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**Subject: Sixth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group - Middle East
(RASG-MID6)
(Bahrain, 26 – 28 September 2017)**

Action required: Reply not later than 24 August 2017

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the Sixth meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group - Middle East (RASG-MID/6) will be gratefully hosted by Bahrain Civil Aviation Affairs, Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications. The meeting will be held at **Movenpick Hotel, Bahrain, 26 – 28 September 2017.**

Your Administration/Organization is kindly invited to participate in this meeting. The Provisional Agenda for the meeting is at **Attachment A**. Your comments on the attached Provisional Agenda, including any amendment(s) you may wish to suggest, would be appreciated.

The Bulletin describing administrative arrangements for the meeting and other useful information for participants, including the hotel list is at **Attachment B**.

This letter, all its relevant attachments and Working/Information Papers, as they become available, will be posted in PDF format on the ICAO MID website at: www.icao.int/mid.

To enable timely preparation and proper conduct of the meeting, I would appreciate if you could, as soon as possible, preferably not later than **24 August 2017** confirm the participation of your designated RASG-MID Member, Alternate and/or Adviser, as appropriate, by submitting the Nomination Form at **Attachment C** to the ICAO MID Regional Office at the following e-mail address (icaomid@icao.int).

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For your convenience, the updated list of the designated RASG-MID Members/Alternates and Advisers is at **Attachment D**. Shall you have an update related to your RASG-MID Member/Alternate and/or Advisers, please let us know. In addition to the designated Members/Alternates, the attendance of the RASG-MID subsidiary bodies Chairpersons/Rapporteurs is strongly encouraged. The list of Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of RASG-MID and its subsidiary bodies is at **Attachment E**.

For more effectiveness, I shall be grateful if you could ensure that your delegation consists of experts from both the regulatory and service provider side having the required qualifications and experience in the fields of safety (flight operations, aerodrome, air navigation services, accident and incident investigation, etc).

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



Mohamed Khalifa Rahma
Middle East Regional Director

Attachments

**SIXTH MEETING OF THE
REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP - MIDDLE EAST**

(RASG-MID/6)

(Bahrain, 26-28 September 2017)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda**
- Agenda Item 2: Global developments related to Aviation Safety**
- Global Safety Update
 - Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) Workshop
- Agenda Item 3: Regional Performance Framework for Safety**
- Follow-up on the RASG-MID/5 and RSC/5 Conclusions and Decisions
 - Sixth MID Region Annual Safety Report
 - Outcome of the Safety Teams
 - Implementation Progress of the Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) and Detailed Implementation Plans (DIPs)
 - MID Region Safety Strategy and the Progress achieved with regard to Safety Targets
 - Strategy for the Enhancement of Cooperation in the Provision of AIG Services in the MENA Region
 - MID Region NCLB Strategy
 - Other Regional Safety activities/initiatives such as the establishment of MENA-RSOO
 - Work Programme for 2018.
- Agenda Item 4: RASG-MID Working Arrangements**
- List of RASG-MID Members, Alternates, Advisers and Partners' Representatives, and designated Focal Points for the Safety Teams
- Agenda Item 5: Update from and Coordination with MIDANPIRG**
- MIDANPIRG activities related to safety
 - Coordination between MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID
- Agenda Item 6: Future Work Programme**
- Date and venue of the RASG-MID/7 meeting
- Agenda Item 7: Any other Business**
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International Civil Aviation Organization

Regional Aviation Safety Group - Middle East

Sixth Meeting (RASG-MID/6)
(Bahrain, 26-28 September 2017)

BULLETIN

1. LOCATION

1.1 The Sixth meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group – Middle East (RASG-MID/6) will be held in Movenpick Hotel, Bahrain, from 26 to 28 September 2017. The meeting will be gratefully hosted by Civil Aviation Affairs (CAA) of Bahrain.

2. SCHEDULE OF THE MEETING

2.1 The opening session of the meeting will be held at 0900 hours on Tuesday 26 September 2017.

2.2 The schedule and order of the day will be announced at the Opening session.

2.3 The meeting will be conducted in English.

3. REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

3.1 Participants are requested to register, at the Registration Desk located at the entrance of the designated conference room, between 0800 and 0900 hours on the opening day of the meeting. Participants are also requested to wear the Identification Badge which will be issued to them during registration.

4. DOCUMENTATION

4.1 Please note that no documentation will be available in hard copy format. However, documentation related to the Meeting will be available on the ICAO MID Regional Office website. Accordingly, participants are requested to download the documentation from the web and bring along their own hard copies or their laptops to the meeting, as appropriate.

5. HOTEL RESERVATIONS

5.1 Participants are requested to make their own hotel reservations. A list of hotels with Civil Aviation Affairs (CAA) Bahrain corporate rates is attached for your convenience, Mrs. Surbita D'souza email: sdsouza@mtt.gov.bh Tel: +973 17329932 from CAA will be the focal point for any inquiry or assistance with hotel reservations.

5.2 Participants are requested to ensure that their return airline booking is confirmed.

6. TRANSPORTATION

6.1 Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for transportation from the airport to the city and return; some hotels offer airport transfers.

