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Subject: Invitation to the Joint ACAO/ICAO Air Navigation Services (ANS) Safety Oversight Workshop (Rabat, Morocco, 18 – 22 May 2026)

Action Required: Reply not later than 20 April 2026

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that ACAO and ICAO MID Regional Office are jointly organizing, from 18 to 22 May 2026, the Air Navigation Services (ANS) Safety Oversight Workshop. The Workshop will be held in Rabat, Morocco. Your Administration/Organization is kindly invited to participate in the Workshop.

The objectives of the Workshop are to provide a foundation for establishing and strengthening a robust and effective State safety oversight system for Air Navigation Services (ANS), in accordance with ICAO SARPs and the Critical Elements of safety oversight system, while enhancing participants' understanding of the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP)-Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA), including relevant guidance on the management and conduct of programme activities. The Workshop is intended for both ANS inspectors/regulatory personnel and Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs), and aims to strengthen practical knowledge and skills in implementing the regulatory framework, planning and conducting effective oversight activities, and managing compliance evidence, corrective actions and follow-up.

The Bulletin, which includes the administrative arrangements for the Workshop, the venue, other useful information for the participants, including the Hotel List, will be shared with all participants in due course.

This letter, all its relevant attachments and Working/Information Papers and PowerPoint presentations (as they become available), will be posted in PDF format on the ACAO website at: acao@acao.org.ma and ICAO MID website at: www.icao.int/mid.

The Provisional Programme of the Workshop is at **Attachment A**. I would appreciate if you could, as soon as possible, preferably not later than **20 April 2026** confirm the participation of your Administration/Organization, by registering here: <https://acao.org.ma/u/register/?ACAO-ICAO-ANS>

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Should you require more information about the event, please contact Mr. Radhouan Aissaoui from ICAO MID at: raissaoui@icao.int and Mr. Hicham Bennani from ACAO at: h.bennani@acao.org.ma.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.



for/ Mohamed Khalifa Rahma
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Attachment



ACAO - ICAO ANS Safety Oversight Workshop (Rabat, Morocco, 18 – 22 May 2026) Work Programme

DAY 1 — Foundations: State Safety Oversight of ANS & Regulatory Framework

Time	Session	Content / Activities
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	participant registration.
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Session	Welcome remarks, objectives, agenda, participant introductions Group Photo
09:30 – 10:30	Session 1: ICAO Safety Oversight Concept & State Responsibilities	State responsibilities for ANS oversight, ICAO framework, Annexes and SARPs.
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:30	Session 2: State Safety Oversight System – Building Blocks	Critical Elements (CE1–CE8) and application to ANS oversight.
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 – 15:00	Session 3: Regulatory Framework for ANS Oversight	Legal basis, regulations, inspector powers, enforcement and sanctions.

DAY 2 — USOAP CMA & perspectives in ANS

Time	Session	Content / Activities
09:00 – 10:30	Session 4: USOAP CMA Framework	CMA methodology, continuous monitoring, audit areas and State obligations.
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	

11:00 – 12:30	Session 5: SSC (Significant Safety Concern) in ANS Oversight	SSC definition, triggers in PANS-OPS/CNS, State response process, mitigation measures, CAP and closure evidence. Practical scenario exercise.
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 – 15:00	Session 6: USOAP CMA & ANS Oversight – What Gets Evaluated	ANS-related protocol questions (General), evidence, common findings.

DAY 3 — USOAP ANS Protocol Questions (PQs) Analysis

Time	Session	Content / Activities
09:00 – 10:30	Session 7: ATS PQs	ATS related protocol questions, evidence, common findings.
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:30	Session 8: PANS-OPS and AIS/Chart PQs	PANS-OPS, AIS/Chart related protocol questions, evidence, common findings.
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 – 15:00	Session 9: CNS , MET and SAR PQs	

DAY 4 —SMS Framework

Time	Session	Content / Activities
09:00 – 10:30	Session 10: Resolution of Safety Issues within the SMS Framework	Resolution of Safety Issues: Procedures for the Classification and Resolution of Non-Conformities Detected in the Surveillance of Operational Safety for ANS
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	

11:00 – 12:30	Session 11: SMS Framework for ANSPs and Regulator’s Role in SMS Acceptance/Approval	SMS components, safety culture, interfaces Acceptance vs approval, documentation review, common non-conformities.
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 – 15:00	Session 12: USOAP CMA SMS PQs	SMS related protocol questions, evidence, common findings.

DAY 5 — USOAP CMA SSP and SMS PQs & Workshop Outputs

Time	Session	Content / Activities
09:00 – 10:30	Session 13: Open Questions	Interactive session, debates on main challenges faced by States during USOAP, Best practices.
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:30	Session 14: Final Recommendations - Closing Ceremony & Certificates	