

MID REPORT

GENERAL INFORMATION

Visit of DG Sudan CAA

H.E Abubakr Elsiddig Mohamed Abdalla Elamin, Director General, Sudan Civil Aviation Authority accompanied with his ANS/ATM Experts visited the MID Office on 4 May 2026. During this visit the Sudanese Delegation provided an update on the status of the Civil Aviation System in Sudan, as well as their plan for the resumption of traffic in Khartoum International Airport and the start of operations of the new Area Control Centres/Sub-Centres. The ICAO MID Team participating in the meeting highlighted the main requirements and ICAO provisions for the implementation of such important changes.



Coordination Meeting with Yemen

A Coordination Meeting between the ICAO MID Regional Office and Yemen Civil Aviation and Meteorology Authority (CAMA) was held virtually on 6 May 2026.

The main objectives of the meeting were to:

- Obtain an update on the current status of the civil aviation system in Yemen.
- Identify the key challenges affecting aviation safety oversight and regulatory functions.
- Discuss practical and prioritized support mechanisms to strengthen Yemen's civil aviation system.
- Enhance coordination between ICAO MID Office and CAMA for future support and capacity-building activities.

The meeting concluded with agreement on the need for continued coordination between ICAO MID Office and CAMA to support the progressive strengthening of Yemen's civil aviation system. CAMA agreed to provide a more detailed status update of its civil aviation system, including organizational structure, staffing, available technical capabilities, existing regulatory framework, status of CNS and ATM infrastructure and challenges.



MIDANPIRG/23 & RASG-MID/13

Preparation and coordination continued for the conduct of the MIDANPIRG/23 & RASG-MID/13 meetings (Cairo, Egypt, 14-18 June 2026).

A coordination meeting with both Groups Chairpersons was held on 20 May 2026 to discuss the MIDANPIRG & RASG-MID working arrangements with a view to further improve efficiency.



Meeting with the Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of Japan to Sudan in Cairo

Based on a request from the Embassy of Japan in Cairo, a Teams meeting with the Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of Japan to Sudan in Cairo was held on 21st May 2026, to exchange views on the Sudanese Government's efforts towards the resumption of normal operations and to discuss possible coordination and support to Sudan.

The Chargé d'Affaires was invited to attend the MIDANPIRG/23 & RASG-MID/13 meetings accompanied with the JICA Coordinator in Egypt in order to have a bilateral meeting with the Sudanese delegation facilitated by the ICAO MID Office Officer In Charge. This meeting would provide a valuable platform to follow up on previous discussions and to further explore avenues of cooperation and support for the aviation sector in the Republic of the Sudan.

ICAO Gender Equality

ICAO MID participated in the ICAO Global Network of Gender Focal Points meeting held virtually on Thursday, 28 May 2026. The meeting focused on providing the Gender Equality focal points an update on:

- Mainstreaming Women's Empowerment in Aviation Toolkit
- Global Aviation Gender Summit 2026 (in Luanda, Angola, July 21-23)
- ICAO Landmark Study on Women in Global Aviation

Coordination Meeting with DG India

- A Coordination meeting between the ICAO MID Office and the Director General - DGCA India was held virtually on 27 May 2026 using MS Teams. The main objective of the meeting was to discuss how we could further improve coordination between concerned States in the interface area between the APAC and MID Regions, in particular India and Oman to ensure that adequate capacity is developed proactively to avoid any adverse impact of capacity constraints on the safety and efficiency of air traffic. The meeting provided an opportunity also to seek India's active participation in the ICAO APAC-MID Special Coordination Meeting (SCM) between India and Oman, scheduled to take place in Bangkok on 3 - 4 June 2026, which expected to discuss, inter-alia, the establishment of an inter-regional Task Force to address the challenges at the interface area proactively.

Implementation Support Activities

Technical Assistance Missions

Libya (12 - 16 April 2026)

The Report on the Multi-disciplinary Technical Assistance Mission to Libya, 12 - 16 April 2026, was sent to Libya on 18 May 2026.

Syria (5 - 9 July 2026)

Coordination continued with Syria and UNDSS for the conduct of the Multi-disciplinary Technical Assistance Mission to Syria, 5 - 9 July 2026, under Phase I - Baseline Assessment of the Syrian Civil Aviation System.