6.2 Airport Taxi Services operate from the Airport to Bahrain downtown is approx. BD 5 per vehicle

7. INSURANCE

7.1 Participants are advised to have insurance coverage for any unexpected contingency including transport hazards (taxi, buses, rented cars, etc.) and Medical Coverage.

8. SOME USEFUL TRAVEL INFORMATION

PASSPORT/VISA

8.1 All foreign nationals entering Bahrain must possess valid passports for six months.

8.2 Visa, when needed, should be obtained from the Bahraini's Embassy or Consulate in the Country of Origin/Residence prior to departure for Bahrain.

8.3 Visas can be applied on line through the website www.evisa.gov.bh however for any additional assistance in the process of issuance of entry visa to Bahrain, copy of the Passports of delegates, may be sent, not later than 15th August 2017 to CAA Bahrain, to the attention of Mrs. Surbita D'souza Email: sdsouza@mtt.gov.bh.

CUSTOMS

8.4 The following items are allowed to be brought into Bahrain:

- Personal effects, such as necessary clothing
- 200 cigarettes or 250 gr. of cigars or tobacco
- Perfume for personal use

Additional quantities of the above items may also be purchased from the Airport duty free shop after clearing customs.

9. CURRENCY, CREDIT CARDS AND BANKING SERVICES

9.1 The unit of currency in Bahrain is the **Bahraini Dinar (BHD)**. Current rate of exchange for US \$ is US \$ 1 = 0.377 approximately.

9.2 There are no restrictions on import of foreign currency.

9.3 International Credit Cards, such as American Express, Diners Club, Visa, Master Charge, Carte Blanche, etc. are usually accepted at most hotels, department stores and restaurants.

9.4 All commercial banks exchange major foreign currencies and are open from 0800 to 1300 hours Sundays through Thursdays.

10. OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

SHOPPING

10.1 Shopping areas are available in Bahrain. Be prepared to bargain in small shops, sidewalk vendors etc. In large stores, however, the prices are fixed.

TAP WATER

10.2 It is recommended that all visitors drink only bottled water/beverages.

11. WEATHER CONDITIONS

11.1 The main daily minimum and maximum temperatures for the month of September in Bahrain are between 28°C to 32 °C.

12. OTHER ASSISTANCE

12.1 The CAA Bahrain will be glad to assist the participants to the meeting with any advice they may require.

12.2 The meeting Focal Points from CAA Bahrain are as follows:

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12.3 In case of emergency in Bahrain, please call the above meeting Focal Points.

LIST OF HOTELS KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN		
Name	Type/Rate of Room	Contact Email
<i>Movenpick Hotel Muharraq (Conference Venue)</i> 5*	Superior Single BD 70 ++ Breakfast included	hotel.bahrain.reservation@moevenpick.com .
<i>Crowne Plaza Manama</i> 5*	Single Room BD 55++ Breakfast included <i>(Free Transport to and from the airport)</i>	Katherine.carlos@ihg.com
<i>Swissbel Hotel Seef District</i> 4*	Single Room BD 43 nett 25% discount on breakfast <i>(Free Transport to and from the airport and to the conference venue)</i>	Gabriel Gunsekere sm2sbse@swiss-belhotel.com
<i>Golden Tulip Hotel, Manama</i> 5*	Single Room BD 38 nett <i>Breakfast included (Free Transport to and from the airport and to the conference venue)</i>	Pal Chaturvedi sales3@goldentulipbahrain.com
<i>Art Rotana Hotel (Anwaj Islands)</i> 5*	Single Room BD 60 ++ Breakfast included <i>(Free Transport to and from the airport)</i>	ebrahim.salahaldin@rotana.com
<i>Downtown Rotana Manama</i> 5*	Single Room BD 45++ <i>Breakfast included (Free Transport to and from the airport)</i>	ebrahim.salahaldin@rotana.com
<i>Sheraton Hotel, Manama</i> 5*	Superior Single BD 58 nett Breakfast included	mouna.badreddine@sheraton.com
<i>Le Meridien (City Centre Mall)</i> 4*	Superior Single BD 50 ++ Breakfast included	Ali.Ahmadi@starwoodhotels.com Ali.Ahmadi@starwoodhotels.com
<i>The Domain Hotel & Spa Manama</i> 5* <i>Boutique</i>	Superior Single BD 59 nett Breakfast included <i>(Free Transport to and from the airport)</i>	Muna Dohry (muna@thedomainhotels.com)

**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
MID REGIONAL OFFICE**

REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP - MIDDLE EAST

(RASG-MID/6)

(Bahrain, 26-28 September 2017)

NOMINATION FORM

1. Name in full: _____
Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. (as should appear in the official listing and name tag)
2. Title or Official Position: _____
3. State/Organization: _____
4. Mailing Address: _____

5. Telephone Number: _____
- Mobile Number: _____
- E-mail: _____
6. Hotel _____

Date: Signature:

After completing, please send to: ICAO MID Office at the following e-mail address: (icaomid@icao.int).

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