



The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Saudi King Salman receives the president of ICAO and the ICAO Middle East Regional Director and Pledges US\$1M for ICAO NCLB .



The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Sausi King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, received the President of ICAO Council Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu, at Al-Salam Palace accompanied by ICAO Middle East Regional Director Mr. Mohamed Rahma.

Dr. Aliu discussed with His Majesty ways to strengthen bilateral cooperation between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and ICAO in the field of civil aviation. Dr. Aliu expressed his thanks and appreciation for the Kingdom's pledge of financial support of US\$1 million for the ongoing ICAO No Country Left Behind initiative, under which ICAO provides or

coordinates assistance and capacity building to States in order to augment the global effective implementation of ICAO's Standards and policies – a critical step in States and Regions realizing air transport's unique connectivity and socio-economic benefits. The high-level audience was attended by Minister of State and Cabinet Member Dr. Musaed bin Mohammed Al-Aiban, Minister of Transport and Acting Chief of the General Authority for Civil Aviation (GACA) Sulaiman Bin Abdullah Al-Hamdan, the Authority's Assistant President for Safety Captain Abdulhakim bin Mohammed Al-Badr.

ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu Meets Qatar's Prime Minister.



ICAO compliance is critical to sustainable development, and a prerequisite for accessing the socio-economic developmental opportunities offered by the global aviation network. Dr. Fang Liu declared during a recent official visit to the State of Qatar.

“Ensuring effective implementation of ICAO's standards and recommended practices (SARPs) leads to safer and more secure air transport, which in turn fosters increased connectivity and greater prosperity for the State.” Dr. Liu said.

In turn, the Prime Minister assured Dr. Liu of Qatar's willingness to work closely with ICAO

on sustainability. He expressed his support for the “No Country Left Behind” initiative and stressed Qatar's willingness to provide support to underprivileged States in the region through ICAO's Middle East Regional Office, and to facilitate neighboring countries' planning for the World Cup. This commitment was underscored by the signing of a general agreement between ICAO's Technical Cooperation Bureau and Qatar.

The Secretary General also met with HE Mr. Jassim Saif Ahmed Al Sulaiti, Qatari Minister of Transport and Communication as well as HE Abdalla Bin Nasser Al-Subaey, Chairman of Qatar Civil Aviation Authority. Dr. Liu also visited Qatar Aviation College, where she stressed the importance of aviation training in terms of the very promising growth in the region.



Global Ministerial Aviation (GMA) Summit Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 29-31 August 2016

ICAO Middle East member States took a series of bold steps towards improving their cooperation and partnership on civil aviation safety and security objectives as the Global Aviation Ministerial Summit in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, came to its successful.

Organized with ICAO's support by the General Authority of Civil Aviation of Saudi Arabia, and featuring a high-level address by ICAO Council President Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu, the Summit was attended by 104 officials representing 54 countries from the Middle East, Africa and other regions, in cooperation with the Arab Authority of Civil Aviation (ACAC).

The Summit provided an opportunity for the exchange of information, experience, benchmarking and lessons learned related to regional projects that were implemented in different regions. It provided also a platform for presenting the current and future top priority regional projects aiming at enhancing safety and efficiency of air navigation in the region.

The conference discussed the cooperation between regional organizations and the regional offices of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), in addition to the financial and institutional arrangements for the implementation of regional projects. Air traffic management, air traffic flow that are based on navigational performance and coordination between civil and military on a regional level also discussed. The summit also reviewed the regional projects in the field of air navigation and aviation safety.



The main objectives of the Summit were to:

- ⇒ exchange the global best practices towards enhancing safety and security in a cooperative manner;
- ⇒ ensure alignment of vision on safety and security issues among the States of the region;
- ⇒ promote the effective use of regional resources;
- ⇒ encourage and support regional initiatives in coordination with other States and regional and international organizations;
- ⇒ establish effective means of regional cooperation;
- ⇒ promote the sharing of security information to mitigate security risks; and
- ⇒ overcome the identified safety and security challenges.



