



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

MIDDLE EAST OFFICE

**REPORT OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE MID REGION FLIGHT PROCEDURE
PROGRAMME STEERING COMMITTEE**

(MID FPP SC/9)

(Virtually, 25 May 2026)

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PART I - HISTORY OF THE MEETING

1. PLACE AND DURATION

1.1 The Ninth meeting of the MID Region Flight Procedures Programme Steering Committee (MID FPP SC/9) was held virtually, on 25 May 2026, using MS Teams platform.

2. OPENING

2.1 The meeting was opened by Mr. Saqr Obaid Al Marashda, Manager Airspace Management GCAA-UAE and Chairman of the MID FPP Steering Committee, who welcomed all the participants to the MID FPP SC/9 meeting.

2.2 Mr. Mohamed Smaoui, Deputy Regional Director of the ICAO Middle East Office, welcomed all participants to the meeting. He emphasized that the MID FPP, whose effectiveness and benefits were acknowledged by the DGCA-MID and MIDANPIRG during Phase I (2021–2024), has proven its viability as a valuable mechanism to support States in the domains of PANS-OPS and PBN. However, the Programme has been facing serious financial challenges that jeopardize its sustainability. He recalled that the purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss the future legal and institutional framework of the MID FPP.

3. ATTENDANCE

3.1 The meeting was attended by a total of seventeen (16) participants from six (6) States (Bahrain, Jordan, Oman, Qatar, Sudan and UAE). The list of participants is at **Attachment A**.

4. OFFICERS AND SECRETARIAT

4.1 Mr. Radhouan Aissaoui, Regional Officer Information Management and Acting MID FPP Manager, was the Secretary of the meeting supported by Mr. Mohamed Smaoui, Deputy Regional Director (DRD).

5. LANGUAGE

5.1 Discussions were conducted in English and documentation was issued in English.

6. AGENDA

6.1 The following Agenda was adopted:

Agenda Item 1:	Adoption of the Provisional Agenda
Agenda Item 2:	MIDFPP updates
Agenda Item 3:	MID FPP Sustainability/Legal and Institutional Framework
Agenda Item 4:	Future Work Programme
Agenda Item 5:	Any other Business

6.2 The documentation and presentation delivered during the meeting are available on the ICAO MID Office website at: <https://www.icao.int/MID/meetingdocs?fid=102607#block-icao-page-title>

7. CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS – DEFINITION

7.1 The Ninth meeting of the MID Region Flight Procedures Programme Steering Committee (MID FPP SC/9) records its actions in the form of Conclusions and Decisions with the following significance:

- a) **Conclusions** deal with matters that, according to the Group's terms of reference, merit directly the attention of States, or on which further action will be initiated by the Secretary in accordance with established procedures; and
- b) **Decisions** relate solely to matters dealing with the internal working arrangements of the Group and its Sub-Groups.

8. LIST OF CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

*CONCLUSION 9/1: MID FPP SUSTAINABILITY, RENEWED CALL FOR HOST
STATE*

PART II: REPORT ON AGENDA ITEMS**REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1.1 The subject was addressed in WP/1 presented by the Secretariat. The meeting reviewed and adopted the Provisional Agenda as at Para 6 of the History of the Meeting.

REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 2: MID FPP UPDATES

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

2.2 The meeting was briefed on the MID FPP work program for 2026, as presented in Appendix 2A, which prioritizes capacity building in PANS-OPS and PBN. The MID FPP Training Programme for 2026 has been consolidated and formally disseminated to States through State Letter File Ref.: AN 6/33–26/017, dated 1 February 2026 as at **Appendix 2A**.

2.3 The meeting noted that the MID FPP Training Programme for 2026 is being implemented in close coordination with key partners, including:

- The ICAO Asia-Pacific Flight Procedure Programme (APAC FPP);
- The African Flight Procedure Programme (AFI FPP); and
- The French Civil Aviation Authority (DGAC France) and the École Nationale de l'Aviation Civile (ENAC), within the framework of an existing Technical Agreement (TA).

2.4 The meeting urged all States to submit course nominations at the earliest opportunity. Timely nominations are essential to facilitate logistical arrangements and ensure State participation.

2.5 In other hand, the meeting noted that, during 2026, the MID FPP successfully completed a dedicated project with the Jordan Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC), focused on the Regulatory Oversight Review of IFP Design Packages for Jordan Airports (Amman FIR). The project was governed by a formal Statement of Work (SOW) agreed between CARC and the MID FPP, and all deliverables have been completed and submitted to the State for review and consideration.

