

MID REPORT

GENERAL INFORMATION

ICAO MID Strengthens International Cooperation to Support Civil Aviation Recovery in Sudan

As part of the ICAO MID Regional Office's continued efforts to support the recovery and development of civil aviation in Sudan, engagement was undertaken with H.E. Takanobu Nakahara, Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of Japan to Sudan, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to explore potential areas of cooperation in support of the Sudan Civil Aviation Authority (SCAA). Following an invitation extended by the ICAO MID Office, a meeting was held on 14 June 2026 to exchange views on the current status of Sudan's civil aviation sector, including ongoing recovery efforts and the gradual restoration of aviation services. The discussions also explored opportunities for future collaboration and technical assistance to strengthen the institutional capacity of the SCAA and support the sustainable recovery of the aviation sector. The engagement reflects ICAO's commitment to fostering partnerships with international stakeholders and development partners to enhance the resilience and long-term development of civil aviation in the MID Region.





MIDANPIRG/23 & RASG-MID/13

The Twenty-Third Meeting of MIDANPIRG (MIDANPIRG/23) and the Thirteenth Meeting of RASG-MID (RASG-MID/13) brought together 165 delegates from 12 MID States, one State from outside the Region, and nine international organizations and industry partners. The meetings reviewed the implementation of regional air navigation and aviation safety initiatives, endorsed key planning and performance documents, and agreed on actions to further strengthen safety, efficiency, and the implementation of ICAO global and regional priorities across the MID Region.

The meetings reviewed regional progress in the implementation of ICAO air navigation and aviation safety priorities, endorsed updates to the MID Air Navigation Plan (ANP) and the Middle East Air Navigation Report 2025 (MID ANR-2025), and discussed key regional initiatives aimed at enhancing safety, operational efficiency, and air navigation performance. Participants also reviewed the Region's priorities and agreed on actions to further support the implementation of ICAO global plans and regional objectives.



DGCA-MID/8 meeting (Doha, 26-28 October 2026)

