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Sixteenth Meeting of the Middle East Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Group Kuwait 13-16 Feb 2017



MIDANPIRG/16

The Sixteenth Meeting of the Middle East Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (MIDANPIRG/16) was gratefully hosted by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) of Kuwait at the Crowne Plaza Hotel - Kuwait, from 13 to 16 February 2017. The meeting was attended by a total of Eighty (80) participants, which included experts from thirteen (13) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, UAE and USA) and nine (9) International Organizations/Agencies (AACO, Boeing, CANSO, COSCAP, GCC-SG, IATA, IFAIMA, IFALPA and MIDRMA). The meeting agreed to thirty two (32) Conclusions and Decisions, which would further enhance safety and improve the provisions of air navigation services in the MID Region. [MIDANPIRG/16](#)



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Meeting with H.E Hussein Souob, Minister of Transport, Jordan, 26 January 2017



On 26 January 2017, ICAO Middle East Office Regional Director, the Deputy Regional Director and the Regional Officers for Air Traffic Management/Search and Rescue and Flight Safety, met H.E. Hussein Souob, Minister of Air Transport of Jordan in the presence of Eng. Ahmad Azzam, A/CEO of Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission of Jordan, to discuss subjects of mutual interest.

ICAO thanked H.E for the warm welcome and the open and transparent discussions.

ICAO noted with appreciation the measures undertaken to further

improve Jordan oversight capabilities and eventually increase Jordan ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme Continuous Monitoring Approach (UASOP CMA) effective implementation.



Mission to Lebanon and Meeting with H.E Youssef Fenianos Minister of Public Works and Transport, Lebanon, 1-3 February 2017



ICAO MID Office conducted a mission to Lebanon from 1 to 3 February 2017 to address issues mainly related to safety and air navigation and to follow-up with the Lebanese Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) the preparation for the upcoming ICAO USOAP CMA Audit (October 2017) and to provide support as appropriate.

The ICAO Team met H.E. Youssef Fenianos, Minister of Public Works and Transport on 3 February 2017, to discuss subjects of mutual interest, and agree on how ICAO could support Lebanon through the MID Region NCLB Initiative. ICAO thanked H.E for the warm welcome and noted with appreciation his commitment to provide the necessary support for the DGCA to perform effectively its roles and responsibilities.



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MAEP Board/3 Cairo, Egypt, 16-17 January 2017



MAEP Board/3

The MAEP Board/3 was held at the ICAO Middle East Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, on 16 and 17 January 2017. The meeting was attended by a total of twenty-two (22) participants from seven (7) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, United Arab Emirates and United States of America) and three (3) International Organizations and Industries (AACO, CANSO and IATA). The meeting agreed to the revised Organizational Structure of MAEP and to the working arrangements of the MAEP Board, which were endorsed by the MIDANPIRG/16 meeting (Kuwait, 16-18 February 2017). The MAEP Board/3 meeting reviewed the progress related to the establishment/implementation of the MAEP projects and agreed on measures/actions that would expedite the implementation.

[MAEP Board/3](#)



RASG-MID Steering Committee (RSC/5), Amman, Jordan, 23 - 25 January 2017

The Fifth meeting of the RASG-MID Steering Committee (RSC/5) was held at the IATA Africa/Middle East Regional Office, Amman, Jordan, from 23 to 25 January 2017.

The meeting was attended by a total of twenty one (21) participants from eight (8) States (Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, UAE and United States) and three (3) Organizations/Industries (Boeing, CANSO and



IATA). [RSC/5](#)



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First Meeting of the AFI/APAC/MID ATM Special Coordination (AAMA/SCM1) India, 18 - 20 January 2017



The First Meeting of the African (AFI)-Asia/Pacific (APAC)-Middle East (MID) Regions Air Traffic Management (ATM) Special Coordination Meeting (AAMA SCM/1) was gratefully hosted by the Airports Authority of India at Mumbai, India from 18 to 20 January 2017. The meeting was attended by forty-five (45) participants from four States and three International Organizations. The meeting addressed the ATM inter-regional issues at the interfaces between the three ICAO Regions, such as ATS Routes, contingency planning, Longitudinal Separation, RVSM Implementation and Coordination of Large Height Deviation Reports, AIDC/OLDI implementation, Flight Level Allocation Schemes, etc. The Meeting discussed the safety issues associated with the air traffic operations within Mogadishu Flight Information Region (FIR). The meeting noted that only flight information services are provided from Nairobi. The meeting developed a simplified routing scheme to enhance safety and further reduce residual risk to the traffic operating within the Somalia Airspace, until the successful implementation of the ICAO Technical Cooperation Project related to the establishment of the Mogadishu Area Control Centre and the implementation of the ATM System. ICAO communicated the agreed contingency measures to Somalia's adjacent States and air operators and thanked all stakeholders for their excellent cooperation. [AAMA/SCM1](#)

