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**Subject: Special Air Traffic Management (ATM) Coordination Meeting and MID
Region ATM Contingency Framework Workshop
(Muscat, Oman, 1 – 5 February 2026)**

Action Required: Reply not later than 7 January 2026

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite your Administration/Organization to the Special Air Traffic Management (ATM) Coordination Meeting and the MID Region ATM Contingency Framework Workshop, organized jointly by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Asia and Pacific (APAC) and the Middle East (MID) Regional Offices supported by ICAO Headquarters, to be held back-to-back in Muscat, Oman from 1 to 5 February 2026, generously hosted by the Civil Aviation Authority of Oman.

You may recall the outcomes of the ICAO APAC/MID ATM Contingency Planning Workshop (Bangkok, Thailand, 25 – 28 June 2024), the Fourteenth Air Navigation Conference and the 42nd ICAO General Assembly related to the crisis and contingency management and strengthening the resilience of ATM to manage airspace disruptions, due to conflict zones, and other unforeseen events in line with the ICAO Priority Focus Area and Programme related to the crises preparedness and response. The objective of the workshop is to address technical matters related to contingency management and to finalize the MID Region ATM Contingency Framework, considering lessons learned from the latest events that impacted international traffic flow and required cross-regional coordination to ensure continued safe flight operations.

The Workshop will be conducted back-to-back with the Special ATM Coordination Meeting (SCM) for the MID States and those at the interface to the MID Region to explore measures to improve cross-regional contingency preparedness and response, as well as enhancements to the ATM arrangements and ATS route structure at the interfaces.

Enclosed herewith is the Provisional Agenda (**Attachment A**). Meeting Bulletin and the detailed programme, including the daily order of business, will be made available in due course. This Letter and the documentation of the SCM and Workshop will be posted on the ICAO MID website at: www.icao.int/mid as they become available.

Your Administration/Organization is encouraged to participate actively in the SCM and Workshop by submitting working papers/presentations related to the subjects contained in the Provisional Agenda prior to **7 January 2026** in order to allow time for processing and advance posting on the ICAO MID website. In addition, as the SCM will include sessions for bilateral coordination, it is important to review the air traffic services (ATS) letters of agreement you have with the relevant ATS units participating in the meeting to discuss improvements to airspace and contingency arrangements with them.

I would appreciate it if you could, as soon as possible, preferably not later than **7 January 2026**, confirm the participation of your Administration/Organization by completing this [Online Nomination Form](#).

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Attachment



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Special ATM Coordination Meeting and MID Region ATM Contingency Framework Workshop

ICAO SCM and RACF 2026

(Muscat, Oman, 1 – 5 February 2026)

Provisional Agenda

SCM (1 – 3 February 2026)

- Agenda Item 1:** Opening and welcoming remarks
- Agenda Item 2:** Setting the scene
- Global developments related to ATM
 - Challenges affecting traffic flows within the MID Region and at the interfaces, and the need for improvements
- Agenda Item 3:** Bilateral and Multilateral meetings
- Presentation of potential airspace enhancements.
 - Discussion of contingency arrangements at the interfaces.
 - Breakout session for meetings among States involving airspace users to discuss and explore measures to improve airspace management at the interfaces and update of the ATS letters of agreement
- Agenda Item 4:** Outcomes and Recommendations

RACF (4 – 5 February 2025)

- Agenda Item 1:** Opening and welcoming remarks
- Agenda Item 2:** Current ICAO Contingency planning:
- Requirements, need and purpose.
 - ICAO CCT process.
 - APAC and MID Regions contingency implementation experience.
 - States' experience and challenges in implementing their contingency plan.
- Agenda Item 3:** The New ICAO Regions ATM Contingency Management Framework (RACF)
- Cross-border coordination aspects of contingency management.
 - Outcome of the SCM (1-3 February 2026), particularly related to cross-regional enhancements of contingency arrangements.
 - Discuss the draft MID RACF.
 - Defining contingency arrangements for predetermined contingency events.
- Agenda Item 4:** Outcomes and Recommendations

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