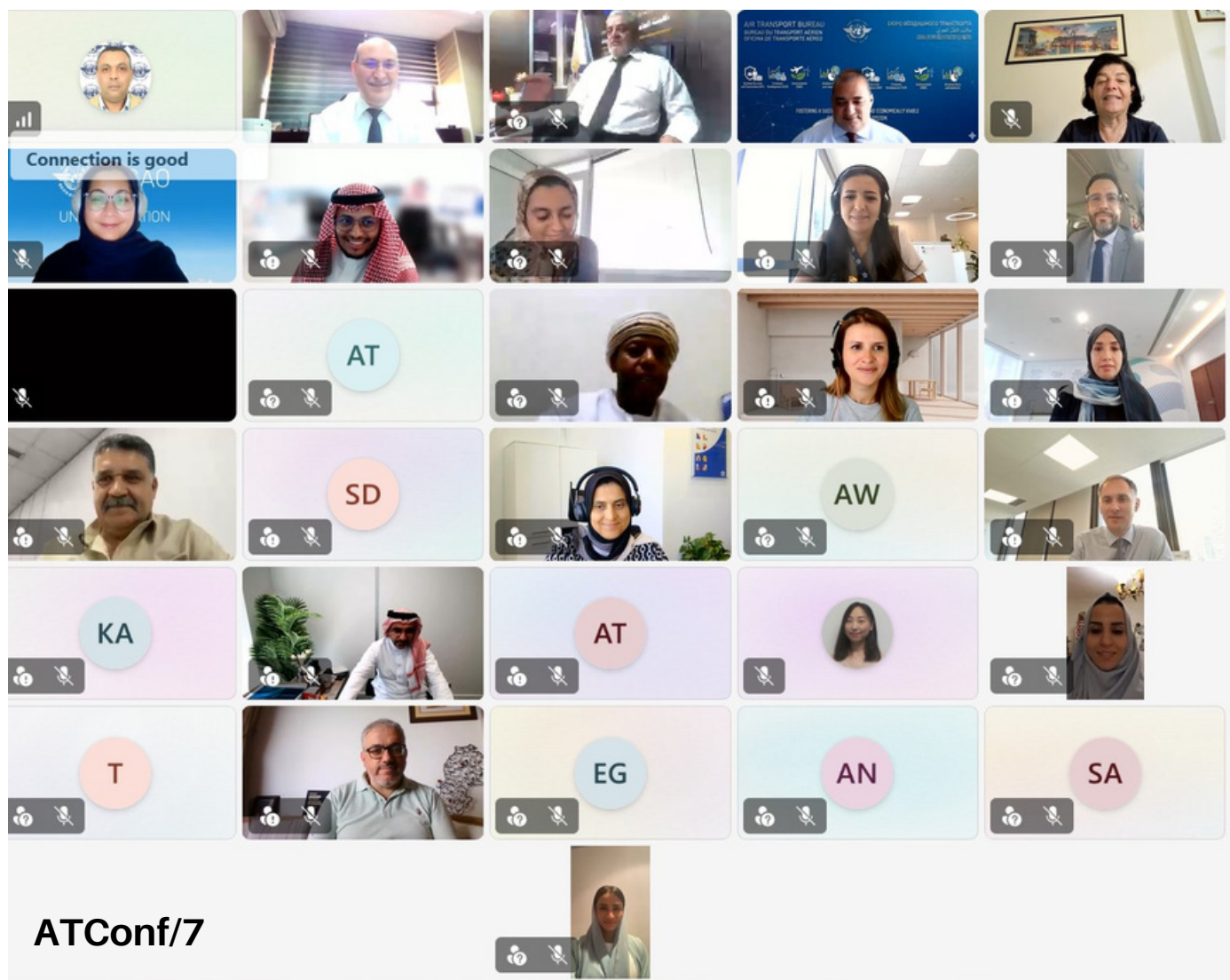
Coordination continued with the Host State for the conduct of the DGCA-MID/8 meeting in Doha, 26-28 October 2026, including the agreement on the provisional agenda, administrative arrangements for the meeting (Bulletin), etc.

ATConf/7 Preparatory Webinar for MID States:

The Webinar was attended by a total of 34 participants from 11 States (Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen), and 3 International Organizations (Airport Council International (ACI), Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) and International Air Transport Association (IATA)).

The main objectives of the Webinar were to:

- Brief States on the ATConf/7 objectives, structure, and expected deliverables;
- Discuss regional priorities, challenges and opportunities;
- Outline preparatory requirements and timelines; and
- Facilitate coordination for effective representation during the Conference.



Implementation Support Activities

Missions to Syria and Lebanon

Coordination continued with Syria, Lebanon and UNDSS & UNDP, for the conduct of the Multi-disciplinary Technical Assistance Missions (Damascus, Syria, 5 – 9 July 2026; and Beirut, Lebanon, 13 – 17 July 2026). The objective of these missions is to establish a preliminary, structured and validated understanding of the status of the civil aviation system for both Syria and Lebanon. The missions will:

- Provide an overview of the aviation system.
- Identify key technical and institutional gaps.
- Highlight priority areas requiring support.
- Support evidence-based planning of subsequent assistance activities.

Use of Saudi Arabia Voluntary Funds

A meeting with CDI was held on 10 June 2026 for the review of the status of Saudi Arabia's voluntary Funds and the progress of the associated projects. MID Office provided a detailed status on the activities that have been implemented under each Project/Fund, as well as those planned for 2026 with committed funds.

7th meeting of the Implementation Support Group (ISG/7)

The MID Office participated in the ISG/7 meeting, which discussed, inter-alia, the subject of repurposing of the unused voluntary funds.