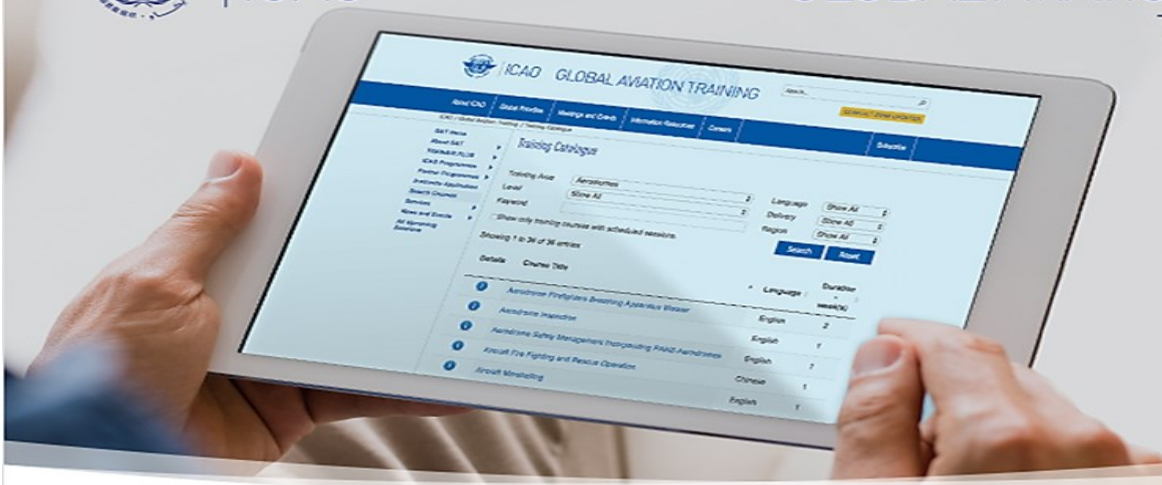
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SECFAL Plan Development Group (SECFAL PDG/1) Cairo, 31 January to 2 February 2017



The First meeting of the Aviation Security and Facilitation Plan Development Group (SECFAL PDG/1) was successfully held at the ICAO Middle East Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, from 31 January to 2 February 2017.

The meeting was attended by a total of thirty eight (38) participants from twelve (12) States (Egypt, Germany, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria and UAE) and two (2) Organizations/ Industries (AACO and IATA) in addition to ICAO CASP-MID Programme Coordinator. In accordance with the Riyadh Declaration on Aviation Security and Facilitation in the ACAC and MID Regions, the meeting agreed on the way forward and working arrangements for the development of a Draft ACAC/MID SEC/FAL Plan, which includes the ACAC/MID AVSEC/FAL targets; and for the establishment of Middle East Regional AVSEC/FAL Group (RASFG). [SECFAL PDG/1](#)

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BRINGING AIR TRANSPORT PARTNERS TOGETHER

USOAP CMA Regional Workshop, Cairo, Egypt, 6-8 February 2017



The Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) Workshop was held at the ICAO MID Regional Office, Cairo, Egypt, from 6 to 8 February 2017. The objectives of this Workshop were to provide updated information on the USOAP CMA and the CMA Online Framework (OLF). It was also a mean to facilitate States to better prepare for USOAP CMA audits, ICVMs and other activities by understanding Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) development and update procedures and other modules of the OLF, including Protocol Questions (PQs) self-assessment, Compliance Checklist/ Electronic Filing of Differences (CC/EFOD), E-Supplements as well as iSTARS 2.0 SPACE.

