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URGENT

**Subject: Special Coordination Meeting on the Implementation of ATM Contingency Arrangements
(Muscat, Oman, 16 - 18 July 2019)**

Action Required: Reply not later than 8 July 2019

Sir,

I have the honour to invite your Administration to the Special Coordination Meeting on the implementation of ATM Contingency Arrangements in the MID Region that will be kindly hosted by the Public Authority of Civil Aviation (PACA) - Oman in Muscat, from **16 to 18 July 2019**.

Taking into consideration that the MID Region has been under contingency measures for several years and the situation is getting more and more complicated due to the prolonged nature of the disruption affecting the traffic flows across the MID Region; it became necessary that all ATM stakeholders meet together to share their experience, concerns, lesson learnt, discuss the issues related to air traffic safety and capacity and agree on clear plan to overcome the prevailing challenges.

The collaboration between all MID States and the States at the interface with ICAO MID Region in particular with Asia Pacific and Europe Regions is strongly required in order to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the measures undertaken with the objective to ensure the continued safety and maximize the utilization of the available airspace.

The Provisional Agenda as well as the Bulletin describing administrative arrangements for the meeting and other useful information for participants are at **Attachments A** and **B**, respectively.

I would appreciate if you could, as soon as possible, preferably not later than **8 July 2019**, confirm the participation of your Administration/Organization by submitting the Nomination Form at **Attachment C** to the following email address (icaomid@icao.int) with a copy to (ekhoury@icao.int).

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

for/ Mohamed Khalifa Rahma
Middle East Regional Director

Attachments



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Special Coordination Meeting on the Implementation of ATM Contingency Arrangements

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

Agenda Item 2: Introduction (by ICAO)

Agenda Item 3: Review of Current Situation

States will provide an overview of the current situation highlighting the challenges, hotspots, lessons learnt, etc. and their views related to the actions that would support them to overcome these challenges.

Agenda Item 4: Enhanced Contingency Arrangements/Recovery Plans

The meeting is expected to discuss and agree on plan(s)/measures that would enhance safety and improve the efficiency of the current contingency situation and provide for the ability to handle additional disruption to traffic flows as well for potential recovery plans.

The meeting may include break-down sessions for bilateral and multi-lateral meetings to address specific issues/improvements.

Agenda Item 5: Closing



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BULLETIN

1. LOCATION

1.1 The the Special Coordination Meeting on the implementation of ATM Contingency Arrangements in the MID Region that will be kindly hosted by the Public Authority for Civil Aviation (PACA) - Oman in Muscat, from **16 to 18 July 2019** at PACA Headquarters.

2. SCHEDULE OF THE MEETING

- 2.1 The opening session of the meeting will be held at 0900 hours on Tuesday, **16 July 2019**.
- 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 08:30 and 09:00 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 will need to arrange their own hotel and travel reservations.
- 5.2 Participants are requested to ensure that their return airline booking is confirmed.

6. TRANSPORTATION

- 6.1 Participants are required to arrange their own transportation.
- 6.2 Participants are requested to notify PACA Focal Points, Mr. Nasser Obaid Al Kaaby (email: n.alkaabi@paca.gov.om; Mobile: +968 96627809), and Mr. Hamid Al-Brashdi (email: hamid@paca.gov.om; Mobile: +968 96689999).
- 6.3 Airport Taxi Services operate private limousine services from the airport to Muscat City, and its neighborhoods at OMR 10 approximately per vehicle.

6.4 Car rental agencies are located at the arrival hall of the airport terminal building.

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 the Sultanate of Oman must possess valid passports or other valid documents for travel. Documents with less than six months to run before expiry are not acceptable.

8.2 It is mandatory for all non-GCC participants to obtain visas from the Sultanate of Oman Embassy or Consulate in their country prior to their departure for Muscat. Some non-GCC citizens may obtain visas upon arrival. These nationalities are listed in the following website: www.rop.gov.om.

8.3 PACA will provide necessary assistance for the issuance of entry Visas for the delegates, when needed.

8.4 With a view to assist in the process of issuance of entry visa to the Sultanate of Oman, copy of the passport of delegate with a personal photo, should be sent, as soon as possible to PACA, to the attention of Mr. Salim Al Shabibi Email: alshabibi@paca.gov.om

CUSTOMS

8.5 The following items may be brought into the Sultanate of Oman duty free:

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

8.6 Additional quantities of the above items may also be purchased at Muscat International Airport duty free arrival shops before clearing customs. Non-Muslims may purchase reasonable quantities of alcoholic drinks at this outlet.

9. CURRENCY, CREDIT CARDS AND BANKING SERVICES

9.1 The unit of currency in Oman is the **Omani Riyal (OMR)**. The unit is divided into 1000 baizas with notes of 100, and 500 baizas and Riyal notes of 1, 5, 10, 20, and 50. The Riyal to USD exchange rate is approximately 1 OMR = 2.6 US\$

9.2 There are restrictions on import of foreign currency. Not more than 6000 OMR allowed.

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

9.4 All commercial banks exchange major foreign currencies are open from 0800 to 1400, Sundays through Thursdays. There are also plenty of foreign exchange houses who do accept foreign currency. There are plenty of ATM machines all over Oman which are strategically located.

10. OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

10.1 A large variety of shopping choices are available in Grand Shopping Centers, Malls and Hypermarkets including all goods and demands that range from necessary stuff to luxurious ones.

11. WEATHER CONDITIONS

11.1 The main daily minimum and maximum temperatures for the month of July in Oman are between 30 °C and 37 °C. You may also wish to check the weather forecasting prior to travel.

12. OTHER ASSISTANCE

12.1 The Public Authority for Civil Aviation in Oman (PACA) will be glad to assist the participants to the meeting with any advice they may require.

12.2 In case of emergency in Oman, please call the Focal Point from PACA Mr. Nasser Obaid Al Kaaby (email: n.alkaabi@paca.gov.om; Mobile: +968 96627809) and Mr. Hamid Al-Brashdi (email: hamid@paca.gov.om; Mobile: +968 96689999).

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
MID REGIONAL OFFICE

SPECIAL COORDINATION MEETING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
ATM CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

(SCM ACA)

(Muscat, Oman, 16 – 18 July 2019)

NOMINATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

Name in full: _____
Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. (as should appear in the official listing and name tag)

Title or Official Position: _____

State/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Mobile: _____

E-mail: _____

Hotel: _____

Date: Signature:

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

Note 1: Participants are expected to make their own hotel/visa arrangements.

Note 2: No hardcopies will be provided; you are kindly requested to bring your laptop, iPad, tablet, etc. to the meeting.

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