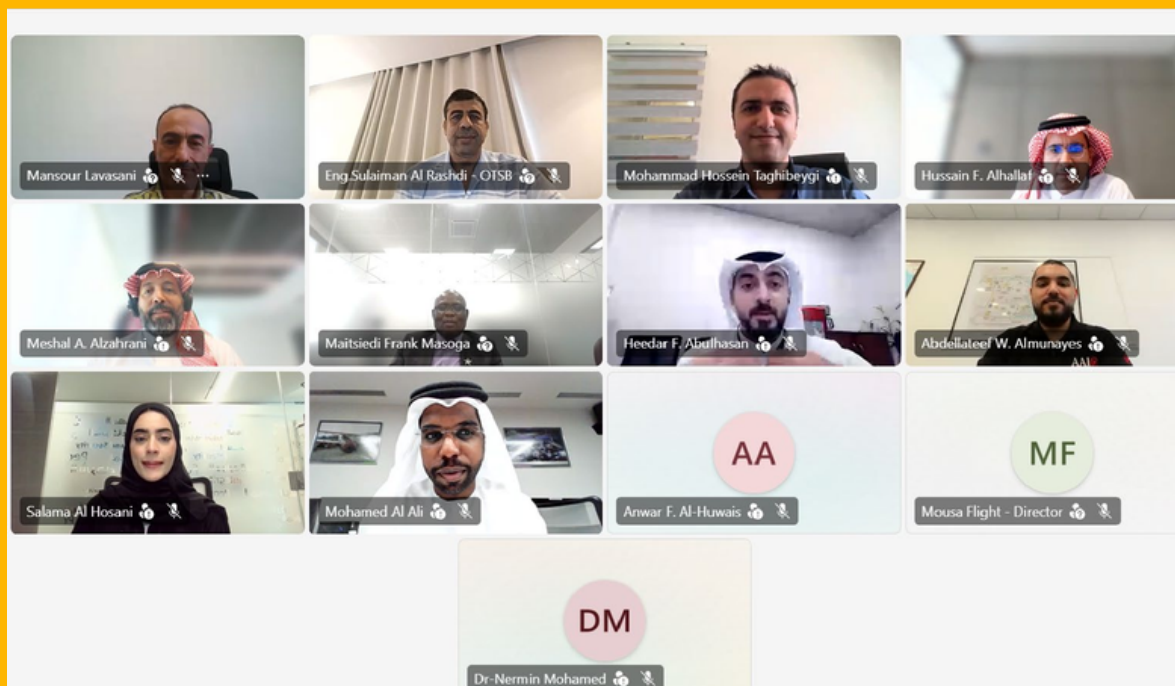
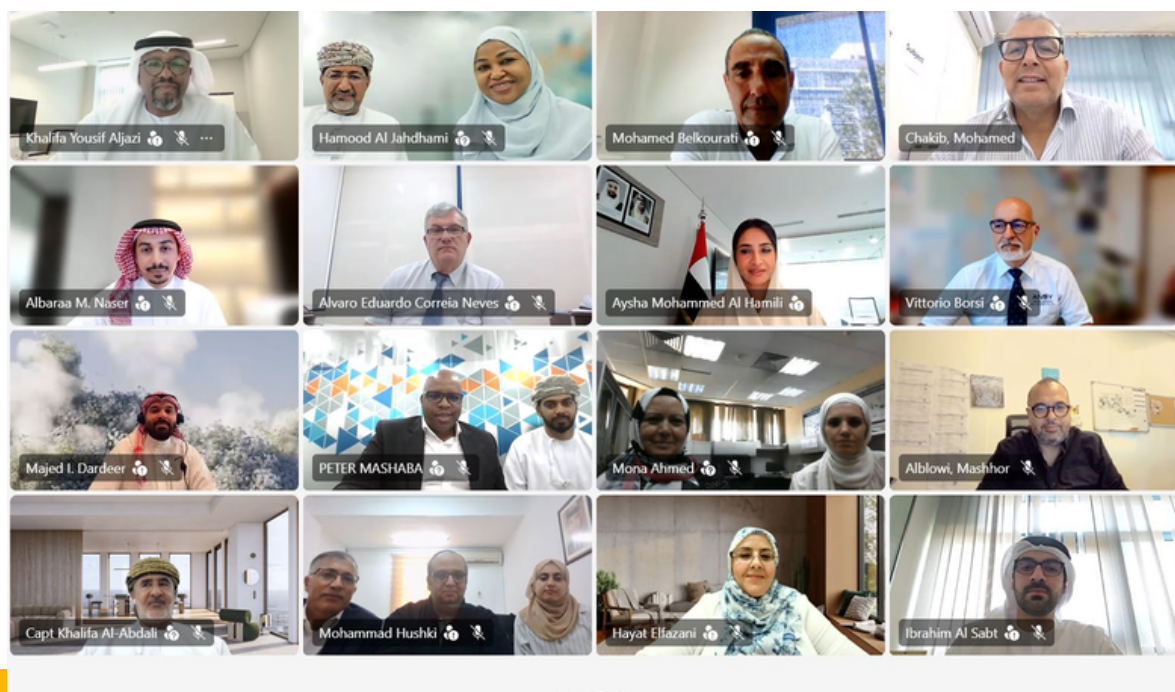
MID FPP Supports Libya's Flight Procedure Design Projects

