

# MID Office Monthly Updates

## General & Regional Director Meetings



*ICAO Council President Salvatore Sciacchitano  
and ICAO MID RD, Mohamed Farea with  
H.H. the Crown Prince of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad  
Al-Sabah*

- With the attendance of H.E. Dr. Sameh El Hefny, Egyptian Minister of Civil Aviation, ICAO MID RD opened the MedAire Aviation Security Summit in Cairo Egypt. Through his opening Mr. Farea highlighted that ICAO continues to lead with clarity of purpose and strategic foresight. "Our role is not only to set global standards, but also to serve as a unifying force that brings States together under a shared vision: a secure, resilient, and sustainable aviation future" mentioned by MID RD.
- In the 64<sup>th</sup> annual conference of IFATCA , MID RD participated in the High Level Panel discussion of Transforming Airspace for Sustainable Aviation, along side with Mr. Kamil Al-Awadhi, Regional Vice President, IATA Africa & Middle East, Ms. Elena Sorlini, Managing Director and CEO, Abu Dhabi Airports, Mr. Simon Hocquard, Director General, CANSO and Mr. Ahmed Ibrahim Al Jallaf, Assistant Director General - Air Navigation Services, UAE General Civil Aviation Authority. During the session Mr. Farea stressed on the importance of coping up with the expected growth in aviation sector in the MID Region, States/ANSPs/Airport operators/airspace users and all stakeholders should plan for this anticipated growth; using all available resources to manage airspaces in the most optimized manner.

- The ICAO Council President, accompanied by MID RD, concluded a two-day mission with clear pathways for strengthened cooperation between ICAO and Kuwait. This engagement supports ICAO's broader regional strategy to enhance aviation safety, security, and sustainability. President and MID RD had the opportunity to meet with His Highness the Crown Prince of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, and Acting Kuwait Prime Minister Sheikh Fahad Al-Yousef , in addition to other officials.
- MID RD attended the Facilitation Conference in Doha, Qatar. The four-day Conference, hosted by the Government of Qatar, gathered more than 2,000 delegates from 138 States and 17 International Organizations, under the theme "Collaboration, Efficiency, and Inclusivity." On the margin of the conference President and Secretary General had the opportunity to have many bilateral meetings with MID States including Lebanon, Egypt, Qatar and Oman.





## Implementation support Activities

- MID Office conducted a Technical Assistance mission during the period (13-17 April 2025) under the MID NCLB Strategy to support Kuwait in preparing for the ICAO's Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) Audit scheduled for November 2025.
- MID Office in collaboration with ISD-SEC conducted the National Civil Aviation Security Programme course (6-10 April 2025) under phase 1 of the capacity building assistance mission for Iran.

### MIDFPP

- RO-IM, acting as the manager of the MIDFPP, supported the second FPP Working Group meeting on Tuesday, 29 April 2025.
- On 8 April 2025, RO-IM held a coordination meeting with CDI to discuss options for ensuring the sustainability of MIDFPP, and outline a way forward, including follow-up actions with the ICAO Legal Bureau.
- RO-IM convened a meeting with Iraq Mosul Airport on Monday, 28 April 2025, to address the operational needs identified in the airport's letter of request, and potential support mechanisms under MIDFPP.



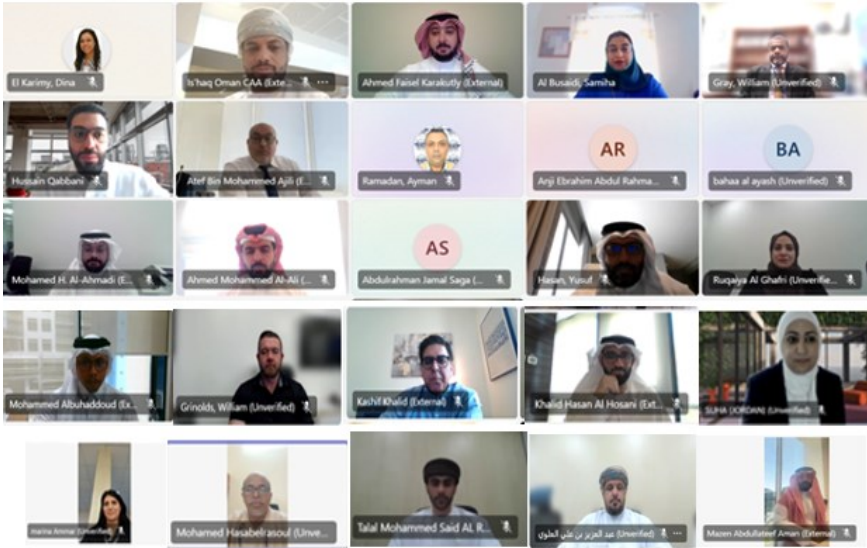
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SAFETY