Lebanon (13 - 17 July 2026)

Coordination continued with Lebanon and UNDSS for the conduct of the Multi-disciplinary Technical Assistance Mission to Lebanon, 13 - 17 July 2026, under Phase I - Baseline Assessment of the Lebanese Civil Aviation System.

MID FPP SC/9 REVIEWS WORK PROGRAMME AND FUTURE SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK

- The Ninth Meeting of the MID Region Flight Procedure Programme Steering Committee (MID FPP SC/9) was successfully held virtually on 25 May 2026. The meeting reviewed and discussed the 2026 Work Programme of the MID FPP and deliberated on its future legal and institutional framework, including the Host State model endorsed at the SC/8 meeting, with a view to ensuring the long-term financial and operational sustainability of the programme.

ICAO OBSTACLE LIMITATION SURFACES COURSE (CAIRO, EGYPT / 10-14 MAY 2026)

- ICAO MID organized an Obstacle Limitation Surfaces Course in Cairo, Egypt, from 10 to 14 May 2026, for the benefit of Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen. The course aimed to strengthen States' competencies in implementing the updated OLS provisions contained in Annex 14, Volume I, and PANS-Aerodromes, Doc 9981.



It targeted aerodrome inspectors, aerodrome operators' technical personnel, flight procedure designers, town planners, and other relevant stakeholders.

- The training was delivered face-to-face and provided participants with the technical knowledge needed to support aerodrome planning, certification, oversight, and safeguarding activities. The ICAO MID Office supported the participation of the beneficiary States, enabling them to benefit from this capacity-building activity aiming to enhance regional expertise, improving compliance with ICAO provisions, and supporting the continued safety and efficiency of aerodrome operations in the MID Region.
- MID Office initiated a series of discussion with Lebanon to support the elevation of the status of implementation of the standards and recommended practices of aviation security & facilitation with emphasis on airport's Aviation Security design and Foundation, Human Factor, Risk Management, Cybersecurity and API/PNR.
- The ISG Action Team meeting between CDI and MID Office took place on 19 May 2026. The meeting reviewed the status of the different CDI Projects in the Region, including the initiatives still in the pipeline, and exchanged information available to both sides. The agenda of the meeting included also Resource Mobilization, in particular the use of Saudi Arabia's voluntary contributions.

SAFETY

ICAO MID-ACAO ANS Safety Oversight Workshop Successfully Conducted in Rabat

- The ANS Safety Oversight Workshop, jointly organized by the ICAO MID Office and the Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO), was successfully conducted in Rabat, Morocco, 18 - 22 May 2026. The Workshop provided participating States with a solid foundation for establishing and strengthening robust and effective safety oversight systems for Air Navigation Services (ANS), in full conformity with ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and the eight Critical Elements (CEs) of a safety oversight system. Participants reinforced their practical knowledge and skills in implementing the regulatory framework, planning and conducting oversight activities, and managing compliance evidence, corrective actions and follow-up processes.



AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES

Qatar Hosts CNS SG/15 and FM WG/5 Meetings to Enhance Air Navigation Services

- The State of Qatar, represented by Qatar Civil Aviation Authority (QCAA), hosted the 15th Meeting of the MIDANPIRG Communication, Navigation, and Surveillance Sub-Group (CNS SG/15), alongside the Fifth Meeting of the Frequency Management Working Group (FM WG/5), from 10 to 14 May, with the participation of representatives from 12 States. The two meetings discussed several topics related to air navigation, most notably satellite navigation, issues related to satellite signal interference and spoofing, and their impact on aviation safety and security. Participants also reviewed challenges related to the radio frequency spectrum allocated to aviation, as well as ways to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of air operations in the areas of surveillance and radar data exchange. In addition, they discussed the development and modernization of regional plans in a manner that contributes to strengthening aviation safety and security, while supporting surveillance capabilities and enhancing regional coordination among participating countries.



AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES

Bilateral Meetings Support Resolution of AIM Deficiencies and Corrective Action Planning

- ICAO MID conducted a series of bilateral meetings with Jordan, Iran and Libya on 3, 5 and 7 May 2026 respectively, to receive updates on the status of resolution of outstanding AIM deficiencies recorded in MANDD and to provide targeted support in the development of their respective Corrective Action Plans (CAPs). The meetings reinforced State accountability and maintained momentum towards the closure of Priority A deficiencies ahead of MIDANPIRG/23.
- On 4 May 2026, and in the framework of advancing the transition from Aeronautical Information Services (AIS) to Aeronautical Information Management (AIM), including preparations for the potential migration to the European AIS Database (EAD), ICAO MID conducted a coordination meeting with the designated QMS consultant to scope the support to be provided on Quality Management System (QMS) implementation in AIM for Libya, Iraq and Yemen. The meeting addressed the project methodology, phased delivery approach, and institutional arrangements for each of the three States.
- On 7 May 2026, ICAO MID participated in the First Virtual Meeting of the ICAO Secretariat Exploratory Group on ICARD and SBAS-CAT, contributing to the ongoing development of the ICAO ICARD System and the SBAS CAT Users Handbook.
- On 12 May 2026, ICAO MID participated in the monthly coordination call convened by ICAO HQ and attended by MET officers and focal points from all ICAO regional offices. The MID Office provided updates on regional MET developments and implementation progress, exchanged information on global developments, and discussed future plans for implementation support across the regions.



AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES



- The political tension contingency situation in the MID Region has been ongoing since 28 February 2026. Despite the ceasefire being declared since 8 April 2026; However, the resumption of operations is not yet reaching the regular levels but gradually increasing fast. ICAO MID continued the follow up with the States to ensure that appropriate safety assessments are developed and updated in coordination with the military authorities, and safety measures are implemented during the recovery phase to ensure readiness for the full resumption. Part of traffic flows were utilizing the ATS routes within Damascus FIR/Syria, to connect major airports in the MID Region with Europe and beyond; ICAO MID continued providing support to Syria in order to regulate the traffic within the available airspace capacity.
- Despite the ceasefire, the level of tension remains high. This continued uncertainty poses challenges for the decision-makers to fully resume operations and normalize the regular ATS route network.
- The Fourth meeting of the Airspace Management Working Group (ASM WG/4) has been successfully conducted to discuss subject to enhance the operations within Airspaces in the MID Region. Fifty-one (51) participants from 13 States and 2 International Organizations attended the meeting. The agenda included items related to ATS Route network, separation minima, Air Navigation Plans, OLDI implementation, relevant parts of the Air Navigation Plans and FF-ICE implementation roadmap.

ENVIRONMENT

ICAO MID Advances CORSIA Implementation through Partnerships and Training

- On 6 May 2026, ICAO MID facilitated a kick-off meeting with the representatives of the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority (QCAA) and Syria's General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) to formally launch the implementation of the ACT-CORSIA Buddy Partnership, under which Qatar acts as the supporting State and Syria as the requesting State. The meeting established the working arrangements, priority areas for support, and a proposed timeline for delivering capacity-building activities under the partnership.



- On 21 May 2026, ICAO MID, with the support of the EUR/NAT Regional Office, organized a webinar dedicated to the CORSIA Order of Magnitude Check (OMC) process. The webinar provided participants with practical guidance and clarification on OMC methodology and related reporting obligations under the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), contributing to enhanced regional compliance readiness.



SECURITY AND FACILITATION

MID Office Conducts RAFIT/9 Preparatory Coordination Meeting

- The Ninth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Implementation Team (RAFIT/9) was successfully conducted virtually on 12 May 2026. The meeting served as a forum for regional collaboration, bringing together a total of 35 participants. The meeting focused on the latest developments in Aviation Security and Facilitation, highlighting the most prominent challenges facing the aviation sector in the Region.



Behaviour Detection Course

- The ICAO Behaviour Detection Course was successfully held in Cairo from 17 to 21 May 2026, in collaboration with the ICAO Implementation Support and Development Section (ISD-SEC) and the EgyptAir Training Academy, an ICAO Aviation Security Training Centre (ASTC). The five-day course was attended by twelve (12) participants from Egypt, France, and Jordan. The course aimed to support security personnel and frontline staff in identifying anomalies in behavioural and physiological indicators in order to respond effectively to potential threats. It provided participants with the knowledge and skills required to detect, analyze, and manage risks posed by individuals exhibiting unusual behavior in airport environments, thereby enhancing protection against acts of unlawful interference.
- ICAO MID participated in the Nineteenth Meeting of the Experts Working Group (EWG/19) coordinated by the Cooperative Aviation Security Programme Middle East (CASP-MID) held virtually on 18th May 2026. The meeting was apprised of the CASP-MID achievements, progress and financial updates. It served as a forum to discuss regional Aviation Security issues and aviation security developments in each CASP-MID State.