- Following a request from the Libyan Civil Aviation Authority (LYCAA) for support under the Middle East Flight Procedure Programme (MID FPP) for its ongoing Flight Procedure Design (FPD) projects, the MID FPP engaged with LYCAA and developed a Statement of Work (SoW) covering three key areas:
 - Certification of two third-party Instrument Flight Procedure (IFP) design service providers;
 - Delivery of a Safety Workshop on IFP Design for LYCAA regulatory and air navigation service provider personnel; and
 - Technical review of IFP design packages submitted by LYCAA to ensure compliance with applicable ICAO provisions and quality requirements.

SAFETY

MENA ARCM/9 Advances Regional Coordination on Accident Investigation

- The MENA ARCM/9 virtual meeting has been conducted on 29 June 2026. The meeting was attended by a total of thirty-eight (40) participants from ten (10) MID States (Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and UAE) and three (3) Participants from 3 other States (Mauritania, Morocco, and Palestine) and six participants from four (4) Organizations (ACAO, ENCASIA, IATA, and ICAO,).



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Regional Recovery Coordination Following Ceasefire Developments

- As of 15 June 2026, positive developments have been reported following the announcement of a political agreement and the signing of the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States, establishing a ceasefire aimed at ending the conflict in the MID Region. While negotiations and peace talks remain ongoing, States across the Region have begun the gradual easing of flight restrictions and the reopening of previously closed airspaces, based on national safety and security assessments conducted in coordination with the relevant authorities and air operators. Planning for the full resumption of air navigation services across the MID Region is also underway, with NOTAMs being progressively amended or cancelled.
- The ICAO MID Office continues to coordinate regional recovery efforts and support the implementation of the necessary measures to facilitate the safe and harmonized resumption of operations. These efforts include:
 - Reviewing the operational resumption checklist developed to support States in restoring operations in a harmonized manner;
 - Ensuring the readiness of ATS units, navigation aids (NAVAIDs), surveillance, and communication systems; and
 - Confirming the availability of sufficient airspace capacity to support the return to normal operations.



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ICAO APAC-MID Special Coordination Meeting Strengthens Interregional Collaboration

- The ICAO APAC-MID Special Coordination Meeting Between India and Oman was successfully conducted in Bangkok, Thailand during the period of 3 – 4 June 2026; to address common issues at the interface between both regions. The meeting agreed on an action plan to be implemented in a coordinated and timely manner.