- RO-SAF/IMP contributed to a Technical Assistance mission and covered AIG area during the period (13-17 April 2025) under the MID NCLB Strategy to support Kuwait in preparing for the ICAO's Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) Audit scheduled for November 2025.
- RO-SAF/IMP delivered a workshop on Aviation Risk Management solution –Event Risk Classification (ARMS-ERC) to Kuwait Accident Investigation Department on 15 April 2025.
- RO-SAF/IMP participated in Safety Management Panel (SMP) to discuss some updates and recent developments, 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2025.
- The RO-SAF/IMP participated in a virtual meeting with all DRDs to consolidate the Regional Offices' Risk Register (RR).
- The RO-SAF/IMP participated in a virtual meeting on USOAP CMA – AIG Refresher/ Familiarization training 2025; 22 April 2025.
- The RO-SAF/IMP held a virtual with GAT in preparation for the upcoming TPPs reassessment; 23 April 2025.
- The RO-SAF/IMP participated in Briefing meeting in preparation for the upcoming for MIDANPIRG/22 & RASG-MID/12 Meetings; 23 April 2025.

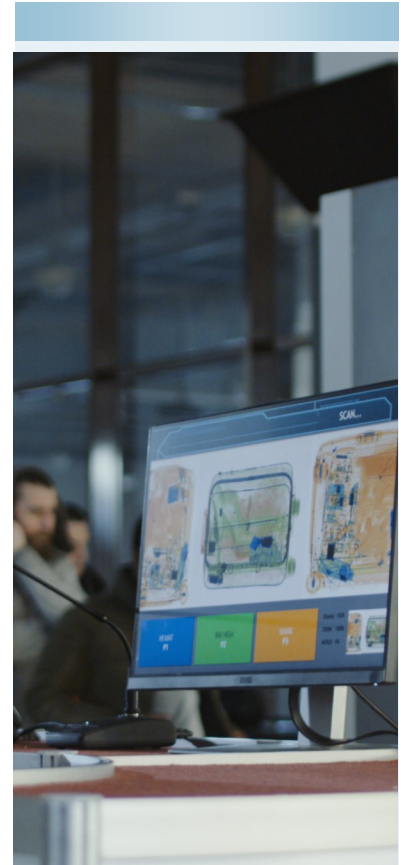


## ICAO SECURITY AND FACILITATION



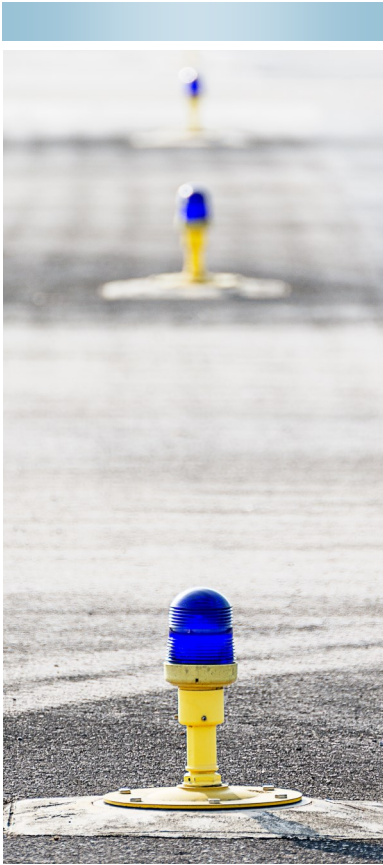
*Seventh meeting of the Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Implementation Team RAFIT/7*

- The ICAO Middle East Office concluded its Seventh meeting of the Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Implementation Team RAFIT/7 (23-24 April, Virtual). The meeting aimed to bring the member states together to keep abreast of the latest developments in Aviation Security. The meeting was attended by 36 participants from 13 member States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, UAE and USA-TSA). The meeting was attended by 2 organization (ACI and IATA) and ICAO CASP-MID in addition. The meeting discussed the region's action plan towards the elevation of the effective implementation of the Aviation Security & Facilitation Standards and Recommended Practices contained in Annex 17 – Aviation Security and Annex 9 - Facilitation.
- RO-AVSEC participated Thirty-sixth Meeting of the Aviation Security Panel (AVSECP/36) in Montreal from 7 –11 April 2025
- ROs AVSEC attended the Fal conference in Doha, Qatar from 14-17 April 2025.



