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*Season's Greetings* FROM ICAO MID Office

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**AVSEC Symposium 2018**  
Montreal, Canada, 27 – 28 November 2018



The International Civil Aviation Organization convened its Second Global Aviation Security Symposium (AVSEC2018) at ICAO Headquarters in Montréal, Canada, from 27 to 28 November 2018.

With 107 nations and over 700 delegates attending, the AVSEC symposium coordinated multilateral strategic progress with emphasis on the need to develop a global vision and a comprehensive strategy to safeguard our skies against all acts of unlawful interference. The AVSEC week was concluded with the Second High-level Conference on Aviation Security (HLCAS/2), from 29 to 30 November 2018.

Mr. Mohamed Khalifa Rahma, Regional Director, ICAO Middle East Regional Office Moderated the sixth session on implementing the GASep.

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Captain Sameh Elhefny, President of the Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority received a thank you letter from ICAO Secretary general Dr. Fang Liu his contribution during the High-level Conference on Aviation Security HLCAS/2.

The report Captain Elhefny presented on the outcomes of the regional conference in Egypt was of great value to the Conference participants, which included 540 delegates from 107 States and 22 international organizations, and provided an insightful outlook on aviation security and the status of regional efforts in aviation security. This, without question, contributed to making the Conference a great success.

**Second High-level Conference on Aviation Security (HLCAS/2)**  
(Montréal, Canada, 29 - 30 November 2018 )



The "Aviation Security Week" at ICAO Headquarters in Montreal Canada was concluded with the High-level Conference on Aviation Security HLCAS/2. which convened from 29-30 November 2018.

ICAO President Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu opened the important 2 day conference that will pave the way to the 40th Assembly planned for next year.

The conference assembled senior government officials and invited

representatives of international/regional organizations and other invited aviation stakeholders to formulate recommendations on key aviation security priorities and issues. The Conference also considered progress on the implementation of the Global Aviation Security Plan (GASep) and potential adjustments to the Plan based on the outcomes of the regional aviation security conferences organized in 2017-2018. These recommendations will be submitted for approval to the Council for subsequent endorsement by the 40th Session of the Assembly in 2019.

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Following their presentation of working paper entitled "Sharing of Aviation Security Information Between States" at the Second High-level Conference on Aviation Security (HLCAS/2-WP/2), Egypt, Jordan, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and United Arab Emirates have signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) in this regard. It is a precursor to the subsequent signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on the

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## ICAO 5th Global Aviation Training and TRAINAIR PLUS Symposium Doha, Qatar, 10 – 12 December 2018

ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu opened the Fifth ICAO Global Aviation Training and TRAINAIR PLUS Symposium that was successfully conducted in Doha, Qatar, from 10 to 12 December 2018, stressing to its participants the key value of Aviation Training Intelligence, and how the growth and potential of the global aviation network can only be realized if the sector has sufficient numbers of the highly skilled professionals to fill its ranks.

“Commercial aviation globally has doubled in flight and passenger volumes once every fifteen years since this data began being analyzed in the mid-1970s, and air traffic continues to grow robustly in all regions today.” Dr. Liu underscored, adding that “current forecasts indicate that by 2034 airlines will carry almost double the passengers and freight they currently do, supporting close to 100 million direct and indirect jobs in the process, and some USD\$5.7 trillion in economic activity.”

Dr. Liu stressed to her Symposium audience that even as air transport will need more and more skilled professionals to manage forecast growth without subsequent negative impacts on air transport safety, security and efficiency, as well the economic growth of developing nations, the sector is also being considerably challenged by current attrition factors.

“Attrition dynamics pose risks not only to our sector’s airlines and airports in terms of the pilots, maintenance personnel, controllers, and other qualified staff they need on hand, but also to Governments with respect to their safety and security oversight responsibilities under the Chicago Convention,” she remarked.

The Doha Symposium focused around the theme of Aviation Training Intelligence, and on how in today’s world of information abundance, data collected through various sources needs to be structured and managed in a coherent and functional way to develop and implement effective training. It also explored new means of measuring training effectiveness, and Dr. Liu commented that when developing new training programmes, “new behaviors, improved skills, and increased productivity should be expected as common sense outcomes.”

“It is therefore critical to be able to effectively measure training impacts based on data collection types, analyses, and results which generate sound decision-making intelligence,” she said.

Another important factor stressed by the ICAO Secretary General in terms of current human resources development, management, and planning priorities was the rapid increase in the deployment of new technologies across every major industry sector.

