



**DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION-MIDDLE EAST REGION
FIFTH MEETING (DGCA-MID/5)**

(Kuwait, 4-6 November 2019)

Agenda Item 8: Air Transport

AIRPORT AND AIR NAVIGATION CHARGES

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the outcomes of the ACAO/IATA/ICAO Airports and Air Navigation Charges Workshop.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The ACAO/IATA/ICAO Airports and Air Navigation Charges Workshop was held in Rabat, Morocco, 27-28 November 2018. The Workshop was attended by 58 participants from 12 States and 9 International Organizations.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The objectives of the Workshop were to:

- promote the value of aviation and highlight the economic challenges faced by the different stakeholders in the aviation value chain;
- raise awareness about the guidance contained in the ICAO Doc 9082;
- provide a training session for the ICAO building block methodology in setting user charges;
- highlight the importance of having an effective economic regulation that protects the interests of both service providers and users;
- introduce the concept of Customer Relationship Management (CRM), share global best practices (Irish CAA) and showcase the first regional initiative (SANS Saudi Arabia). This is to introduce the need for having a continuous dialogue between airlines and service providers to discuss investments, charge revisions and performance levels;
- stress the importance of linking the charges to the level of service (value for money) for the users;
- address the identified challenges and issues from different perspectives; and

- agree on a harmonized regional approach that would balance the needs of the different stakeholders in the aviation value chain.

2.2 The Documentation and presentations delivered during the Workshop are available at: <https://www.icao.int/MID/Pages/2018/Airports%20and%20AN%20Charges%20Wrksp.ASPX.aspx>

2.3 The followings were part of the Recommendations endorsed by the Workshop:

- ACAO, IATA and ICAO, in coordination with ACI and CANSO to identify the best regional mechanism to provide a Forum for States (airports, ANSPs including MET Service Providers, regulators) and airlines to share information and best practices and address difficulties and challenges related to airports and air navigation charges, on regular basis;
- ICAO to consider the review of the Doc 9082 to split the MET charges from the air navigation charges;
- States should ensure that airports and ANSPs consult with users and that appropriate performance management systems are in place; the first step is to promulgate economic regulations; and
- States to exercise their economic oversight responsibilities over the airport operators and ANSPs, with clear definition of roles and powers.

2.4 The Documentation and presentations delivered during the Workshop are available at: <https://www.icao.int/MID/Pages/2018/Airports%20and%20AN%20Charges%20Wrksp.ASPX.aspx>

2.5 The meeting may wish to note that the following two Draft Conclusions were presented to the MIDANPIRG/17 and RASG-MID/7 meeting for endorsement; however, it was decided that their content goes beyond the terms of reference and scope of MIDANPIRG and the RASG-MID; and agreed that they should be referred to the DGCA-MID/5 meeting (Kuwait, 4-6 November 2019).

DRAFT CONCLUSION 5/X: GUIDANCE FOR THE CALCULATION OF MET CHARGES

That, ICAO consider the review of the Doc 9082 to provide additional guidance on the calculation/recovery of MET charges, independently from the Airports and Air Navigation charges.

DRAFT CONCLUSION 5/X: CHARGES FOR AIRPORTS AND AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES

That, in order to ensure a balance between the respective interests of airports and ANSPs on one hand and of aircraft operators and end-users on the other, States be urged to:

- incorporate the four key charging principles of non-discrimination, cost-relatedness, transparency and consultation with users into their national legislation, regulation or policies, as well as into their future air services agreements, in order to ensure compliance by airport operators and air navigation services providers (ANSPs);*
- ensure that airports operators and ANSPs develop and implement appropriate performance management systems that include, inter-alia:*

- i. definition of performance objectives; and*
- ii. consultations with users and other interested parties to discuss investments, charge revisions and performance levels.*
- c) provide the ICAO MID Office by **30 June 2019** with an update on the National legislation, regulations and policies related to airports and air navigation charges, as well as the mechanism put in place for economic oversight over the airport operators, ANSPs and aircraft operators.*

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to review the outcome of the ACAO/IATA/ICAO Airports and Air Navigation Charges Workshop (Rabat, Morocco, 27-28 November 2018) and endorse the Draft Conclusions at para. 2.5.

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