

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

MIDDLE EAST OFFICE

JOINT ACAO- ICAO AIRPORT COLLABORATIVE DECISION MAKING (A-CDM) WORKSHOP

(Cairo, Egypt, 20 - 22 October 2019)

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

I. GENERAL

1.1 Place and Duration

1.1.1 The Joint ACAO-ICAO Airport Collaborative Decision Making (A-CDM) Workshop was successfully held at the ICAO MID Office, Cairo, Egypt, from 20 to 22 October 2019. The Workshop was jointly organized by ACAO and ICAO MID Regional Office and supported by EUROCONTROL and CANSO.

1.2 **Opening**

- 1.2.1 The Workshop was opened by Mr. Mohamed Rahma, ICAO Regional Director, Middle East Office, who extended a warm welcome to all participants and wished them a successful Workshop.
- 1.2.2 On behalf of the Director General of Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO), Mr. Mohamed Rejeb reiterated the valuable collaboration between ACAO and ICAO MID Office and welcomed all participants and wished them a fruitful Workshop.

1.3 **Attendance**

1.3.1 The Workshop was attended by a total of seventy-eight (78) participants from seven (7) States (Egypt, Iraq, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia and Yemen) and four (4) Organizations/Industries (ACAO, CANSO, EUROCONTROL and IFATCA). The list of participants is at **Attachment A**.

1.4 Agenda

- 1.4.1 The agenda was developed around the main following topics:
 - a) Introduction to Airport CDM
 - b) Airport CDM Concept Elements
 - c) Partners involved in Airport CDM implementation
 - d) ATCOs contribution in Airport CDM implementation

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- e) Aircraft Operators involvement in Airport CDM
- f) Airport Operators role in Airport CDM
- g) State/Airport Experience on ACDM
- h) The support of Ground Handlers in Airport CDM
- i) The role of Pilots in Airport CDM
- j) Integration of ACDM with ATFM
- 1.4.2 The Work Programme and the presentations delivered during the Workshop are available at the ICAO MID Regional Office website: https://www.icao.int/MID/Pages/2019/ACDM.aspx.

1.5 **Objective**

- 1.5.1 The main objective of the Workshop was to assist MID States with the implementation of the A-CDM.
- 1.5.2 The Workshop provided an opportunity to:
 - present the A-CDM concept and highlight the need to implement ASBU module ACDM B0/1 and ACDM B/2 of the MID Air Navigation Strategy;
 - review the A-CDM implementation requirements and challenges; and
 - share experience/best practices techniques for A-CDM implementation.

II. SUMMARY AND OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS

- 2.1 The Workshop re-iterated that:
 - implementation of A-CDM will enhance the efficiency and safety of Ground Operations by making airspace users, ATC and airport operators better aware of their respective situation and actions on a given flight; and
 - the A-CDM aims at improving the predictability of events, reducing delays, and optimizing the utilization of airport resources.
- 2.2 The Workshop provided an opportunity to:
 - present the A-CDM concept Elements and highlight the need to implement ASBU Elements ACDM-B0/1 and ACDM-B0/2;
 - review the A-CDM implementation requirements and challenges; and
 - share experience/best practices techniques for A-CDM implementation.
- During the workshop, it has been highlighted that the major challenges of the ACDM implementation are:
 - cost-benefit analysis;
 - define Scope and Objectives for ACDM Implementation;
 - information sharing and reporting culture; and
 - create a collaborative environment between industry partners for implementation.
- 2.4 Based on the above, the Workshop developed the following recommendations:
 - high level commitment and collaboration from all parties are essential for A-CDM implementation;

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- States to familiarize Airports staff on ACDM Implementation;
- define ACDM focal points at State and Airports level to foster the implementation of A-CDM at the airports identified by the MID Air Navigation Strategy and request assistance from ICAO MID Regional Office, if needed;
- terminal congestion, particularly in adverse conditions, should be considered as part of the A-CDM; and
- roles and responsibilities of regulators, aerodromes, air operators, ground handlers and ATM should be clearly defined for A-CDM implementation.

III. CLOSING

3.1 In closing, Mr. Mohamed Smaoui, ICAO Deputy Director, thanked the participants for their presence and expressed his gratitude to ACAO, CANSO and EUROCONTROL for their support and contribution to the Workshop.

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