“With the introduction of artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and unmanned aircraft systems, to name just a few areas of intensive innovation today, we are also seeing some tremendous competition globally for qualified technical personnel,” she noted.

“This poses still further challenges for aviation in terms of attracting and retaining the personnel we now need.”

She drew attention to the important role of the ICAO TRAINAIR PLUS Programme in this regard, which is composed of more than 100 Members, including 12 training organizations in the Middle East Region, as well as to the fact that it is welcoming an increasing amount of universities into its network today.

During a Membership Ceremony at the symposium, the Secretary General recognized nine organizations which have recently attained TRAINAIR PLUS Programme milestones, including training centres and Universities from Algeria, China, Oman, Singapore and the United States of America. Airports Council International, the global trade association of the world’s airports, was also officially recognized as a TRAINAIR PLUS Corporate Partner, paving the way for further joint course development and delivery activities.



## Interregional Aviation Security Seminar Cairo, Egypt, 13—15 November 2018



The 3rd Interregional Aviation Security and Facilitation Seminar was successfully held in Cairo, Egypt, 13-15 October 2018.

The Seminar was gratefully hosted by the Ministry of Civil Aviation of Egypt under the patronage of H.E Lt/Gen Younis El Masry, Minister of Civil Aviation.

The Seminar was attended by a total of fifty-nine (59) participants from fifteen (15) States (Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Italy, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sudan, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates) and nine (9) International Organizations/Industries (ACAO, ASTC Toulouse, ASTC Tunis, DfT, ECAC, Interpol, TSA, UNHCR, and UNODC).

The Seminar achieved several important outcomes among which were:

- States and Organizations recognized the leadership role of ICAO in coordinating and implementing the GAsEP and respective regional roadmaps and agreed to continue coordinated work towards enhancement of aviation security by implementing the GAsEP and respective regional roadmaps.
- States and Organization underlined the need to implement an Advance Passenger Information (API) System and the various requirements to be adhered to.
- ICAO Regional Offices emphasized the importance of the ICAO “No Country Left Behind (NCLB)” Initiative promoting capacity building and provisions of assistance to States with highest needs.

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During the seminar and in celebration of the Inauguration of the new Aviation Security Training Center ASTC Cairo, Mr. Mohamed Rahma ICAO MID Regional Director and Mr. Luis Fonseca De Almeida EUR/NAT Regional Director awarded Capt. Ahmed Adel EGYPTAIR Holding Chairman the Certification of ASTC Cairo as an ICAO certified AVSEC training center



### ICAO Civil Aviation Authority Senior and Middle Managers Training Course (Beirut, Lebanon, 5—9 November 2018)

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Civil Aviation Authority Senior and Middle Managers Training Course (SMMTC): Managing Compliance of ICAO SARPs (MCIS), funded by the China South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund, was successfully held in Beirut-Lebanon from 5 to 9 November 2018. Twenty-nine participants successfully completed the course.

### ACI APEX Mission (Amman, Jordan, 8—9 November 2018)

ACI and ICAO MID office has partnered in conducting a Security review for Queen Alia International Airport (QAIA) management team on Nov 5-9, 2018 as part of the new APEX Security initiative. ACI coordinates and dispatches an ACI Security Review Team of experts to the host airport, with the goal of improving security in specific areas of interest. The programme allows access to a pool of expertise, facilitating the mitigation of any security gaps as required by its specific operating environment. The Security Team provided QAIA with a wide range of security recommendations and best practice identifying areas for improved efficiency and better use of resources, enhancing levels of security through increased knowledge of ICAO guidance, national regulatory standards, best practices and training needs/options.

### ANS/AIM Mission to Oman Muscat, Oman 12-14 November 2018



An ANS/AIM mission was conducted to Muscat, Oman from 12 to 14 November 2018.

The mission addressed Global and Regional developments related to Air Navigation, in particular ASBU implementation, the Air Navigation Strategy and MID eANP.

The mission discussed as well the USOAP CMA issues in Oman (ANS) and the implementation of the new provisions of Annex 15 (16th Edition) and the PANS AIM, from regulatory and ANSP perspectives.

