

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

SUMMARY REPORT

SECOND WORKSHOP/MEETING OF THE MIDDLE EAST COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR THE PREVENTION OF SPREAD OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE THROUGH AIR TRAVEL (CAPSCA)

CAPSCA-MID/2

(Cairo, 03-05 December 2012)

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1. PLACE AND DURATION

1.1 The Second Seminar/Meeting of the ICAO Cooperative Arrangement for the Prevention of Spread of Communicable Disease through Air Travel (CAPSCA) in the Middle East was held from 03 to 05 December 2012 at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Middle East (MID) Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt.

2. OPENING

- 2.1 The Seminar/Meeting was opened by Mr. Jehad Faqir, Deputy Regional Director, ICAO Middle East (MID) Office who welcomed all the participants to the CAPSCA-MID/2 Seminar/Meeting.
- Dr. Anthony Evans (ICAO), Chief Aviation Medicine and CAPSCA Project Manager in his opening speech reminded the participants of the goals of CASCA –MID project and that the public health emergency planning in aviation is worthy of attention at the highest levels of government and it can, and should, fit into day to day contingency planning. He stressed the need for finding additional sources for funding of the project as the funding this year will become more of a challenge, especially the funding of assistance visits to States, which up until now have been undertaken at no charge to the State being visited. He thanked WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office for the support and commitments to the CAPSCA project.
- Dr. Mohammed Moussif Medical Expert from WHO welcomed the participants and stressed on the importance of the International Health Regulations (2005) as a legal instrument for attaining global health security through timely containment and mitigation of public health events that might be of national, regional and international concern. Communication, collaboration, and coordination among all key partners are essential for IHR implementation and are crucial to enhance the surveillance and preparedness activities for joint responses to public health events at all levels.
- 2.4 The Seminar/Meeting was chaired by Dr. Anthony Evans (ICAO), Chief Aviation Medicine and CAPSCA Project Manager, assisted by Jehad Faqir Deputy Regional Director, ICAO Middle East (MID) Office and Dr. Jarnail Singh (Singapore), CAPSCA Technical Advisor.

3. ATTENDANCE

3.1 The Seminar/Meeting was attended by a total of thirty five (35) participants from nine (9) States and three (3) International Organizations. The list of participants is at **Attachment A** to this Summary Report.

4. OFFICERS AND SECRETARIAT

4.1 Mr. Jehad Faqir, Deputy Regional Director, ICAO Middle East (MID) Office was the Secretary of the Seminar/Meeting.

5. LANGUAGE

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

6. WORK PROGRAMME AND DOCUMENTATION

6.1 The Seminar/Meeting programme is at **Appendix A** to this Summary Report. All the meeting documentation and presentations related to the Seminar/Meeting are available on the CAPSCA web site: www.capsca.org.

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 The meeting adopted the following Conclusions:
- 7.1.1 States pronounced the positive influence and benefits of CAPSCA membership and activities, including the meetings, training, guidance material, web site, and especially the State and Airport Assistance Visits, in developing and improving capacities for the prevention and management of Public Health Events (PHEs) in the aviation system.
- 7.1.2 States are encouraged to prepare and update aviation public health emergency preparedness plans in collaboration with the Civil Aviation and Public Health Authorities, and perform exercises to test such plans, in compliance with related ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and WHO IHR (2005).
- 7.1.3 States' Civil Aviation and Public Health Authorities, airport operators, aircraft operators and air navigation service providers are encouraged to provide their Public Health Emergency Preparedness Plans for aviation to ICAO for posting on the CAPSCA website: www.capsca.org.
- 7.1.4 States and the aviation sector should undertake table-top, partial or full scale Public Health Emergency (PHE) exercises, as required by ICAO Annex 14 Aerodromes. When a full-scale Public Health Emergency exercise cannot be conducted in the short-term, States should consider incorporating PHE elements into a full-scale exercise for other types of emergency, when possible.
- 7.1.5 States are encouraged to invite other States and Organizations, including ICAO and WHO, to observe aviation public health emergency exercises, in order to share experiences and lessons learned.
- 7.1.6 Stakeholders should note the revised diagram for the "notification of suspected communicable disease, or other public health risk, on board an aircraft" presented in the **Appendix B** to this Summary Report
- 7.1.7 States are reminded that the new "Public Health Passenger Locator Form", previously "Passenger Locator Card" promulgated in Amendment 23 to ICAO Annex 9-Facilitation (Appendix 13) will be applicable on **28 February 2013** but is currently available for use on both the ICAO CAPSCA and WHO websites
- 7.1.8 States are reminded that from May 2013 the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) audits will include monitoring of compliance with ICAO public health related standards and recommended practices (SARPs). State CAAs are therefore urged to develop national regulations that incorporate ICAO health-related Standards and Recommended Practices and work closely with PHA to implement the relevant provisions.

