



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

MIDDLE EAST OFFICE

TENTH MEETING OF THE AIR TRAFFIC FLOW MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE

(ATFM TF/10)

(Virtual, 3 – 4 August 2026)

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

1. PLACE AND DURATION

1.1 The Tenth meeting of the Air Traffic Flow Management Task Force (ATFM TF/10). was held virtually on 3 and 4 August 2026, using MS Teams.

2. OPENING

2.1 The meeting was opened by the ATFM Chairperson Mr. Hamad Al Belushi, Senior Expert - Air Traffic Management, GCAA, UAE, who welcomed all the participants and recalled the main tasks assigned to the ATFM Task Force emanating from the MIDANPIRG meetings.

3. ATTENDANCE

3.1 The meeting was attended by forty-three (43) participants from eleven (11) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, UAE and USA-FAA) and three (3) Organizations/Industries (IATA, CANSO and Indonesia Aviation). The list of participants is at **Attachment A**.

4. OFFICERS AND SECRETARIAT

4.1 Mr. Ahmad Amireh, Regional Officer, Air Traffic Management and Search and Rescue (RO/ATM/SAR) and Mr. Ahmad Kaveh, Regional Officer, Air Traffic Management (RO/ATM) were the Secretaries of the meeting. Ms. Dina El Karimy provided technical assistance to the meeting.

5. DISCUSSIONS

AGENDA ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

5.1 The meeting adopted the following Agenda:

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

Agenda Item 2: MID ATFM Framework:

- Status of ATFM related items in Air Navigation Report 2025
- Criteria for the Applicability Area of ATFM implementation
- Review of MID Doc 014: MID ATFM Implementation plan
- Update and review the MID ATFM Implementation Action Plan

Agenda Item 3: Future Work Programme

Agenda Item 4: Any other Business

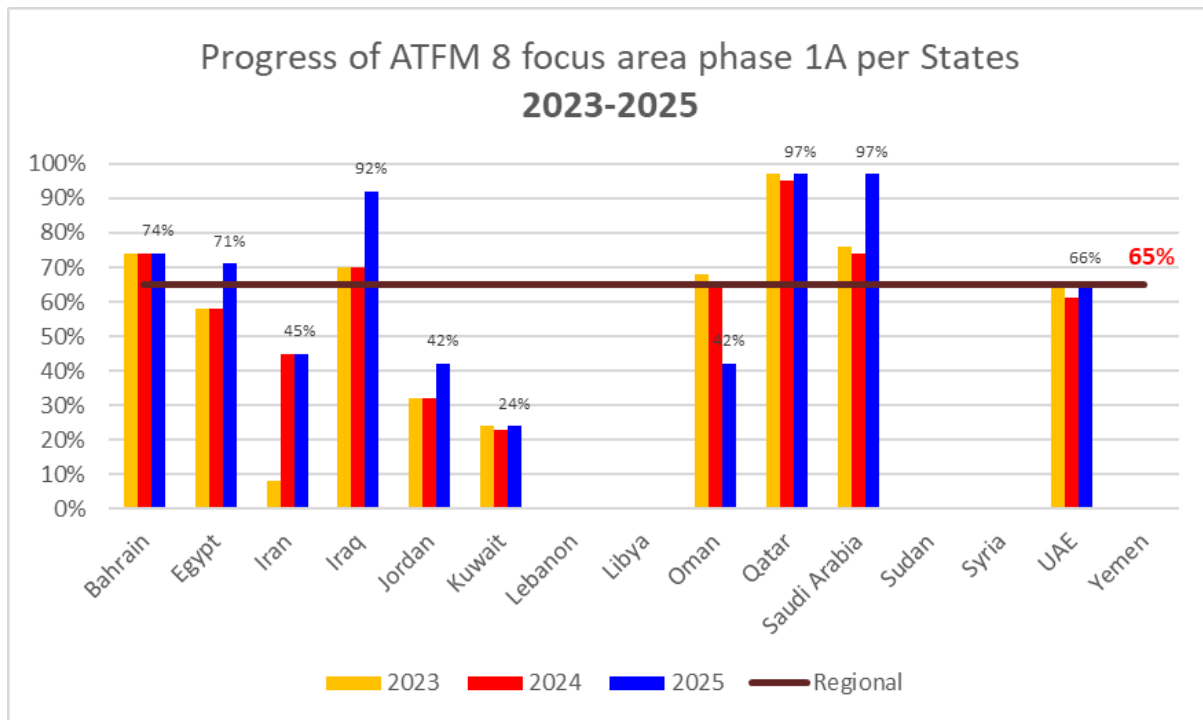
5.2 The documentation and presentations delivered during the meeting are available on the ICAO MID Office website at: [ATFM TF/10 Meeting](#).