ICAO MID Leads ICARD Workstream to Advance Global Route Designator Guidance

- The ICAO MID Office supported the virtual meeting of the Exploratory Group on the ICAO Route Designators (ICARD) and SBAS User's Handbook (EG-IS), held on 11 June 2026. The meeting brought together representatives from ICAO Headquarters, Regional Offices, States, Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs), industry, and flight procedure design organizations.
- During the meeting, the group agreed to establish two dedicated workstreams: ICARD and SBAS. The ICAO MID Office was designated to lead the ICARD Workstream. In this role, the Office will coordinate the review of the existing guidance material, identify gaps and emerging requirements, and develop proposals to update and enhance the International Codes and Route Designators (ICARD) guidance in support of its harmonized global implementation.



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Interregional SWIM Seminar Advances Air Navigation Digitalization Across the EUR and MID Regions

- The Interregional EUR/NAT and MID Seminar on System-Wide Information Management (SWIM) was successfully held in Tbilisi, Georgia, from 23 to 25 June 2026, bringing together more than 150 participants from the EUR and MID Regions, as well as industry partners. The seminar introduced the recently published ICAO global SWIM provisions and guidance material, including the Procedures for Air Navigation Services – Information Management (PANS-IM, Doc 10199), the Manual on the System-Wide Information Management (SWIM) Concept (Doc 10039), the Manual on SWIM Implementation (Doc 10203), the Manual on Information Security (Doc 10204), and related Aeronautical Information Management (AIM) and Meteorological (MET) initiatives.
- The seminar also provided a valuable platform for States, Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs), EUROCONTROL, and industry partners to exchange implementation experiences, lessons learned, and best practices, while fostering discussions on common opportunities, challenges, and future priorities for advancing interoperable SWIM implementation across the EUR and MID Regions.

ENVIRONMENT

Progress on the ACT-CORSIA Buddy Partnership Between Qatar and Syria

- The ICAO MID Regional Office continued to follow up on the implementation of the CORSIA Assistance, Capacity-building and Training (ACT-CORSIA) Buddy Partnership between Qatar and Syria. As a result of this coordination, Syria signed the Buddy Partnership Agreement, and preparatory work is underway to develop and deliver the associated training and capacity-building programme for Syria's environmental focal points, in coordination with Qatar and ICAO Headquarters.

Preparations Advance for the ACT-SAF Feasibility Study in Egypt

- The ICAO MID Regional Office participated in a coordination meeting with the Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority (ECAA) on 1 June 2026 and continued close coordination with the ICAO Environment (ENV) Section in preparation for the launch of the Assistance, Capacity-building and Training for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (ACT-SAF) feasibility study in Egypt, scheduled to take place from 12 to 13 July 2026.

ICAO MID Participates in Aviation Climate Week and Regional Offices Training

- The ICAO MID Regional Office actively participated in the Regional Offices Training held in Montréal on 1 and 5 June 2026, and attended ICAO Aviation Climate Week, held from 2 to 4 June 2026 in Montréal. The participation strengthened coordination with ICAO Headquarters and other Regional Offices, while enhancing awareness of current priorities and developments related to aviation environmental protection and climate action.

ICAO MID Supports Jordan's State Action Plan Submission

- The ICAO MID Regional Office, in close coordination with the Jordan Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC) and the ICAO Headquarters Environment (ENV) Section, supported the successful submission of Jordan's State Action Plan (SAP) on CO₂ Emissions Reduction in June 2026.

SECURITY AND FACILITATION

ICAO MID Supports Iran in Strengthening AVSEC/FAL Implementation

- The ICAO MID Regional Office conducted a virtual meeting with the AVSEC/FAL focal point of the Iran Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) on 1 June 2026 to discuss future cooperation and identify priority areas of support aimed at strengthening the implementation of Aviation Security (AVSEC) and Facilitation (FAL) measures in Iran.



ICAO MID Coordinates Preparations for the AVSEC/FAL Seminar

- The ICAO MID Regional Office conducted a series of virtual coordination meetings during June 2026, in collaboration with CASP-MID and the Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO), in preparation for the Aviation Security and Facilitation Seminar, scheduled to be held virtually from 20 to 22 July 2026.