- 7.1.9 Awareness of CAPSCA and Assistance Visits at the highest level in Government should be ensured by State Civil Aviation Authorities (CAAs) and Public Health Authorities (PHAs) in harmonization with IHR core capacity development.
- 7.1.10 States should consider documenting in a Memorandum of Understanding, or other form of agreement, a framework for collaboration between Civil Aviation, Public Health Authorities and other involved stakeholders concerning Public Health Event management and emergency preparedness planning.
- 7.1.11 States are urged to consider business continuity planning and whole of society principles in preparing and updating aviation public health emergency preparedness plans.
- 7.1.12 ICAO and States should support and promote CAPSCA-MID in the ICAO Council and MID Region Directors General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Meeting scheduled on 15-17 April 2013 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
- 7.1.13 WHO is requested to invite the National Civil Aviation Authorities (CAA) to attend meetings, seminars and workshops that are related to points of entry at airports, and to collaborate with CAAs concerning assistance or assessment visits to airports. ICAO should continue to invite WHO and public health officers to events organised by the aviation sector.
- 7.1.14 The participation in CAPSCA-MID; State and Airport Assistance Visits by WHO representatives from the MID Regional and/or country offices is considered very important by States and ICAO. The Meeting recommended that WHO contribute to the Assistance Visit report preparation and submission to State Public Health Authorities.
- 7.1.15 The scope of CAPSCA objectives is expanded beyond those relating to communicable diseases to incorporate all types of events which have the potential to become a public health emergency that involve the aviation sector, and the existing CAPSCA title "Cooperative Arrangement for the Prevention of Spread of Communicable disease through Air Travel (CAPSCA)" is changed to **Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation.** The "CAPSCA" acronym is unchanged.
- 7.1.16 MID States and Organisations:
 - confirm support for ICAO to continue the CAPSCA-MID project beyond 2012 which will require new funding sources to be identified;
 - are invited to propose to ICAO possible sources of and mechanisms for funding CAPSCA-MID project;
 - to consider providing voluntary contributions to CAPSCA-MID project; and
 - to consider cost-recovery assistance visits
- 7.1.17 States welcomed and supported the Egypt initiative to translate the Assistance Visit template and checklist into the Arabic language. Egypt kindly agreed to allow the template to be posted on the CAPSCA website.

- 7.1.18 Aircraft disinsection is carried out by personnel of the aircraft operator, taking into account the requirements of the aircraft manufacturer (to ensure compatibility of the product with aircraft components) and the designated areas of risk as provided by WHO. Any requirement to disinsect an aircraft is made by the state of arrival of the aircraft.
- 7.1.19 States expressed their support to United Nations System Influenza Coordination (UNSIC) initiative Towards a Safer World (TASW) that aims to increase societal resilience in the face of disease pandemics and other comparable threats to health and improve capabilities of the network of multi-sector multi-regional champions of whole-of-society preparedness through sharing and applying best practice, capacity-building events, workshops, training and research. Further information is available from (www.towardsasaferworld.org).
- 7.1.20 The next (3rdh) CAPSCA –MID Meeting/Seminar is planned to be held from 18 to 20 November 2013. States are requested to volunteer to host this meeting future CAPSCA-MID Regional meetings. The 2014 CAPSCA global meeting will be held in the MID Region during 2014.

8. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

- 8.1 Dr. Anthony Evans thanked all participants for their active participation, cooperation and contribution that made the Seminar/Meeting productive and successful.
- 8.2 All representatives from States participating in the meeting have shown keen interest to support of CAPSCA project in the MID Region



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PROGRAMME

2ND CAPSCA MIDDLE EAST SEMINAR/MEETING CAIRO, EGYPT 3-5 DECEMBER 2012

Day 1 (Monday 03 December 2012)