MID FPP Training Programme for 2026

List of training courses proposed by ENAC for 2026

Training name	Session	Format/Location	Date	Deadline for registration	Syllabus/Fees
Airspace Design for Terminal Area Optimisation		On site (Toulouse)	2 to 13 March 2026	2 February 2026	https://training.enac.fr/catalog/detail/183
PBN oversight	PBNO	online synchronous and asynchronous	16 to 26 March 2026	23 February 2026	https://training.enac.fr/catalog/detail/189
Instrument Procedure Design Course; General Criteria (IPD1)	IPD1-E	online synchronous	11 to 27 March 2026	25 February 2026	https://training.enac.fr/catalog/detail/177
Instrument Procedure Design Course : Arrival and Non precision Approach for PBN or conventional procedures (IPD2)	IPD2-E	1st part : online synchronous 2nd part : ENAC, Toulouse	online 11 to 27 mai 2026 1 to 12 juin 2026"	25 February 2026	https://training.enac.fr/catalog/detail/179
Instrument Procedure Design Course : Precision Approach for PBN or conventional procedures and Approach with vertical guidance (APV) procedures (IPD3)	IPD3_E	1st part : online synchronous 2nd part : ENAC, Toulouse"	online 7 to 18 September 2026 Toulouse 28 September to 9 October 2026	25 February 2026	https://training.enac.fr/catalog/detail/181
Instrument Procedure Design Course : Departure procedures (PBN or conventional) (IPD4)	IPDEP_E	online synchronous	2 to 6 November 2026	25 February 2026	https://training.enac.fr/catalog/detail/429
Instrument Procedure Design Course : Departure procedures (PBN or conventional) (IPD4)	IPDAR_E	ENAC, Toulouse	7 to 11 December 2026	3 November 2026	https://training.enac.fr/catalog/detail/184

List of training courses proposed by APAC FPP for 2026

Training name	Format/Location	Date	Fees (USD)
RNP-AR Workshop	(Beijing)	30 Mar-3 Apr	1000
Point in Space (Pins) Procedure Design Course	(Beijing)	11-15 May	1000
Pans-Ops Procedure Design Initial Course	(Beijing)	15 Jun-10 Jul	2000
PBN Procedure Design Course	(Beijing)	07-25 Sep	3000
Procedure Design Refresher Course (including Charting-Coding for Procedure Designers)	(Beijing)	16-20 Nov	1000

Training course proposed by AFI FPP for 2026

Training name	Format/Location	Date	Fees (USD)
Flight Procedure Design Instructors' Training Course, Accra, Ghana, from 8 to 26 June 2026.	(Accra, Ghana)	8 - 26 June	2000

REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 3: MID FPP SUSTAINABILITY/LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

3.1 The subject was addressed in WP/3 presented by the Secretariat.

3.2 The meeting recalled that the MID Flight Procedure Programme (MID FPP), established in 2019, has demonstrated its value as a regional mechanism supporting States in the domains of PANS-OPS and Performance-Based Navigation (PBN). Between 2022 and 2025, the Programme delivered 33 training and technical assistance activities to 162 participants across 14 States. Notwithstanding these achievements, the Programme has continued to face serious financial challenges, including unpaid contributions from 2022 training activities, overdue annual fees for 2023, and limited State participation, placing significant strain on its operational capacity and long-term sustainability.

3.3 The meeting further recalled the MIDANPIRG/22, through PIRG/RASG Conclusion 5, acknowledged the financial challenges facing the Programme and agreed to extend operations for one additional year under ICAO MID Office management, while directing the MID Office and the Steering Committee to jointly explore alternative business models and present a final decision to MIDANPIRG/23.

3.4 The Eighth Meeting of the MID FPP Steering Committee (SC/8), held virtually on 18 September 2025, considered three sustainability options:

Option 1 — Continuation under ICAO MID Office management, with opportunistic capacity-building activities, no mandatory State contributions, and no formal Hosting Agreement;

Option 2 — A Host State Model, whereby a volunteer State assumes day-to-day management, provides a Programme Manager, facilities and tools, with a modest mandatory financial contribution from Active States and a formal Hosting Agreement; and

Option 3 — Continuation as an ICAO CDI project, with a CDI-recruited Programme Manager and secured sustainable funding.

3.5 The Eighth Meeting of the MID FPP Steering Committee (SC/8) unanimously endorsed Option 2 with the Host State Model as the preferred way forward, subject to the development of a formal Hosting Agreement, a revised Project Document, and a sustainable funding mechanism, and adopted Conclusion 8/1, directing the ICAO MID Office to circulate a State Letter seeking a volunteer Host State.

3.6 The meeting was informed that, in line with the agreed action, a State Letter AN 6/33–25/210 was issued on 1 October 2025, inviting Member States to submit formal Expressions of Interest in hosting the MID FPP by 30 November 2025.

