MID REPORT

GENERAL INFORMATION



Attendance of Al Alamein Airshow and opening with His Excellency, President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi

The ICAO MID Regional Director, Mr. Mohamed Rahma, attended the opening ceremony of the El Alamein International Airshow 2026 at El Alamein International Airport, alongside senior government officials, military leaders and prominent representatives of the global aviation and aerospace community.

The event showcased Egypt's growing role in the international aviation and aerospace landscape, highlighting advances in aviation technology, aerospace innovation and the importance of international cooperation in shaping the future of the sector.

Mr. Rahma expressed appreciation to H.E. Dr. Sameh El-Hefny, Minister of Civil Aviation, for his leadership and continued efforts to advance Egypt's civil aviation sector and strengthen its engagement with the international aviation community.

The El Alamein International Airshow provided a valuable platform for dialogue, cooperation and the development of strategic partnerships, further contributing to the advancement of aviation and aerospace in the region and beyond.

On the sidelines of the Al Alamein Air Show, the ICAO MID Regional Director conducted a series of strategic engagements with ministers, heads of civil aviation authorities, and leaders of international and regional aviation organizations. The meetings reaffirmed shared commitments to aviation safety, air navigation, sustainability, capacity building, and enhanced regional cooperation, while further strengthening partnerships that support the advancement of civil aviation across the Middle East and beyond.

Meeting with Egypt's Minister of Civil Aviation



The ICAO MID Regional Director met with H.E. Dr. Sameh Elhefny, Minister of Civil Aviation of Egypt, to discuss regional aviation developments and continued cooperation between ICAO and Egypt. The Regional Director commended Egypt's preparations for the Al Alamein Air Show, recognizing its value in promoting innovation and industry engagement. The meeting reaffirmed the strong partnership supporting regional aviation growth and sustainability.



ICAO and GACA Saudi Arabia Reinforce Strategic Cooperation

The ICAO MID Regional Director met with H.E. Abdulaziz A. Al-Duailaj, President of the General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) of Saudi Arabia. Discussions addressed regional aviation priorities, including safety, air navigation, sustainability, and capacity building. The meeting highlighted Saudi Arabia's important role in advancing regional aviation initiatives and reaffirmed the strong partnership between ICAO and GACA.

Meeting with Libya's Minister of Transport

The ICAO MID Regional Director met with H.E. Muhammad Salem Al-Shahoubi, Minister of Transport of Libya, to discuss developments in the country's civil aviation sector. Discussions focused on aviation oversight, capacity-building initiatives, and support for the implementation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs). Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening cooperation in support of Libya's aviation development objectives.



Meeting with IATA Regional Vice President

The ICAO MID Regional Director met with Kamil Al-Awadhi, IATA Regional Vice President for Africa and the Middle East, to discuss areas of mutual interest and opportunities for enhanced collaboration. Discussions focused on supporting Member States through coordinated efforts in safety, air navigation, sustainability, and air transport development. Both organizations reaffirmed their shared commitment to advancing regional aviation priorities.



High-Level Coordination Meeting Strengthens Regional Partnerships

The ICAO MID Regional Director convened a high-level virtual meeting with leaders from RASG-MID, MIDANPIRG, CASP-MID, IATA, ACI APAC & Middle East, ACAO, GACA Saudi Arabia, and GCAA UAE. Participants reviewed regional priorities related to safety, air navigation, security, sustainability, and capacity building. The meeting reaffirmed the collective commitment to enhanced cooperation and the effective implementation of regional aviation strategies.

ICAO and ANAC Brazil Explore Interregional Cooperation

The ICAO MID Regional Director met with Tiago Chagas Faierstein, Director-President of the National Civil Aviation Agency of Brazil (ANAC), to discuss opportunities for enhanced cooperation between ICAO regions. The exchange focused on aviation safety, regulatory oversight, capacity development, and knowledge sharing. Both parties underscored the value of international collaboration in addressing emerging aviation challenges and supporting sustainable growth.

Coordination Meetings Advance Planning for the 2027 Work Programme

The ICAO MID Regional Director conducted a series of coordination meetings with Regional Officers to shape the 2027 Work Programme. Discussions focused on regional priorities, ongoing initiatives, and alignment with ICAO Strategic Objectives. The consultations reinforced a coordinated, results-oriented approach across all technical domains and will contribute to a balanced programme tailored to the needs of Middle East Member States.

ICAO MID Coordinates Preparations for DGCA-MID/8 Meeting

Coordination continued with Qatar, ICAO Headquarters, and all concerned parties to prepare for the **DGCA-MID/8 meeting**, scheduled to take place in **Doha, Qatar, from 26 to 28 October 2026**.

General ACTIVITIES AND INTERACTIONS WITH STATES AND STAKEHOLDERS

ICAO MID Supports Lebanon in Advancing Air Transport Connectivity

At the invitation of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, the ICAO MID Office team, led by the Regional Director, participated virtually in the Lebanon Air Transport Stakeholder Workshop on 16–17 September 2026.

The workshop brought together Lebanese authorities and aviation stakeholders, including the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, LCAA, MEA, BIAC, and the Lebanese Air Force, as well as international partners, including USDOT/FAA and the World Bank, to discuss safe and secure air connectivity, with a particular focus on the requirements for resuming direct flights between Lebanon and the United States. Discussions covered key policy, regulatory, safety, security, and operational considerations and culminated in an action plan outlining priority measures, responsible entities, support arrangements, and target timelines.