Thirty eight (38) participants from Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Yemen attended the Workshop. [USOAP CMA](#)



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Aviation Data and Analysis Seminar, Tehran, Iran I.R, 20-23 February 2017

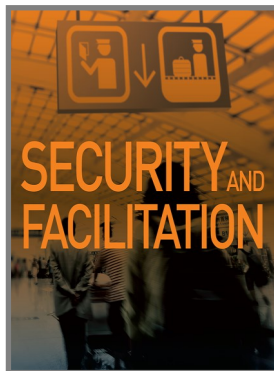
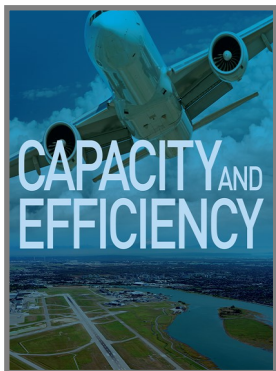


The Aviation Data and Analysis Seminar was held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, from 20 to 23 February 2017. **101** participants from 5 States (Algeria, India, Iran, Oman, and Turkey) were in attendance. The Seminar was gratefully hosted by the Civil Aviation Organization (CAO) of the I.R of Iran. It was opened by H.E. Mr. Ali Abedzadeh, Vice Minister of Roads and Urban development, and President of the CAO, who welcomed the participants to Tehran and emphasized on the importance of data analysis for planning and decision-making processes in civil aviation.

The Seminar was moderated by Mr. Hassanali Shahbazilar, The Representative of Iran in ICAO HQ. Mr. Sainarayan, Ananthanarayan and Mr. Antonin Combes from the Air Transport Bureau, ICAO HQ were the facilitators of the Seminar, supported by Mr. Mohamed Smaoui from the ICAO MID Office.

The main objective of the Seminar was to review the current situation and trends of aviation in the MID Region, including the synergies between aviation, tourism and trade; and the understanding of the challenges and needs of the different stakeholders, considering the cost effectiveness. The use of civil aviation data analysis for planning and decision making in ICAO, national administrations, airlines, airports and ANSPs were also addressed.

Aviation Data and Analysis Seminar



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MIDANPIRG/RASG-MID Coordination Meeting (MRC/3) , Kuwait, 14 February

The Third MIDANPIRG/RASG-MID Coordination Meeting (MRC/3) was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Kuwait, on 14 February 2017, as a side meeting of the Sixteenth meeting of the MIDANPIRG/16 meeting (Kuwait, 13-16 February 2017). The meeting reviewed and updated the Table listing the subjects in which both MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID have interest with an assignment of the leading Group. The meeting agreed that the MRC/4 meeting be held in Bahrain, as a side meeting to the RASG-MID/6 (Bahrain, 19-21 September 2017).

Mission to Kuwait, 19 to 21 February

The ICAO MID Office conducted a mission to Kuwait from 19 to 21 February 2017 to address issues related mainly to safety and air navigation and to follow-up with the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) the preparation for the upcoming ICAO USOAP CMA Validation Mission (November 2017) and to provide support as appropriate.

ICAO REGIONAL SEMINARS: STATES' ACTION PLANS AND CORSIA

27 MARCH - 20 APRIL

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Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority renewed the licenses of Cairo, Aswan and Sharm El Sheikh Airports

The Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority renewed the international license of both Cairo and Sharm El Sheikh airports, also it has issued the license of Aswan airport for the first time since it was established, and by that the number of international airports rises to five in accordance with international standards issued by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) . The Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority is going through the completion of licensing rest of the Airports, according to the regional plan of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). As the international Airports in Egypt are seven, only five that have got the international license.