3.7 The meeting noted that, as of the date of the present meeting, no formal Expression of Interest confirming a commitment to host the MID FPP had been received. The meeting considered that this outcome may be attributed to the following factors:

- a) the two-month response window was insufficient for States to complete the internal consultations required before formally committing to host a regional programme;
- b) ambiguity among some States regarding the precise scope of Host State obligations and the associated benefits; and
- c) formalising a Host State commitment involving the allocation of human resources, facilities, and financial support requires political-level endorsement that is more appropriately facilitated through Director General-level engagement than through standard State correspondence.

3.8 The ICAO MID Office reaffirmed that the Host State Model remains the most viable and

strategically sound option for ensuring MID FPP sustainability. The meeting agreed that translating initial interest into a formal commitment requires structured follow-up, enhanced clarity on obligations and benefits, and adequate time for States to complete their internal processes.

3.9 Accordingly, the meeting agreed on the need to issue a renewed State Letter reiterating the call for a volunteer Host State, with a revised submission deadline of 1 September 2026. The renewed State Letter should:

- provide enhanced clarity on Host State obligations and the associated benefits of hosting;
- invite bilateral engagement with the ICAO MID Office for any State seeking clarification prior to the deadline; and
- make clear that this represents the final opportunity to establish the Host State Model before DGCA-MID/8 takes a definitive decision on the future governance of the Programme.

3.10 The meeting further agreed to the following Conclusion:

CONCLUSION 9/1: MID FPP SUSTAINABILITY, RENEWED CALL FOR HOST STATE

That:

- a) the ICAO MID Office issue a renewed State Letter to all MID Member States, reiterating the call for a volunteer Host State and extending the deadline for formal Expressions of Interest to 1 September 2026;*
- b) States are invited to engage bilaterally with the ICAO MID Office for any required clarification prior to the deadline; and*
- c) the ICAO MID Office compile a comprehensive brief consolidating all responses and Expressions of Interest received, and will be submitted it to DGCA-MID/8 to enable a final governance decision on the future of the MID FPP.*

3.11 In this context, the meeting noted with appreciation that Jordan Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC) has expressed an initial intention to consider hosting the MID FPP. The meeting welcomed this positive signal as an encouraging step towards identifying a sustainable governance solution for the Programme. It was nonetheless recognized that Jordan CARC's expression of intent remains at a preliminary stage, and that a comprehensive understanding of the full scope of Host State obligations, operational requirements, and associated benefits is still needed before a formal commitment can be made.

3.12 The meeting considered that this preliminary interest is fully consistent with the spirit and intent of Conclusion 9/1 above, which provides an extended deadline of 1 September 2026 and explicitly invites States to engage bilaterally with the ICAO MID Office for any required clarification prior to that deadline. The ICAO MID Office was accordingly invited to proactively engage with Jordan CARC through bilateral consultations to provide the necessary detail, address outstanding questions, and support Jordan CARC in completing its internal assessment process with a view to submitting a formal Expression of Interest within the agreed timeframe.

REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 4: FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

4.1 The meeting agreed that the Tenth Meeting of the MID FPP Steering Committee (SC/10) should be convened during the second half of September 2026, with the primary objective of reviewing the outcomes of State responses to the renewed State Letter to be issued by the ICAO MID Office in implementation of Conclusion 9/1 and prepare a comprehensive brief for submission to DGCA-MID/8, enabling that meeting to take a final and informed decision on the future governance and sustainability of the MID FPP.

REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Nothing has been discussed under this agenda item.

ATTACHMENT A

MID FPP SC/9

(Virtual, 25 May 2026, from 8:30 to 10:00 UTC)

List of Participants

ID	State	Name2	Title
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4	Bahrain	Ali Abdulla Almutaie	Aeronautical Cartography Specialist
5	Bahrain	Noora Ahmed Janahi	A/Chief Air Traffic Management
6	Bahrain	Mohammed Alabdulla	Aeronautical Cartography Specialist
7	Jordan	Ali Taleb Nemer EMRAZEEQ	Ditector of ANS OPS
8	Jordan	Raed Ghazawi	ANS Inspector
9	Jordan	Mohammad Jamil Jamal M. Abusalah	ANS INSPECTOR
10	Oman	Rashid Khamis Al Kasbi	Head of Airspace Planning & Management
11	Oman	Werner Kleynhans	PANS-OPS Inspector
12	Qatar	Pamela Erice	AIM Senior Supervisor
13	Qatar	Sandaruwan Sethunge	PANS-OPS Specialist
14	Qatar	N M TILAK PRIYANKARA	Pans Ops Specialist
15	Sudan	Yasir Mohamed	
16	UAE	Saqr Almarashda	MID FPP SC Chairman

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