### Third meeting of the MID Annual Safety Report Team (MID-ASRT/3) Cairo, Egypt, 20 – 22 November 2018



The Third meeting of the MID Annual Safety Report Team (MID-ASRT/3) was successfully held at the ICAO MID Office Cairo, Egypt, 20-22 November 2018. The meeting was attended by a total of ten (10) participants from six (6) States (Egypt, Iran, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and United States)

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### PBN OPS Approval Course Beirut, Lebanon, 26 – 30 November 2018



The PBN OPS Approval Course was held at the ICAO MID Region Flight Procedure Programme (MID FPP), Beirut, Lebanon, from 26 to 30 November 2018.

The Course was thankfully hosted by the Lebanese Directorate General of Civil Aviation.

The course was delivered by IATA, free of charge as an in-kind contribution to the MID FPP and the ICAO MID Region.

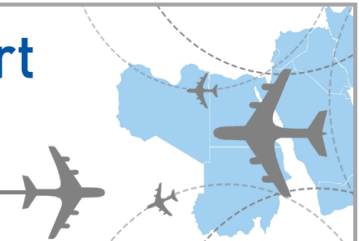
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**Fifth Meeting of the Runway and Ground Safety Working Group (RGS WG/5)  
(Cairo, Egypt, 25 – 27 November 2018)**



The Fifth meeting of the Runway and Ground Safety Working Group (RGS WG/5) was held at the ICAO MID Office, Cairo, Egypt, from 25-27 November 2018.

The meeting was attended by 25 Participants from 7 MID States (Egypt, Iran, Libya, Qatar, Sudan, UAE and USA) and 1 Organization (IATA).

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**Aerodrome Safety Management System (SMS) Workshop  
(Cairo, Egypt, 27-29 November 2018)**



The Aerodrome SMS Workshop was held at the ICAO MID Office, Cairo, Egypt, 27-29 November 2018.

35 Participants, 7 MID States (Egypt, Iran, Libya, S. Arabia, Sudan, UAE and USA) and 1 Organization (IFATCA)

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Our sincere congratulations to Mr. Ahmed Ibrahim Al Jallaf, Assistant Director General Air Navigation Services, GCAA UAE who won the prestigious Aviation Business award Aviation Executive of the Year (2018).

Mr. Al Jallaf below achievements were highlighted at the award ceremony which were significant for him winning the award.

- Has played an instrumental role in development of UAE's airspace infrastructure.
- Holds several key positions in a number of UAE's aviation bodies.
- Project leader for the UAE's Air Space Restructuring Project.
- Heads several regional initiatives under the ICAO umbrella.



**Joint IATA/ICAO Workshop on Airports & Air Navigation Charges  
Rabat, Morocco, 27 - 29 November 2018**



The Joint IATA/ICAO Workshop on Airport and Air Navigation Charges was held in Onomo Hotel Rabat Terminus, Rabat, Morocco, 27 - 28 November 2018.

The workshop was attended by a total of fifty eight (58) participants from twelve (12) States and 9 International Organizations.

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**Sixth meeting of the MIDANPIRG Steering Group (MSG/6)  
Cairo, Egypt, 3-5 December 2018**

The Sixth meeting of the MIDANPIRG Steering Group (MSG/6) was held at the Meeting Room of the ICAO Middle East Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, 3 - 5 December 2018. The meeting was attended by a total of twenty six (26) participants from six (6) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates) and three (3) Organizations (ACAO, EUROCONTROL and IFAIMA).

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**Fifth Meeting of the MIDANPIRG, RASG-MID Coordination Meeting (MRC/5)  
Cairo, Egypt, 5 – 6 December 2018**

The Fifth Meeting of the MIDANPIRG, RASG-MID Coordination Meeting (MRC/5) was held in ICAO Middle East Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, 5 - 6 December 2018. The meeting was attended by a total of 24 participants from six (6) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates) and 2 Organizations (ACAO and IFAIMA).

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**The Wildlife Hazard Management and Control (WHMC) Workshop  
Khartoum, Sudan, 10—12 December 2018**

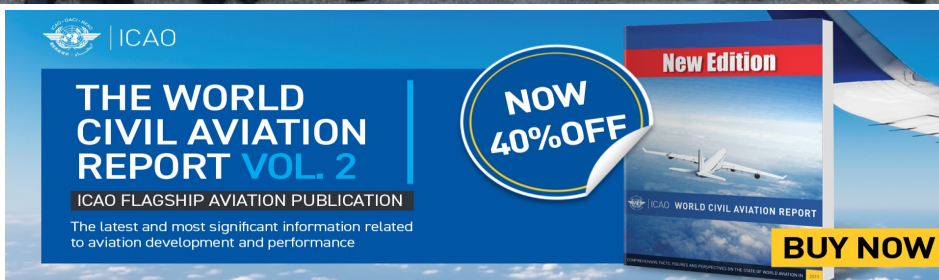


The Wildlife Hazard Management is an operational activity that is vital to maintaining an acceptable level of safety for aircraft operations at an airport.

