



General & Regional Director News

The ICAO MID Regional Director, Mr. Mohamed Abubaker Farea, attended the Dubai Airshow alongside the MID Team, engaging with States and industry partners on regional aviation priorities.

His participation followed key MID activities, including the GNSS Interference Workshop and the ATM/CNS Sub-Group meetings, which continue to guide collaborative efforts to enhance air navigation safety and efficiency in the Region.

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.

DUBAI AIRSHOW 17-21 NOVEMBER 2025

The ICAO team successfully participated in the **Dubai Airshow**, engaging in productive communication and networking with a wide range of aviation entities, industry leaders, and global companies. Throughout the event, we explored collaborative opportunities, exchanged insights on emerging aviation trends, and strengthened relationships with key stakeholders. These interactions not only enhanced ICAO's visibility but also opened doors for potential partnerships and future initiatives. The event proved valuable for generating new leads and identifying areas for strategic cooperation. We look forward to building on this momentum by attending upcoming industry events and continuing to represent ICAO's mission within the international aviation community.



MID OFFICE MONTHLY UPDATES



HIGHLIGHTS OF MID RO ACTIVITIES AND STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION

- Preparation of the first version of the **MID Office 2026 Tentative Work Programme**.
 - **RO/FLS** represented the MID Office at the ICAO Senior Management Board (SMB) meeting.
 - **RO/FLS also represented the MID Office at the International Day of Air Traffic Safety Electronics Personnel (ATSEP)**, hosted by Egypt on 12 November 2025.
 - **DRD** continued coordination with **HQ (LEB)** for the conduct of the **International Air Law Course** to be held in the ICAO MID Office from 30 November to 4 December 2025.
 - **RO/FLS** coordinated with the **Global Aviation Training (GAT)** Office on the implementation of capacity-building activities in the MID Region, in addition to the planning of training sessions to be hosted by Iran.
 - **RO/FLS** coordinated the technical assistance mission to be conducted by the MID RO Safety Team to Bahrain in January 2026, aimed at supporting the **BCAA** in enhancing its safety oversight capabilities.
 - **RO-SAF/IMP** conducted technical assistance mission to support **National Transport Safety Centre (NTSC)** of Saudi Arabia in Riyadh during the period 4-5 November 2025.
- On Friday, 28 November 2025, the Regional Officer – Information Management (RO-IM), in his capacity as Manager of the MID Flight Procedure Programme (MID FPP), provided support to the **Fourth Meeting of the FPP Working Group**. Representatives from **AFIFPP, APACFPP, ICAO** Headquarters, and partner organizations, including **DGAC France**, attended the meeting to review progress on ongoing activities, share technical expertise, and address key challenges related to flight procedure design and implementation in the Regions. Particular focus was given to the IFP validation manual for **PANS-OPS** inspectors, ensuring harmonized oversight procedures.

CASP-MID ACTIVITIES

In November, CASP-MID, under the guidance of ICAO MID, led multiple regional initiatives to strengthen aviation security, cyber resilience, and certification frameworks across the Middle East:

- In **Syria**: Delivered a **Behavior Detection Course** and an **Insider Risk Workshop** to enhance frontline personnel capabilities and internal resilience. High-level meetings with **H.E. Mr. Omar Alhosari**, the President of the Syrian Civil Aviation Authority and the Bahraini Ambassador reinforced regional collaboration and aligned national priorities with CASP-MID's 2026 work plan.
- **Jordan**: Conducted the **Airport Security Exercise Design Workshop at CARC**, providing participants hands-on exposure to a live full-scale airport security exercise and emphasizing inter-agency coordination and contingency planning.
- **Egypt**: Organized a **Cyber Security Workshop** addressing digital threats to civil aviation and hosted the **18th Experts Working Group Meeting (EWG/18)** to review 2025 progress and define 2026 priorities.
- **Regional & Online Support**: Delivered a five-day **Certification System Workshop** for Bahrain, Libya, Syria, and Yemen, guiding States in establishing or modernizing national aviation security certification systems.



SAFETY

- RO-SAF/IMP conducted the **MENA ARCM/8 and AIIG/4** meetings in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (2–3 November 2025), where a key outcome was the establishment of the **MENA ARCM Safety Recommendations Platform (MENA ARCM SRP)**.
- RO/FLS supported the newly appointed **National Continuous Monitoring Coordinators (NCMCs) of Jordan and Qatar**, providing guidance to help strengthen their Effective Implementation (EI) levels, and coordinated with Oman, Egypt, Jordan, Qatar, and the UAE on developing regional **USOAP CMA** guidance under the RASG-MID framework.
- RO-SAF/IMP carried out **GAT TPP** reassessments for the Saudi Academy of Civil Aviation (SACA) from 18–20 November and the Prince Sultan Aviation Academy (PSAA) from 23–25 November in Jeddah. Additionally, the RO-SAF/IMP participated in the **RAIO-CP** virtual meeting on 19 November 2025.

AERODROMES AND GROUND AIDS - OPERATIONS

The RO-AGA supported the **ICAO USOAP Audit** to Malta from 29 October to 30 November 2025 in AGA Area.

COMMUNICATION, NAVIGATION AND SURVEILLANCE

As the MID CNS Focal Point, the RO-AGA successfully led the **Interregional (EUR/NAT-MID) Workshop** on GNSS RFI in Doha, Qatar (18–20 November 2025).