Every Flight is Safe and Secure

ICAO MID Coordinates Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Training Activities

- On 2 September 2026, an MS Teams meeting was held with the RAFIT Chairperson and a representative of the Saudi Civil Aviation Authority (GACA) to discuss the hosting arrangements for RAFIT/10, scheduled for 1–3 December 2026 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

- On 14 September 2026, the ICAO MID Regional Office held virtual discussions with ICAO's Aviation Security Training team (ISD-SEC) regarding the 2027 Aviation Security Training Centre (ASTC) schedule, responses to MID States, and requirements related to capacity building and the maintenance and establishment of ICAO ASTCs.

- Additionally, on 20 September 2026, the ICAO MID Regional Office met with the Oman Civil Aviation Authority and the Oman Airports Management Company Training Center in Muscat, Oman, to discuss preparations for hosting ICAO events in 2027 and explore the requirements for obtaining ICAO ASTC accreditation for the Oman Airports Training Center.



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ICAO MID Coordinates Preparations for CAPSCA EUR-MID/13 Meeting

Preparations continued in coordination with the ICAO EUR/NAT Office, WHO EMRO, the CAPSCA-MID Chairperson and CAPSCA-MID Focal Points for the CAPSCA EUR-MID/13 meeting, scheduled to take place in Paris, France, from 7 to 9 October 2026.

ICAO MID Presents MIDANPIRG/23 and RASG-MID/13 Outcomes to ANC-SRP

The outcomes of the MIDANPIRG/23 and RASG-MID/13 meetings were presented to the ANC-SRP on 23 September 2026.

ICAO MID and IOM Coordinate Preparations for Travel Document Verification Course

- The ICAO MID Regional Office held virtual meetings with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) on 1 and 23 September 2026 to coordinate preparations for the upcoming "Control of the Authenticity and Validity of Travel Documents" course, scheduled to take place at the ICAO MID Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, from 13 to 15 December 2026.

UAE–Oman Coordination Meeting Advances Measures to Address Air Traffic Interface Challenges

- A Special Coordination Meeting and Workshop between the UAE and Oman, with the participation of ICAO MID, IATA and delegates from concerned States, was held on 20–21 September 2026 in Muscat, Oman. The meeting reviewed the current status of the Oman–UAE interface, identified key challenges and root causes affecting UAE departure operations, and agreed on a set of actions to address the identified issues in the short, medium and long term.

MID–EUR Coordination Advances Route Enhancements and Air Traffic Flow Management

- The second coordination meeting on the MID–EUR interface was successfully conducted in Ankara, Türkiye, from 22 to 23 September 2026, hosted by DHMI, the Air Navigation Service Provider (ANSP) of Türkiye. Participants from Bulgaria, Iraq (remotely), Saudi Arabia, Syria, Türkiye, and ICAO (EUR and MID) reviewed the implementation of the outcomes of the first coordination meeting held in June 2026 and discussed further enhancements to the route structure and Letters of Agreement.
- The meeting agreed on new route proposals to reduce conflicts in traffic flows and hotspot areas within the Damascus FIR, as well as the related implementation timelines and coordination requirements, targeting AIRAC Cycle 3/2027. A final meeting is planned for 23–24 March 2027 to conduct a post-implementation review and finalize the arrangements.

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ICAO MID Advances Regional Measures to Address GNSS Radio Frequency Interference

The ICAO MID Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) and Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) Workshop was successfully conducted at the ICAO Middle East Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, from 29 September to 1 October 2026. The workshop brought together MID States and key industry stakeholders to address the growing impact of GNSS Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) on aviation safety and operational efficiency. Discussions covered regional developments, operational experiences and best practices, with a focus on practical measures to strengthen RFI monitoring and reporting mechanisms, mitigation strategies, and overall operational resilience.



No Country Left Behind

ICAO MID and CDI Review Regional Projects and Development Partnerships

- The ISG Action Team meeting between CDI and the ICAO MID Regional Office was held on 9 September 2026. The meeting reviewed the status of ongoing and planned CDI projects in the Region and facilitated the exchange of information between both sides.

- Discussions focused on:
  - Saudi Arabia's funding and proposed reallocations.
  - The possible organization of a focused Development Partners' Dialogue as part of the DGCA-MID/8 meeting.
  - Potential agreements to be signed during the meeting.

ICAO MID Advances Follow-up Support to Strengthen Lebanon's Civil Aviation System

- Following the ICAO Multi-Disciplinary Gap Analysis and Technical Assistance Mission to Lebanon, conducted in Beirut from 13 to 17 July 2026, the ICAO MID Regional Office held follow-up calls with the Lebanese Civil Aviation Authority (LCAA) and initiated the development of action plans to address the mission's findings. The plans aim to define prioritized actions, responsibilities, implementation timelines and technical assistance needs to support the strengthening of Lebanon's civil aviation system.

- To complement the assessment in the area of Aerodromes and Ground Aids/Aerodrome Operations (AGA/AOP), the ICAO MID Regional Office coordinated with LCAA to plan a follow-up technical assistance mission to Beirut from 21 to 25 December 2026. The mission is planned to be undertaken by an ICAO consultant specializing in aerodrome operations and safety oversight, in coordination with the ICAO MID Regional Office and LCAA. Its outcomes are expected to inform the relevant action plans and help identify priorities for targeted technical assistance.