MID REPORT

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

- The Invitation Letter for the MIDANPIRG/23 & RASG-MID/13 meetings (Cairo, 14-18 June 2026) was issued.



IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

- On 2 March 2026, the ICAO MID Office held a virtual coordination meeting with the Director General of the Libya Civil Aviation Authority. The meeting recognized the strategic importance of restoring Libya's civil aviation system and airspace to safe, secure, and efficient operations, as a key enabler of national recovery and regional and international connectivity.

- In line with ICAO's No Country Left Behind initiative, the ICAO MID Office proposed the conduct of a gap analysis and assessment of Libya's civil aviation system to establish a baseline and support the development of a phased long-term capacity-building programme.

- The ISG Action Team meeting between CDI and MID Office took place on 10 March 2026. The meeting reviewed the status of the different CDI Projects in the Region, including the initiatives still in the pipeline, and exchanged information available to both sides. The meeting addressed also potential opportunities for Resource Mobilization and the preparation for the GISS-2026 (Marrakech)



IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

- The ICAO MID Office held a virtual coordination meeting with the Director General Iraq CAA to explore best ways for supporting Iraq to strengthen safety and security oversight capabilities and improve safety and efficiency of air transport operations within Baghdad FIR. In this context, ICAO MID emphasized its readiness to support the Iraq Civil Aviation Authority (ICAA) through various ICAO initiatives, including implementation support, capacity-building activities, missions, and projects aimed at preparing the ICAA for upcoming USOAP CMA activities. Accordingly, ICAO MID and the ICAA designated the required focal points to make the necessary arrangements for the development of a draft action plan based on the outcomes of ICAO MID multi-disciplinary mission in 2019 and comprehensive review of Iraq CAA in 2021, which will be reviewed in the next meeting.
- On 12 March 2026, a coordination meeting with Iran CAA was conducted. In this meeting, Iran provided updates on the status of Air Navigation Services (ANS) and airport infrastructure that have been affected by air strikes since 28 February 2026. Iran also requested ICAO support to facilitate the conduct of humanitarian and repatriation flights from Mashhad Airport.
- ICAO MID expressed its appreciation to Iran for its participation and for sharing these updates and highlighted that such information is also required by other stakeholders, including IATA and ACI. ICAO further underlined that Iran's request to conduct humanitarian and repatriation flights extends beyond the civil aviation domain, as it involves broader considerations and multiple stakeholders outside the aviation sector.
- On 30 March 2026, ICAO RD and DRD Cairo had a coordination meeting with Mr. Marco Merens to discuss how we could best use the Implementation Support Platform and the Voluntary Funds (Legacy Funds) available to the MID Office.
- ICAO MIDFPP continued its coordination efforts with DGAC France and APAC FPP to facilitate the allocation of training opportunities for participants from the MID Region, including Qatar, Egypt, Oman and Jordan. In addition, MIDFPP provided technical support to the Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC)-Jordan, in the review of Instrument Flight Procedures (IFPs) to support the regulatory approval process.

SAFETY

MID Office Support to RAIO Coordination and MENA ARCM Activities

- The MID Office supported the 1st ICAO RAIO Cooperative Platform (RAIO-CP) meeting held on 26 March 2026. The meeting addressed updates on ICAO AIG activities, the 3rd ICAO-EASA RSOO/RAIO Forum in Guyana, as well as updates from RAIO-CP Members and ICAO Regional Offices.

- The MID Office participated in a coordination meeting with the MENA ARCM Chairpersons, Coordinator, and the host State (Oman) to discuss the way forward and adjust the schedule of upcoming MENA ARCM activities, taking into consideration the recent developments in the MID Region. The meeting focused on reviewing the status of the postponed MENA ARCM/9 meeting and ECCAIRS 2 Workshop, assessing regional operational constraints, and identifying suitable options for revised dates and modalities to ensure continuity of MENA ARCM deliverables and planned activities. 30 March 2026



Aerodromes Design & Operations

MID Office Supports Aerodrome Safety and Operational Continuity

- The ICAO MID Office followed up with MID States on key technical subjects related to aerodrome design and operations, with particular emphasis on ensuring aerodrome operability under the current operational circumstances in the MID Region, including airspace disruptions and their impact on airport operations.
- In this context, engagement with States was carried out on several priority areas, including:
  - Enhancement of aerodrome emergency preparedness, including arrangements for accident response and disabled aircraft removal;
  - Strengthening of runway safety measures in line with the Global Runway Safety Action Plan (GRSAP);
  - Monitoring of runway surface conditions;
  - Progress on the transition to the new Obstacle Limitation Surfaces (OLS) concept;
  - Addressing wildlife hazard management through improved data reporting and analysis using IBIS;
  - Implementation of ground handling provisions and associated safety oversight responsibilities.