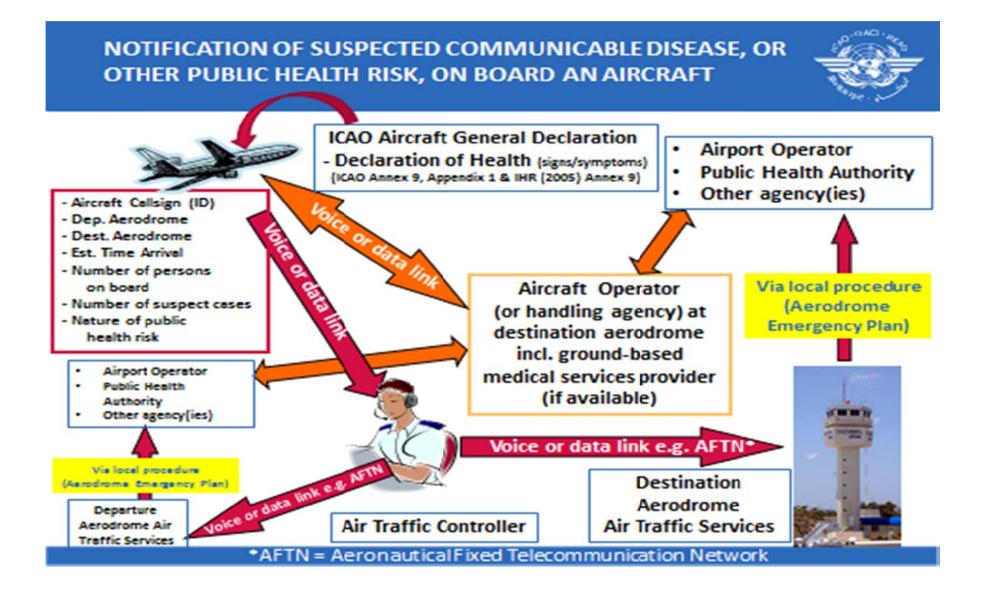
08:00-09:15 09:15-09:45	Registration of delegates (Secretariat) Opening of the meeting (ICAO – Dr. Anthony Evans) and WHO
09:45-10:00	Introduction to event (ICAO – Dr. Anthony Evans, Jehad Faqir)
10:00-10:30	Coffee break
10:30-10:45	Participants self-introduction
10:45-11:15	Status and Follow-Up of CAPSCA-MID Outstanding Conclusions (ICAO-Jehad Faqir)
11:15-12:30	CAPSCA Global Achievements (ICAO –Dr.Anthony Evans)
12:30-13:00	Coffee Break
13:00-13:30	Highlights of activities of the CAPSCA Project in the other ICAO Regions (Dr. Jarnail Singh)
14:00-15:00	Bio Diaspora-Evidence-Based Decision-Making in Public Health (Dr.Kamran Khan Associate Professor of Infectious Diseases, University of Toronto)
Day 2 (Tuesd	ay 04 December 2012)
09:00-09:45	International Health Regulations and public health emergencies recent developments, IHR (2005) Implementation Progress (WHO- Dr. Moussif Mohamed)
09:45-10:30	Egypt Experience
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-11:45	Development of the ICAO guidelines – a scenario based approach (Dr. Jarnail Singh)
11:45-12:15	Glossary of Public Health Emergency (PHE) related terminology (ICAO-Dr .Anthony Evans)
12:15-13:00	Towards a Safer World/Whole of Society Approach (UN System Influenza Coordination – Dr. Chadia Wannous)

13:00-13:30	Coffee break
13:30-14:00 14:00-14:30 14:30-15:00	Business Continuity Management Systems: Implementation Guidelines for Airports (ACI) Multi –sector all hazards PHE response (ICAO-Dr.Anthony Evans) CAPSCA Middle East Project Results &trends observed from Assistance Visits (ICAO-Jehad Faqir)

Day 3 (Wednesday 05 December 2012)

09:00-09:30	Public Health Emergencies Preparedness Planning in the Aviation Sector: IATA plans (Dr. Jarnail Singh)
09:30-10:30	Experience of MID States and Stakeholders on public health emergencies
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12:30	Training for Technical Advisors (TAs), and potential TAs. Passenger Locator Form & results of ICAO questionnaire and Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) update. (ICAO Dr.Anthony Evans)
12:30-13:00	Coffee break
13:00-13:30	Training for Technical Advisors (TAs), and potential TAs.
13:30-14:00	CAPSA future funding (ICAO-Dr. Anthony Evans)
14:00-14:30	Conclusion; Close of CAPSCA Seminar/meeting (ICAO-Dr. Anthony Evans/Jehad Faqir)

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