploring opportunities for enhanced interregional collaboration.
- The Workshop on Enhancing Meteorological (MET) Capabilities was successfully conducted in Cairo, Egypt, on 15 December 2025, back-to-back with the Thirteenth Meeting of the MIDANPIRG MET Sub-Group (MET SG/13) held from 16 to 17 December 2025. The events strengthened regional MET capabilities, promoted alignment with ICAO SARPs, and supported States in addressing emerging operational and technological challenges through enhanced cooperation and knowledge exchange.



ENVIRONMENT

- A webinar was successfully conducted on 2 December 2025 by the ICAO EUR/NAT and MID Offices supported by HQ to provide States with updates on the development of the Long-Term Global Aspirational Goal (LTAG) Monitoring and Reporting (LMR) methodology. The session recalled that the 41st ICAO Assembly adopted Resolution A41-21 (2022), establishing the LTAG of achieving net-zero carbon emissions from international aviation by 2050, in support of the Paris Agreement temperature goal. In line with paragraph 9 of Resolution A41-21, which requested the ICAO Council to consider developing methodologies for the regular monitoring of progress across all elements of the basket of measures, the webinar briefed participants on ongoing ICAO technical work, the current status of the LMR methodology, and the next steps to support LTAG implementation.
- A coordination call was held on 15 December 2025 between ICAO, EASA and Egypt to align on the approach for forthcoming SAF feasibility and business implementation studies, clarify the scope of work, and avoid duplication of ongoing initiatives.
- An ACT-SAF in-person final presentation workshop was successfully conducted in Amman, on 16 December 2025 during which the Jordan SAF Feasibility Study was formally delivered to the Jordan's Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC). The workshop was held in the presence of the national focal point, the consultant and relevant national stakeholders, marking an important milestone in Jordan's efforts to advance Sustainable Aviation Fuel development.