AGENDA ITEM 2: MID ATFM FRAMEWORK

Status of ATFM related items in Air Navigation Report 2025

5.3 The subject was addressed in WP/2, presented by the Secretariat.

5.4 The meeting noted that, based on the latest ATFM Task Force survey, the implementation of Phase 1A in the MID Region has reached 65%. However, the level of implementation varies among MID States, as illustrated in the chart below:



5.5 It also noted that, according to the Air Navigation Report 2025, ASBU interdependency threads such as AMET and APTA are largely implemented or ongoing, while RSEQ, SURF, and ACDM are mostly “not identified as priorities” by States. The status of implementation of related ASBU elements per States illustrated in the following table:

States	AMET B0/1 Status	AMET B0/2 Status	APTA B0/2 Status	FICE B0/1 Status	FRTO B0/2 Status	NOPS B0/1 Status	RSEQ B0/1 Status	RSEQ B0/2 Status	SURF B0/2 Status	ACDM B0/1 Status	ACDM B0/2 Status	Level of full implementation
Bahrain	2/2	2/2	0/1	0/1	1/1	0/1	1/1	0/1	1/1	1/1	0/1	62%
Egypt	4/8	8/8	5/7	0/1	0/1	0/1	5/7	5/7	1/7	1/7	0/7	48%
Iran	2/10	0/10	0/9	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/9	0/9	0/9	1/9	1/9	5%
Iraq	0/7	0/7	2/6	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	4%
Jordan	3/3	3/3	2/2	0/1	1/1	0/1	0/1	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	43%
Kuwait	2/2	0/2	1/1	0/1	1/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	1/1	1/1	0/1	46%
Lebanon	1/2	0/2	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	8%
Libya	0/4	0/4	0/3	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/3	0/3	0/3	0/3	0/3	0%
Oman	3/3	3/3	0/2	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	29%
Qatar	3/3	3/3	2/2	1/1	1/1	1/1	0/2	1/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	86%
Saudi Arabia	5/5	5/5	4/4	0/1	0/1	1/1	0/4	0/4	2/4	0/4	0/4	46%
Sudan	0/5	2/5	2/4	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/4	0/4	0/4	0/4	0/4	11%
Syria	0/4	0/4	0/3	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/3	0/3	0/3	0/3	0/3	0%
UAE	6/9	6/9	8/8	1/1	1/1	1/1	3/8	1/8	3/8	3/8	3/8	52%
Yemen	0/6	0/6	0/5	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/5	0/5	0/5	0/5	0/5	0%

5.6 The meeting tasked the Secretariat with conducting a new survey to assess the status of ATFM Phase 1 implementation, including Phases 1A and 1B, and to submit required report to ATFM TF/11 meeting for further actions.

Advancing Air Traffic Flow Management in the MID Region

5.7 The subject was addressed in WP/3, presented by IATA.

5.8 IATA highlighted that the MID Region is characterized by a high volume of international and long-haul traffic operating across multiple FIRs. Recent operational events have underscored the importance of managing traffic flows from a network perspective through enhanced cross-border coordination and information sharing, including the application of Long-Range Air Traffic Flow Management (LR-ATFM). Such an approach would improve operational predictability, support the efficient management of regional traffic flows, and enable the implementation of future operational concepts, such as FF-ICE and TBO.

