

ICAO Middle East Regional Office

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# MID Office Monthly Updates

#### **General & Regional Director Meetings**

 MID RD had a courtesy meeting with Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore delegation, Mr. Sim Mong Kai, Deputy Director (International Relations) and Mr. Goh Yujin, Assistant Manager (International Relations) in MID Office, Cairo to discuss the potential training opportunities within the region, and the upcoming activities of the MID Office.



CASP-MID ESC

• The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, represented by the General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA), hosted in Riyadh, the 11th meeting of the Executive Steering Committee of the Cooperative Aviation Security Programme Middle East (CASP-MID). The meeting was chaired by Regional Director for the Middle East Regional Office Mohamed Abubaker Farea and CASP-MID Chairman and GACA's Executive Vice President for Aviation Security Mohammed Alfozan.

The meeting included representatives from member states of the program, as well as delegations from ICAO, the Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO), and various supporting international bodies. Participants included representatives from seven countries: Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, Libya, Lebanon, Sudan, and Yemen.

## Implementation support Activities

- A technical assistance mission has been conducted by the MID Office team to Egypt CAA during the period 12-16 Jan 2025 to support ECAA in their preparations for the upcoming USOAP-CMA Audit. The mission covered the (8) eight technical areas of the USOAP and SSP implementation
- CDI jointly with the MID Office conducted virtual meetings with Syria and Yemen to address implementation support, commensurate with the signature of the MSA with ICAO possibly during the GISS to be held in Abu Dhabi, UAE from 10 to 12 February 2025.
- MID jointly with ISD-SEC held virtual meetings in discussion for the implementation support for Iran for capacity building and discussed various possibilities for CDI's support.
- RO-IM, the Acting Manager of MIDFPP, held a virtual coordination meeting with Kuwait DGCA on 23 January 2025. The meeting focused on
  identifying the State's needs for PANS-OPS training in 2025. Additionally, coordination with DGAC France has been initiated to explore potential support for addressing Kuwait's training needs through programs offered at ENAC in Toulouse.
- Coordination with GCANS, Iraq, has been undertaken to identify the State's needs for PANS-OPS projects at Baghdad and Mosul airports.





- RO/FLS coordinated with HQ and ESAF and WACAF ROs the conduct of ICAO/ AWG Joint Regional Workshop on crossborder transferability (XBT) of aircraft and compliance with the Cape Town Convention (Dubai, UAE, 7 – 9 April 2025).
- RO/FLS coordinated with EUR/NAT RO and WFP the conduct of a Joint WFP-ICAO MID-EUR/NAT Interregional Meeting and Campaign on Humanitarian Aviation in May 2025, Tbilisi, Georgia
- RO-SAF/IMP participated in a virtual meeting with ACAO in preparation for the upcoming Drones Symposium, 22 Jan 2025.
- RO-SAF/IMP participated in a virtual meeting with Chairperson of the MENA ARCM in preparation for the upcoming MENA ARCM activities, 28 Jan 2025.





## ICAO SECURITY AND FACILITATION

- RO-AVSEC/FAL participated in virtual meetings with ICAO-FAL and various Regional Officers in coordination for the upcoming ICAO Facilitation Regional Forum (March 3-4, Cameroon).
- RO-AVSEC/FAL participated in virtual meetings with Iran in discussion for implementation support for Iran for capacity building and discussed various possibilities for CDI's support.



CASP-MID ESC

• The 11th meeting of the Executive Steering Committee of the Cooperative Aviation Security Programme Middle East (CASP-MID) was hosted by Saudi Arabia.

Participants at the meeting praised the accomplishments of CASP-MID over the past year. They acknowledged the Kingdom's leadership in advancing aviation security in the region and its ongoing support for member states and the program's

initiatives, which are vital to safeguarding civil aviation from potential threats or illegal interference



## CAPACITY AND EFFICIENCY





The First Meeting of the Aeronautical Information Management Digitalization & Planning
Task Force (AIMDP TF1)

- ATM ROs continued to provide support to the concerned States during the contingency situations within the MID Region related to political tension and security unrest.
- The Second meeting of the Airspace Management Working Group (ASM WG/2) was conducted successfully (Virtual, 27 January 2025), 72 participants from States, ANSPs and International Organizations joined the meeting to provide update on the ASM Action Plan, to improve safety, efficiency and capacity of MID Region Airspaces.
- The First Meeting of the Aeronautical Information Management Digitalization & Planning Task Force (AIMDP TF1) and the Eleventh Meeting of the MIDANPIRG AIM Sub-Group (AIM SG/11) were successfully conducted in Amman, Jordan, from 20 to 23 January 2025. The meeting brought together over 40 experts from states, international organizations, and industry stakeholders to collaboratively address critical challenges in advancing AIM Digitalization.



AIS to AIM workshop

 A dedicated transition from AIS to AIM workshop for CARC AIS Personnel was successfully held on 19 January 2025 in Amman, Jordan,

The objectives of the Workshop are to carry out a thorough assessment of the current AIS status in Jordan to identify what's needed for a successful AIM transition (Gap analysis) and to develop tailored steps and timelines for CARC, providing a clear path to achieve AIM objectives.





## **ENVIRONMENT**

- RO-IM held a meeting with ICAO EUR/NAT ENV Officer on 15th January 2025 to coordinate
  the assistance to States plan (Kuwait and Iran) and the conduct of ENV activities including
  the CORSIA/SAP Workshop and the SAF Seminar during 2025.
- RO-IM attended the monthly conference call with the ENV Office at ICAO HQ on 30 January 2025 to provide updates from MID region on follow-up actions on SAPs, CORSIA and ACT-SAF with States in the region; and coordinate the upcoming planned events and activities in the MID Region for 2025.