International Civil Aviation Organization

Sixth Meeting of the Frequency Management Working Group (FM WG/6)

(Cairo, Egypt, 27 – 28 September 2026)

Agenda Item 6: Future work programme

NEXT MEETING DATES AND VENUES

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the meeting's suggested dates and venue of the next FM WG meetings.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

– MIDANPIRG Procedural Handbook

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Middle East Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (MIDANPIRG) Procedural Handbook Fifth edition endorsed by MIDANPIRG/12 contains the updated Terms of Reference (TOR) of the MIDANPIRG different Sub-Groups and the working arrangements and internal instructions developed by the Group for the practical application of its Terms of Reference.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting may wish to recall that, in accordance with the ICAO business planning process, all work of the PIRGs would have to be justified and based on clearly established performance objectives in support of the ICAO Strategic Objectives. Consequently, all TOR of PIRGs are being revised in order to ensure that resources were more appropriately directed and that all work, including that of the Secretariat, is in support of the business plan. Accordingly, MIDANPIRG subsidiary bodies should review their TOR taking into consideration the ICAO Business plan and the requirements for performance monitoring.

2.2 In accordance with the MIDANPIRG Procedural Handbook, the Group is expected to review and update its Terms of Reference and Work Programme and to decide on the dates and venue of its next meeting, considering the preparatory work needed to support ICAO WRC27 position, and other pressing matters like frequency congestion.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

a) note the information contained in this working paper;

b) review and update the Terms of Reference and work Programme of the FM Working Group at **Appendix A** to this working paper; and

c) decide on the dates and venue of the FM WG meetings in 2026 & 2027.

Frequency Management Working Group
(FMWG)

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

The FMWG will undertake the following tasks in the work required to manage the MID Region frequency assignments in order to ensure sufficient access to the resource for the provision of aeronautical communication, navigation and surveillance services (CNS) in an efficient and safe manner:

a) develop MID Region frequency assignment plan, including long-term spectrum usage of radio systems;
b) validate the ICAO Global database and keep it up to date;
c) resolve current frequency assignments conflict in the ICAO Global database;
d) develop a recommendation or proposal for improvement to the existing regional VHF frequency assignment process based on the ICAO Global Spectrum Management tool, ICAO 9718 Volume II Handbook provision, and current coordination issues;
e) propose solutions for the interference incidents occurred in the MID Region states in a timely manner;
f) escalate the intentional frequency interference matters and coordinate with other relevant international organizations, as and when required;
g) provide guidance/support to States to protect the GNSS signals;
h) collaborate with ITU and other relevant international organization to address frequent interference incidents;
i) support for ICAO Position at World Radio Communication Conference (WRC) and ensure the MID States' support ICAO at ITU meetings;
j) collaborate with Regional Groups; Arab Spectrum Management Group (ASMG) African Telecommunication Union (ATU), and Asia/Pacific Telecommunication Group (APT) to support the ICAO position at WRC;
k) ensure the continuous and coherent development of the relevant sections of the MID eANP, taking into account the evolving operational requirements in the MID Region and the need for harmonization with the adjacent regions in compliance with the Global Air Navigation Plan;
l) develops recommendations for CNS SG about how to address the future operational needs and limitations in VHF voice communications, aiming at avoiding introduction of 8.33 kHz spacing in the MID Region for as long as practicable; and
m) Frequency Management Working Group will be responsible for overall supervision of the frequency issues in the MID Region and will review/update the FMWG work plan whenever required.
n) collect and share information on the best practices implemented by States and Regional Organizations to mitigate potential radio altimeters (RADALT) interference that caused by 5G operation.
o) develop guidance material to protect aircraft operations from potential Radio Altimeter interference associated with the deployment of 5G ground infrastructure.

2. COMPOSITION

a) ICAO MID Regional Office;
b) MIDANPIRG CNS Sub Group Chairpersons;
c) Members appointed by the MIDANPIRG member States; and
d) other representatives, who could contribute to the activity of the Working Group, could be invited to participate as observers.

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