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SAFETY RISK MITIGATION THROUGH
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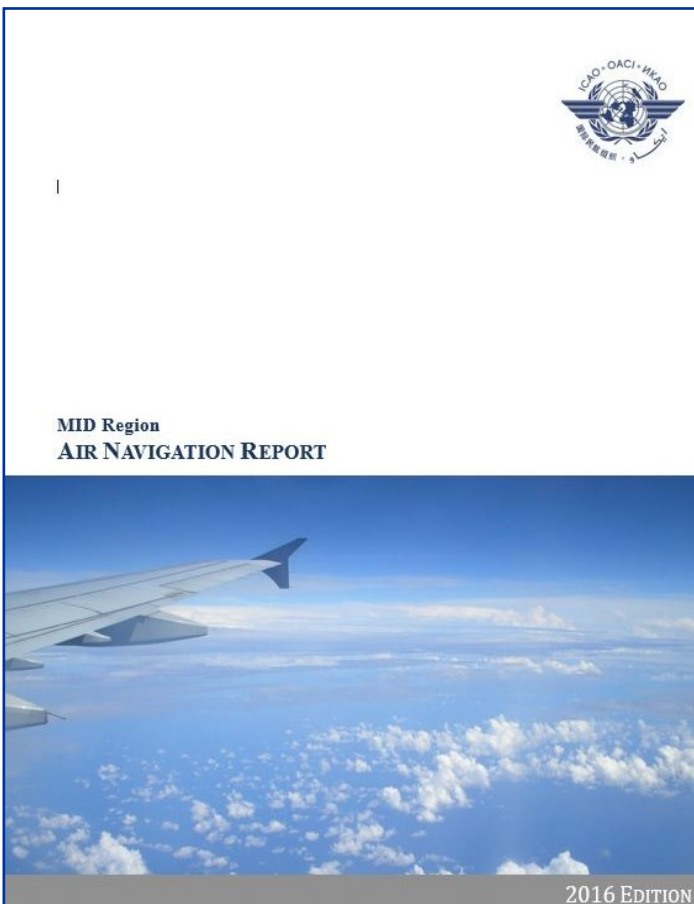
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Development of the first “MID Region Air Navigation Report-2016”



The “First MID Region Air Navigation Report” was developed by the ICAO MID Office and endorsed by MIDANPIRG/16. The Report presents the status of implementation of the priority 1 ASBU Block 0 Modules. It also provides the status of implementation of the 18 ASBU Block 0 Modules foreseen to be achieved by the end of 2020, in accordance with the planning dates reported by States (outlook for 2020). The Report contains a Section related to environmental protection, which reflects the operational improvements implemented/planned to be implemented by States and Users that contributed to the reduction of CO2 emission. States’ success stories/best practices are also included in the “MID Region Air Navigation Report-2016”.

The Report shows that the progress for the implementation of some priority 1 Block 0 Modules in the MID Region has been acceptable/good; such as B0-ACAS, B0-AMET and B0-DATM. Nevertheless, some States are still facing challenges to implement the majority of the Block 0 Modules. The status of implementation of the ASBU Block 0 Modules also shows that Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and UAE made a good progress in the implementation of the priority 1 ASBU Block 0 Modules.

Looking into the States’ plans for 2020 (outlook), the focus/priority of States is to complete the implementation of B0-APTA, B0-FICE, B0-DATM, B0-AMET, B0-CCO and B0-CDO.

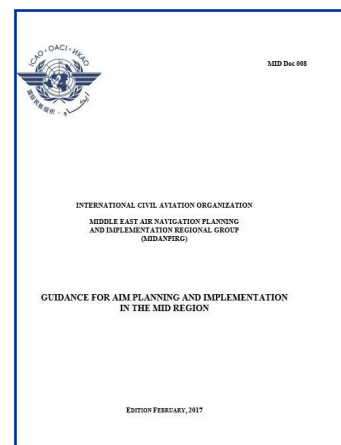


Development of the “Guidance for AIM planning and implementation in the MID Region” (MID Doc 008)

In order to support AIM Planning and Implementation in the MID Region, the ICAO MID Office developed “Guidance for AIM Planning and implementation in the MID Region”.

The Document explains concept and operational elements of AIM; outlines the Regional and National AIM planning (Roadmaps); and provides guidance and tools for their implementation at the Regional and National levels.

The AIM Regional Guidance material consolidates all the previously established plans, roadmaps, tools and templates supporting States in their AIM planning and implementation. The “Guidance for AIM Planning and implementation in the MID region” was reviewed by several technical meetings (AIM SG, MSG and ANSIG) and endorsed by MIDANPIRG/16 as MID Doc 008.