The Wildlife Hazard Management and Control (WHMC) Workshop held in Sudan from 10 to 12 December 2018 was a forum to discuss the key elements involved in Wildlife Hazard Management and how these elements are integrated successfully into the airport's Wildlife Hazard Management Plan.

During this Workshop different Experts from CAA Authorities, Airports, Airlines, ANSP, Ethology departments and Environment shared their experiences based on guidance material from various civil aviation authorities, industry best practices and ICAO guidance related to wildlife management.

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**Joint ACAO/ICAO EUR/NAT and MID ASBU Symposium  
Marrakech, Morocco, 10-13 December 2018**



A joint ACAO/ICAO EUR/NAT and MID ASBU Symposium was successfully conducted and hosted by the Arab Civil Aviation organization (ACAO) in Marrakech, Morocco from 10 to 13 December 2018. The Symposium was attended by a total of 125 Participants from 14 States and 10 International Organizations.



**CASP-MID EWG/11  
Cairo, Egypt, 16 December 2018**

The CASP-MID EWG/11 meeting was attended by 3 CASP-MID States (Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Sudan) and one observer State (Egypt). The meeting discussed the way forward to proceed with phase two of the Collaborative Aviation Security Programme/ Middle East (CASP-MID) as well as the up-coming activities to assist the Member States in implementing ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) of Annex 17 and related security provisions of Annex 9.



**NCLB Mission to Iraq  
Baghdad, Iraq, 16—19 December 2018**



The ICAO MID Office conducted a mission to Iraq from 16 to 19 December 2018. Main objectives of the mission were to follow up on the previous missions, address issues of mutual interest related mainly to flight safety and air navigation services,

provide guidance and assistance related to the ICAO's Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA). The mission concluded with the developments of Draft Plan of Actions for Iraq to be implemented under the framework of the MID NCLB Plan.

**Coordination Meeting on SITA Integration  
Cairo, Egypt, 18th December 2018**



The Coordination Meeting on SITA Integration was held in ICAO MID Office on 18 December 2018. The meeting was attended by a total of Nineteen (19) participants from one (1) State (Egypt) and (3) International

Organizations (ICAO, EUROCONTROL, and SITA). The meeting aimed to discuss issues impeding SITA Integration in the ICAO Middle East Region and clarify the rationale and the need for the SITA Integration worldwide. The meeting agreed that SITA AMHS Type-X transition will be tentatively completed on 28 February 2019.



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EUR/NAT DGCA/2 Meeting	Paris, France	19-20 March 2019
ICAO/ACI Symposium on Implementation of the New Global Reporting Format for Runway Surface Condition (GRF2019)	Montréal, ICAO HQ	26-28 March 2019
Fourth ICAO Air Transport Symposium (IATS/4)	HQ / Region (TBD)	7-8 May 2019
Environmental Symposium	Montréal, ICAO HQ	14-16 May 2019
ICAO EURNAT Aviation Security Group (ENAVSEC)	Paris, France (TBC)	4-6 June 2019
Fifteenth Symposium and Exhibition on the Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP/15), MRTDs, Biometrics and Border Security	Montréal, ICAO HQ	25-27 June 2019
ICAO Global Aviation Security Symposium (AVSEC2019)	Montréal, ICAO HQ	3-6 September 2019
Fifth ICAO World Aviation Forum (IWAF 2019)	Montréal, ICAO HQ	17-19 September 2019
<b>40th Session of the Assembly</b>	<b>Montréal, ICAO HQ</b>	<b>24 September - 4 October 2019</b>
Cyber Security & Resilience Seminar	Cairo, Egypt	8-10 October 2019
APANPIRG/30 - 30th Asia and the Pacific Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Group	Bangkok	4-6 November 2019
RASG-APAC/9 - 9th Regional Aviation Safety Group - Asia and the Pacific Region	Bangkok	7-8 November 2019
Third UAS DRONE ENABLE Symposium (UAS2019)	Montréal, ICAO HQ	December 2019
Tenth ICAO ATFM Global Symposium (ATFMS/10)	Region (TBD)	Q4
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