The workshop brought together regional experts to strengthen States' capacity to detect and mitigate GNSS interference, enhance cross-regional cooperation, and promote GNSS resilience.



SECURITY AND FACILITATION

- A teleconference was held with the hosting **State and the Training Center Manager** to coordinate preparations for the upcoming Behaviour Detection Course (8-12 February 2026, Muscat).
- The RO/AVSEC attended the **Aviation Security Workshop** organized by the Sudanese Civil Aviation Authority, held virtually from 17-18 November 2025.
- The ICAO-sponsored **AVSEC Managers Course** was successfully conducted at ASTC Dubai from 18-26 November 2025.
- The **CASP-MID Expert Working Group (EWG/18) Meeting** was successfully held at the ICAO MID Office in Cairo from 23 to 24 November 2025.
- An MS Teams meeting of the **MID SEC/FAL Roadmap Task Force** is scheduled for 30 November 2025 to discuss the finalization of the revised MID SEC/FAL Roadmap.



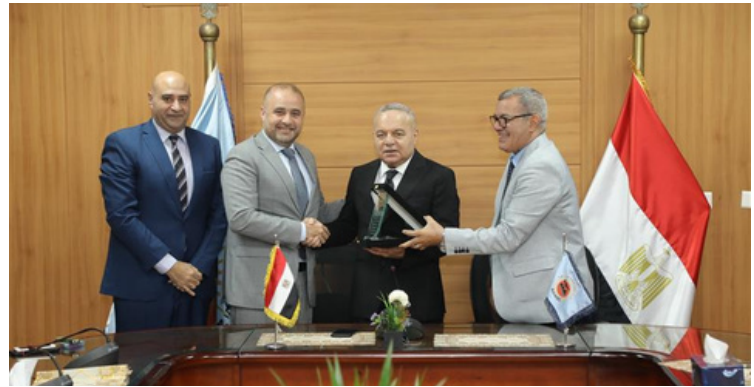
AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES

- On 4 November 2025, the RO-IM held coordination calls with **IATA and Jeppesen ForeFlight** to finalize preparations for the AIM-ing for Excellence Workshop and delivered ICARD training to Kuwait's newly appointed focal point.
- The **ICAO/IATA/Jeppesen ForeFlight** AIM-ing for Excellence Workshop took place at the ICAO MID Office in Cairo from 10-12 November 2025, bringing together over 60 participants from 20 States and industry partners. Discussions emphasized the need for stronger AIM oversight, consistent implementation of ICAO SARPs, and improved collaboration across the aeronautical information data chain.
- On 17 November, the RO-IM joined the monthly IM/AIM coordination call, contributing regional updates and aligning ongoing initiatives. On 18 November, the RO-IM held two coordination meetings—one with **Dubai ANS and Dubai CAA** on preparations for the **IFP Provision & Safety Oversight Workshop** and **PBN SG/10 Meeting**, and another with **AIMSG and AIMDP TF Chairs** to plan 2026 AIM activities.
- On 19 November, a technical coordination meeting in Nairobi brought together officials from Sudan, South Sudan, Ethiopia, and the Central African Republic to finalize draft PfAs on the establishment of the **Juba FIR/SRR** and the amendment of the **Khartoum FIR/SRR**, with States agreeing to issue their PfAs before 31 December 2025.
- The MID ATM ROs also coordinated with **IATA and APAC/ESAF ATM** teams to assess the impact of the 24 November eruption of the Erta Ale volcano on regional air traffic.
- On 25 November, the Khartoum CCT/24 meeting reviewed Sudan's contingency measures and considered new routing requests from air operators within the Khartoum FIR.



AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES

- **DRD** participated as **TM ANS in the USOAP** audit mission of France (18 November – 2 December 2025).
- **DRD** continued preparation for the **GANP/NANP Workshop (SIP)** to be held in Muscat, 15-18 December 2025, in coordination with **Oman CAA Focal Point, the ANS Regional Officers and ICAO HQ Focal Point.**
- The MID Office received a recognition and appreciation from the **National Air Navigation Services Company (ANSP in Egypt)** for the support of the efforts made during the contingency situations. **NANSC** response and support provided to the CCT was essential for the success of the handling of traffic shifted through Cairo FIR.



ENVIRONMENT

- **13 November 2025:** The RO-IM provided initial training and technical support to the newly appointed Libya ENV focal point on CORSIA, including guidance on ICAO tools, reporting procedures, and MRV requirements, supported by practical demonstrations.
- Followed up with MID States regarding recent **COP30** discussions, highlighting concerns over emerging proposals for aviation taxes and levies not aligned with A42 decisions. Updated ICAO material was shared, and States were encouraged to maintain consistent messaging and avoid adopting unaligned measures.
- Shared with MID States the 2024 **CORSIA Annual Sector Growth Factor (SGF)** for use in calculating annual CO₂ offsetting requirements, as per Annex 16, Volume IV.
- Reminded MID States of their 30 November 2025 **CORSIA obligations**, including the submission of the 2025 list of attributed aeroplane operators and, where applicable, accredited verification bodies.
- **27 November 2025:** The RO-IM, serving as ENV Regional Coordinator, participated in the Monthly RO Coordination Call and presented updates on CORSIA implementation, SAF development activities, and progress on States' Action Plans, outlining achievements, challenges, and next steps for the MID Region.