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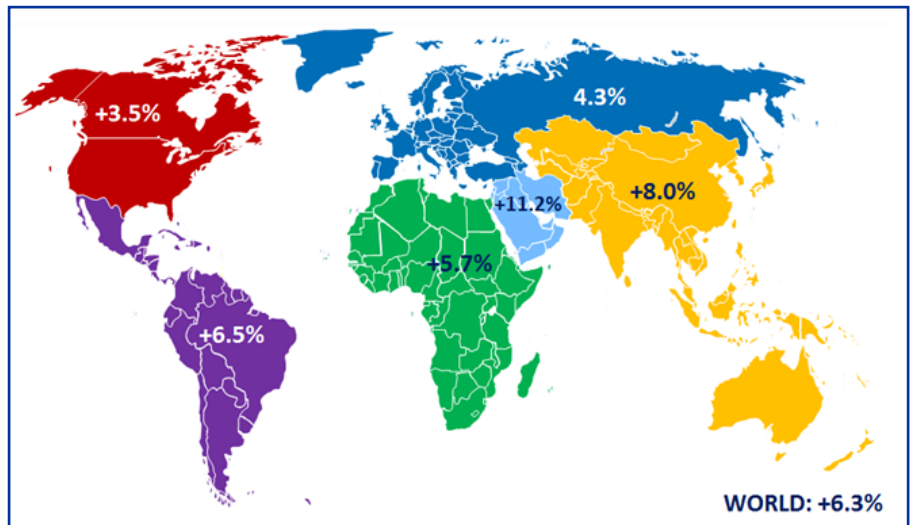
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Traffic growth and airline profitability were highlights of air transport in 2016

Preliminary figures released today by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) indicated that the total number of passengers carried on scheduled services reached 3.7 billion in 2016, a 6.0 per cent increase over last year. The number of departures rose to approximately 35 million globally, and world passenger traffic, expressed in terms of total scheduled revenue passenger-kilometres (RPKs), posted an increase of 6.3 per cent, with approximately 7,015 billion RPKs performed. This growth is a slowdown from the 7.1 per cent achieved in 2015.

Over half of the world's tourists who travel across international borders each year were transported by air. Air transport carries some 35 per cent of world trade by value. More than 90 per cent of cross border Business to Consumer (B2C) e-commerce was carried by air transport. International scheduled passenger traffic expressed in terms of RPKs grew by 6.3 per cent in 2016, down from the 7.0 per cent recorded in 2015. All regions, except for Africa and the Middle East, posted slower growth than last year. Europe accounted for the largest share of international RPKs with 36 per cent, and increased by 4.3 per cent. Asia/Pacific had the second largest share with 29 per cent, and grew by 8.0 per cent. The Middle East region carried 15 per cent RPK share and recorded a growth of 11.2 per cent compared to 2015. North America, with a 13 per cent share, experienced the lowest pace of growth among all regions at 3.5 per cent. Carriers in Latin America and the Caribbean managed 4 per cent of world international RPKs and recorded a growth of 6.5 per cent. Africa with a 3 per cent share saw an improvement from 2.3 per cent growth registered in 2015 to 5.7 per cent in 2016.



Fuel accounted for nearly a fifth of the Industry's operating costs in 2016, while it accounted for a third in 2015. Significant decrease in fuel costs helped airlines to maintain their operating profit at the same level as the previous year: the airline industry is expected to end 2016 with another record operating profit of around USD 60 billion and an operating margin of 8.0 per cent. This comes after an operating profit of USD 58 billion and an operating margin of 8.0 per cent in 2015. For a consecutive year, more than a third of the profits are expected to come from the carriers of North America, whose domestic market represents 66 per cent of their total operations. Improving economic conditions forecast by the World Bank will see traffic growth and air carrier profitability momentum continuing in 2017.



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Salma Al Baloushi- Emirati Pilot

For her 21st birthday, Salma Al Baloushi was given the best birthday present she could have asked for. She still looks back at the morning of October 21, 2007, when she took to the skies at the controls of a single-engine Cessna 172 in her traineeship.

That was also the day she became the first female Emirati pilot to fly solo under the Etihad Airways training programme. Completing her traineeship programme, at 23, she operated her first flight, from Abu Dhabi to Athens.

"At first, it was challenging to convince some family members to accept my career," she says.

The challenge was to learn technical details and put her nose to the job. "It took me several years and several flying hours to be able to co-pilot a plane. The biggest triumph comes when you have successfully completed a flight and landed the plane," she added.

Today Al Baloushi is an inspiration for many young men and women who wonder if they should go into aviation.

Upcoming MID Events and Meetings

AIG Workshop Cairo
 Accident Investigation Workshop



25 - 27 April

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AIM SG/3 & MIDAD TF/4
 Aeronautical Information Management Sub-Group/ 3
 MID AIM Database Task Force/4



15-18 May

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ATM SG/3 Cairo
 Air Traffic Management Sub-Group/ 3



22 - 25 May

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Regional workshop on the Protection of Accident and Incident Investigation records



3-5 July

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