Innovation

- The ICAO MID Office participated in the centennial celebration of the Faculty of Science at Cairo University, marking 100 years of scientific excellence and innovation. During this important event, ICAO emphasized the critical role of collaboration between academia, regulators, and operational stakeholders in advancing air navigation services. The intervention highlighted the need to promote responsible innovation in aviation, leveraging digitalization, automation, and emerging technologies, while ensuring alignment with global safety, security, and harmonization principles.



- In this context, ICAO also underscored its vision for empowering the next generation of aviation professionals, recognizing that universities play a pivotal role not only in education but also in shaping future leaders capable of addressing emerging challenges. By strengthening academic partnerships, fostering research-driven solutions, and enhancing capacity-building initiatives, ICAO aims to support the development of a skilled, adaptable, and innovation-oriented workforce that will drive the future of sustainable aviation.

- ICAO reaffirmed its commitment to supporting Member States in fostering innovation ecosystems, strengthening partnerships, and translating research into practical, safe, and sustainable aviation solutions across the MID Region.

Communication, Navigation and Surveillance

MID Office Advances CNS Coordination and Technical Follow-Up

- Further to a report received from Saudi Arabia regarding a Mode S radar interrogator code (IC) conflict with Egypt and Jordan, both States were requested to verify that the concerned radars are correctly programmed with Surveillance Identifier (SI) code 24.

- Preparations continued for the MIDAMC Workshop and MIDAMC STG/11, scheduled to be held in Cairo, Egypt, from 8 to 9 April 2026.

- Coordination with the ESAF Regional Office was carried out to discuss challenges related to NAFISAT in Saudi Arabia and the AFTN/AMHS link between Egypt and Kenya.

- A VHF frequency was allocated to the United Arab Emirates for use at Joby Margham Vertiport.



AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES

MID Office Supports Regional Contingency Coordination amid Airspace Disruptions

- The MID Office continued the support provided to the MID Political Tension Contingency Coordination Team (MID CCT), amid the armed conflict, which started in the Middle East Region on 28 March 2026; and resulted in multiple airspaces closure. Several meetings were conducted to facilitate communication and coordination with States, ANSPs and other Stakeholders, including (IATA, EASA, Eurocontrol…). The ICAO MID CCT continued to be the main platform to monitor and share real-time operational information among its members at a global level.

- Coordination continued with ESAF and HQ/ATM Section on the finalization of the PfA on South Sudan – Sudan FIRs.



ENVIRONMENT



MID Office Environmental Activities and CORSIA Implementation Support

- ICAO MID participated in the monthly coordination calls with the ICAO HQ ENV Office on Thursday, 5 and 26 March 2026, providing updates on regional follow-up actions related to SAPs, CORSIA, and ACT-SAF with MID States, and coordinating upcoming events and activities planned for 2026 in the MID Region.

- ICAO MID, Jointly with EUR/NAT Office and with support from HQ, organized a webinar on 10 March 2026. This event forms part of ICAO's ongoing capacity-building and implementation support efforts to promote the FINVEST Hub—an initiative launched by the ICAO Secretary General to accelerate the scaling of sustainable aviation fuel and other cleaner energy solutions. FINVEST aims to bridge the gap between aviation decarbonization projects, and the financing required for their development.

- ICAO MID participated in the ACT-CORSIA Training of Trainers on 17–18 March 2026, together with experts from the supporting State (Qatar). The training covered updates on CORSIA implementation, lessons learned from 2025 reporting, 2026 MRV requirements and timelines, eligible fuels and emissions units, as well as feedback from trainers and plans for 2026 training activities.

- On 19 March 2026, ICAO MID participated in ACT-SAF Series #23 on "Soil Carbon Accumulation and Carbon Capture and Sequestration." The session highlighted the role of soil as a carbon sink and the importance of carbon capture technologies in supporting SAF development and broader aviation decarbonization efforts.

- ICAO MID organized a three-day Workshop on the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) and State Action Plans (SAP) in Cairo, Egypt, from 24 to 26 March 2026, for the benefit of Libya. The Workshop aimed to support Libya in establishing monitoring, reporting, and verification (MRV) systems as a key component of CORSIA implementation in line with Annex 16, Volume IV. It also assisted participants in developing and updating their State Action Plans, while providing insights on their alignment with ICAO's broader environmental initiatives.

SECURITY AND FACILITATION

MID Office Hosts Regional Discussion on AVSEC/FAL Crisis Recovery Measures

- ICAO MID had successfully held virtually (9 March 2026) the “Discussion on AVSEC/FAL Action Plan for Operational Recovery during/post crisis Meeting” that was attended by a total of fourteen (14) participants from 10 States (Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria and UAE), ICAO CASP-MID and MID Office. The main objective of the meeting was to provide a forum to strengthen regional cooperation and address AVSEC/FAL measures during crisis and action plan to be considered in resumption of operation post closure.