## ICAO CAPACITY AND EFFICIENCY

- The RO/IM provided remote training on ICARD to the Kuwait focal point on 5 April 2025.
- The RO/IM participated in the MET ROs Coordination Meeting on 14 April 2025 to discuss global developments and share regional updates.
- The RO/IM organized and facilitated the third meeting of the DME/DME Study Working Group on Monday, 21 April 2025.
- The RO/IM and RO-ATM/SAR teams conducted a visit to NANSEC (Egypt ANSP) on Monday 26 April 2025 to provide technical support and consultancy on two key projects: the En-



hancement of the ATS Route Network and the DME/DME Study aimed at mitigating GNSS Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) within the Cairo FIR.

- ATM RO continues to provide support to relevant States and Airspace users related to the contingency situation in Khartoum FIR CCT, Political tension within the MID Region, and India Pakistan CCT.

#### **AGA-OPS**



*Seventh Meeting of the Aerodrome Safety, Planning, and Implementation Group (ASPIG/7)*

- The RO/AGA managed the Seventh Meeting of the Aerodrome Safety, Planning, and Implementation Group (ASPIG/7), successfully held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from 6 to 10 April 2025.
- The RO/AGA conducted a coordination meeting with Airports Council International (ACI) Headquarters to discuss ICAO's support for ACI's technical implementation initiatives in the MID Region.
- The RO/AGA organized a coordination meeting with the ACI APAC-MID Office to discuss the organization of a webinar related to the implementation of the ACR-PCR methodology, which represents a major challenge for airport operators.

#### **CNS**

- The RO/AGA, in his capacity as the MID Region CNS Coordinator, organized a coordination meeting with EUROCONTROL to relaunch the coordination with MID States regarding the registration of Mode S radars into the EUROCONTROL MICA System, following the process previously endorsed by MIDANPIRG.

#### **CAPSCA**

- The RO/AGA, acting in his capacity as the ICAO CAPSCA MID Coordinator, organized a coordination meeting with his counterpart at the ICAO EUR/NAT Office, ICAO HQ, and Egypt representatives as part of the preparations for the upcoming interregional CAPSCA/12 Meeting.

#### **Innovation and Cybersecurity**

The RO/AGA, in his capacity as the ICAO MID Innovation and Cybersecurity Focal Point:

- Attended the Innovation Focal Points Meeting, where he was apprised of the ICAO Policy on Innovation, approved by the Council during its 234th Session. This strategic framework is designed to strengthen ICAO's role in promoting and facilitating innovation in international civil aviation. Rooted in Assembly Resolution A40-27 and aligned with Articles 37 and 44 of the Chicago Convention, the Policy aims to ensure that all Member States benefit equitably from technological advancements, reinforcing the "No Country Left Behind" (NCLB) initiative, particularly through technical assistance, operational support, and capacity-building activities.
- Organized a coordination meeting with ICAO HQ and Montreal colleagues as part of the preparations for the upcoming ANS Cybersecurity Table-Top Exercise, combined with an AI Innovation Initiatives Workshop. This event, planned to be graciously hosted by Oman in Q3 2025, aims to enhance cybersecurity awareness and strengthen preparedness among MID States through practical collaboration and knowledge sharing.



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## ENVIRONMENT

- RO-IM organized a conference call with the I.R. Iran focal points on Friday, 18 April 2025 to discuss preparations and logistical arrangements for the upcoming SAP (States' Action Program) and CORSIA (Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation) Workshop, scheduled to take place in Tehran in May 2025.
- RO-IM participated in the Monthly RO Coordination Calls on 30 April 2025, providing updates on MID (Middle East Region) activities related to CORSIA (Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation), SAF (Sustainable Aviation Fuel), and SAP (States' Action Program).
- From 22 to 24 April 2025, RO-IM supported the State Action Plan (SAP) workshop in Kuwait. The workshop aimed to establish a foundation for the SAP development process, with a focus on finalizing Kuwait's State Action Plan, and provide insights into how State Action Plans align with ICAO's broader environmental initiatives, including CORSIA (Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation) and SAF (Sustainable Aviation Fuel). The event was attended by 15 participants representing key stakeholders, including: Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), Airlines, The airport operator, ANSP, and The Environment (ENV) team from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation Kuwait (DGCA Kuwait).