



International Civil Aviation Organization

**MIDANPIRG Communication, Navigation and Surveillance Sub-Group  
(CNS SG/15)**

*(Doha, Qatar, 11 – 14 May 2026)*

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**Agenda Item 8: Future Work Programme**

FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

*(Presented by Secretariat)*

**SUMMARY**

This paper aims to review the Terms of Reference of the CNS SG and agree on the tentative dates and venue of the CNS SG/16 meeting.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

**REFERENCES**

- MIDANPIRG Procedural Handbook

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 In accordance with the MIDANPIRG Procedural Handbook, the CNS Subgroup is expected to review and update, as necessary, its Terms of Reference and to decide on the dates and venue of its next meeting.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 The Terms of Reference of the CNS Sub-Group is at *Appendix A*.

2.2 The meeting may wish to note that MIDANPIRG/23 will be held from 14 to 18 June 2026. MIDAMC Workshop and Meeting in the first quarter of 2027.

2.3 Accordingly, it is proposed that the CNS SG/16 meeting be held during the Second Quarter of 2027 in the ICAO MID Regional Office, Cairo, Egypt, unless a State offers to host the meeting. The exact dates and venue will be coordinated with the Chairperson of the CNS SG.

**3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) review and update as deemed necessary the CNS Sub-group ToR at *Appendix A*; and
- b) agree on the dates and venue of the CNS SG/16 meeting.

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## COMMUNICATION, NAVIGATION AND SURVEILLANCE SUB-GROUP (CNS SG)

### 1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### 1.1 The Terms of Reference of the CNS Sub-Group are:

- a) ensure that the implementation of CNS in the MID Region is coherent and compatible with developments in adjacent Regions, and is in line with the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP), the Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU) framework, and the MID Region Air Navigation Strategy;
- b) monitor the status of implementation of the MID Region CNS-related ASBU Modules included in the MID Region Air Navigation Strategy, as well as other required CNS supporting infrastructure, identify the associated difficulties and deficiencies, and provide progress reports, as required;
- c) keep under review the MID Region CNS performance objectives/priorities, develop action plans to achieve the agreed performance targets, and propose changes to the MID Region CNS plans/priorities, modernization programmes through the MIDANPIRG, as appropriate;
- d) seek to achieve a common understanding and support from all stakeholders and involved in or affected by the CNS developments/activities in the MID Region;
- e) provide a platform for harmonization of developments and deployments of CNS facilities and procedures within the Region and inter-regional;
- f) monitor and review the latest developments in the area of CNS, provide expert inputs for CNS-related issues; and propose solutions for meeting ATM operational requirements;
- g) follow-up the developments of the ICAO position for future ITU World Radio Communication (WRC) Conferences and provide expert advice to States;
- h) follow-up the operation of the MID ATS Message Management Center (MIDAMC);
- i) provide regular progress reports to the MSG and MIDANPIRG concerning its work programme; and
- j) review periodically its Terms of Reference and propose amendments, as necessary.

#### 1.2 In order to meet the Terms of Reference, the CNS Sub-Group shall:

- a) provide necessary assistance and guidance to States to ensure harmonization and interoperability in line with the GANP, the MID ANP, and ASBU framework;
- b) provide necessary inputs to the MID Region Air Navigation Strategy through the monitoring of the agreed Key Performance Indicators related to CNS facilities and procedures;
- c) identify and review those specific deficiencies and problems that constitute major obstacles to the provision of efficient CNS implementation, and recommend necessary remedial actions;

- d) lead the work programme of the MID-AMC, including the conduct of training and upgrades;
- e) assist, coordinate, harmonize, and support in the implementation of CNS facilities and procedures;
- f) seek States support to ICAO Position at WRCs, and encourage States for the proper utilization of the Frequency Spectrum and Interrogation Code Allocations;
- g) follow-up surveillance technologies implementation to be in line with the MID Region surveillance plan and the operational improvements in coordination with other Sub-Groups;
- h) review, identify, and address major issues in technical, operational, safety, and regulatory aspects to facilitate the implementation or provision of efficient Surveillance services in the MID Region;
- i) follow-up Global GNSS evolution, and provide assistance/guidance to states on available GNSS services;
- j) address Datalink communication services and support implementation where operationally required;
- k) review and identify inter-regional and intra-regional co-ordination issues in the field of CNS, harmonize and recommend actions to address those issues; and
- l) Coordinate with relevant MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID Subsidiary bodies issues with common interests.

## **2. COMPOSITION**

2.1 The Sub-Group is composed of:

- a) MIDANPIRG Member States;
- b) Concerned International and Regional Organizations as observers; and
- c) other representatives from provider States and Industry may be invited on ad-hoc basis, as observers, when required.

## **3. WORKING ARRANGEMENTS**

3.1 The Chairperson, in close co-operation with the Secretary, shall make all necessary arrangements for the most efficient working of the Subgroup. The Subgroup shall at all times conduct its activities in the most efficient manner possible with a minimum of formality and paperwork (paperless meetings). Permanent contact shall be maintained between the Chairperson, Secretary, and Members of the Subgroup to advance the work. The best advantage should be taken of modern communications facilities, particularly video-conferencing (Virtual Meetings) and e-mails.

3.2. Face-to-face meetings will be conducted when it is necessary to do so.

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