Criteria for the Applicability Area of ATFM implementation

5.9 The subject was addressed in WP/4, presented by the Secretariat.

5.10 The meeting recalled MIDANPIRG Conclusion 23/20, which tasked the ATFM Task Force with establishing clear criteria for classifying the level of ATFM implementation across MID States. Accordingly, the meeting agreed to establish an ad-hoc Action Group to develop the required criteria for defining the classification levels and their applicability.

Review of MID Doc 014: MID ATFM Plan

5.11 The subject was addressed in WP/5, presented by the Secretariat.

5.12 The meeting recalled that the current MID Doc 014 (V2.0) was developed by the ATFM TF members and endorsed by the MIDANPIRG/19 meeting. Additionally, the meeting recalled the content of the document.

5.13 The meeting highlighted that a number of MID States implemented different levels of ATFM based on the guidance material provided in the MID Doc 014.

5.14 The meeting recalled the discussion during the last ATFM TF meeting which was conducted back-to-back with the seminar on ATFM and FF-ICE for Asia Pacific and Middle East Regions; particularly related to the latest developments on global level related to the ATFM and FF-ICE. In addition, the meeting recalled the discussion during the MIDANPIRG/23 meeting, particularly the MIDANPIRG/23 Conclusion 23/20 related to the ATFM implementation within the MID Region.

5.15 Based on all the above, the meeting agreed on the need to review and update the current version of the MID Doc 014, to meet the latest ICAO Provisions.

5.16 Based on all the above, the meeting agreed to establish an ad-hoc Action Group to develop a revised version of the ATFM Implementation plan in line with the recent and expected global developments and ICAO SARPS amendments. and propose a criteria for defining the classification levels and their applicability area and continued monitoring mechanism. The action group is composed of experts from the States and international organizations as follows:

- ATFM Expert 1, State (rapporteur),
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- ICAO Secretariat, and
- Supported by international organizations ().

- The action group to present the outcomes to the ATFM TF by Q1/2027.

Update and Review the MID ATFM Implementation Action Plan

5.17 The subject was addressed in WP/6 presented by the Secretariat.

5.18 The meeting noted with appreciation the efforts made by the MID States towards the implementation of the ATFM on national level, which was reflected in the Air Navigation report 2025 and on the status of implementation in the relevant action items of the Action Plan.

5.19 The meeting noted that the level of implementation within the MID Region varies based on the size and complexity of operations within the relevant airspace. The meeting reiterated that the requirements of Annex 11 is applicable to all States, the minimum requirements is reflected in the MID ATFM Plan Phase 1 which covers the minimum requirements.

5.20 The meeting reviewed and amended the MID ATFM Implementation Action Plan, as at **Appendix X**.

AGENDA ITEM 3: FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

Review of MID ATFM ToR and Future Work Programme

5.21 The subject was addressed in WP/7, presented by the Secretariat. The meeting reviewed ATFM TF Terms of Reference, as at **Appendix X**.

5.22 The meeting proposed that the ATFM TF/11 meeting to be organized In Q1/2027. The exact dates will be coordinated between the ICAO MID Office and the Chairperson of the ATFM Task Force.

5.23 Additionally, in reference to the MIDANPIRG Procedural Handbook (<https://www.icao.int/MID/midanpirg-procedural-handbook>), the meeting agreed to include on the agenda of the next meeting the election of the Chairpersons.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5.24 The meeting was apprised with the details of the Air Navigation World 2026 (ATFM) conference (<https://www.icao.int/events/icao-air-navigation-world-2026-atfm>) organized by ICAO in Montreal during the period 5 – 9 October 2026. The meeting noted the subjected of the agenda of the conference and encouraged States and ANSP to actively participate the in conference.

6. CLOSING

6.1 Mr. Hamad Al Belushi, the Task Force Chairperson, thanked all participants for their active participation, fruitful discussion, and valuable outcomes. Additionally, he highlighted that

6.2 The participants thanked ICAO for organizing such a fruitful meeting and the follow-up actions.