Global Ministerial Aviation Summit (GMA)

The following regional initiatives/projects presented to the Summit have been coordinated with States and Regional and International Organizations considering the priorities identified within the framework of the MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID, as well as the Arab Civil Aviation Commission (ACAC) ongoing initiatives:

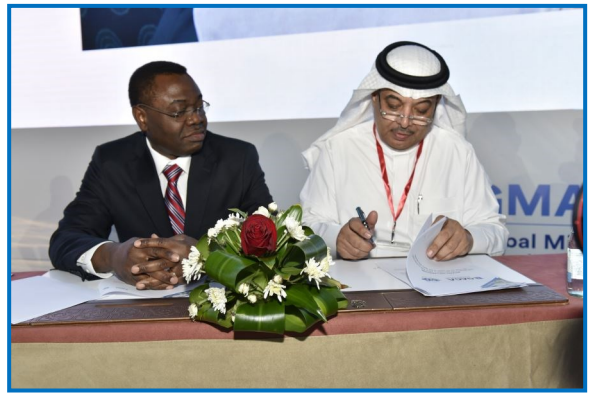
- ARNOP (ATS Route Network Optimization Project)
- MID FPP (MID Region Flight Procedure Programme)
- MENA RSOO (Middle East and North Africa Regional Safety Oversight Organization)
- ICAO MID No Country Left Behind (NCLB) Activities for 2017
- Agency for Flight Checks and Collection of Air Navigation Charges
- ACAC Regional Training Cooperation Initiative

The GMA Summit supported the President of the ICAO Council's proposal related to the establishment of a structured programme in the MID Region, similar to the ICAO Africa and Indian Ocean (AFI) Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plans (ACIP). The establishment of a MID Implementation Plan (MIDIP) would foster cooperation of all stakeholders towards the development and implementation of initiatives and projects aimed at the enhancement of safety and efficiency of the air transport system in the region, in support of the ICAO NCLB initiative. The Plan would provide also a framework for the mobilization of resources to support effective implementation of these initiatives and projects with adequate funding and staffing.

On the occasion of the GMA, the Head of Delegations responsible for Civil Aviation in the Arab Civil Aviation Commission (ACAC) and ICAO Middle East (MID) Regions, on 31 August 2016, endorsed and signed the Riyadh Declaration on Aviation Security and Facilitation (SECFAL) in the ACAC and ICAO MID Regions. The Declaration's main objective is to ensure political commitment at the international, regional, sub-regional and national levels for aviation security and facilitation in order to support States meet their aviation security and facilitation obligations under the Convention on International Civil Aviation. The Declaration called also for the development of a FAC/SEL roadmap towards the establishment of an ICAO Regional Security Group.

The outcome of the Summit will be presented to the 39th Session of the ICAO General Assembly.

The programme of the Summit, the presentations and Summary of Discussion/outcome are available at: www.gmasummit-riyadh.net



In preparation to the Summit four meetings were held at the ICAO MID Regional Office, Cairo, Egypt, on 29 February, 5 June, 13-14 July and 17-18 August 2016, respectively.



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ICAO Secretary General Meets Minister of Transport and Communications in Qatar

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Secretary General, Dr. Fang Liu met with HE Minister of Transport and Communications Jassim bin Saif Al Sulaiti.

Talks during the meeting dealt with cooperation in civil aviation and means of enhancing them and promoting closer relations between the State of Qatar and the ICAO.

HE highlighted his country's prioritization of civil aviation within its national developmental plan, its commitment to sustainability, and its consequential financial and human resourcing of the sector. The Minister also expressed Qatar's willingness to provide scholarships for underdeveloped countries in the region through ICAO's Next Generation Aviation Professionals programme, for which an event is being planned for 2017.

The meeting was attended by ICAO Regional Director in the Middle East, Mohamed Khalifa Rahma and HE Abdullah bin Nasser Turki Al-Subaey, Chairman of Qatar Civil Aviation Authority (QCAA).



Dr. Liu also met with HE Abdalla Bin Nasser Al-Subaey, Chairman of Qatar Civil Aviation Authority, she stressed the importance of regional coordination in preparation for the FIFA World Cup 2022 specifically, in order to ensure that Hamad International Airport, which she visited during her stay, will have the necessary capacity to handle operations efficiently. Implementation of air traffic flow management (ATFM) is a major priority in this regard.

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Course Title	Dates	Location	Training Host Centre	Language	Registration
TDC	23 Oct—3 Nov 2016	Abu Dhabi, UAE	Gulf Centre for Aviation Studies (GCAS)	English	Register
TDC	23 Oct—3 Nov 2016	Amman, Jordan	Queen Noor Civil Aviation Technical College (QNCATC)	English	Register
TMC	4—8 Dec 2016	Abu Dhabi or Al Ain, UAE	GAL ANS Training Centre	English	Register
SMTP - Safety Management Systems for Practitioners	6—10 Nov 2016	Cairo, Egypt	ICAO RO MID	English	Register
Course Developers and Instructors Standardization Meeting (CDI/STD)	17—19 Oct 2016	Nairobi, Kenya	East African School of Aviation (EASA)	English	Register

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Inter-regional Search & Rescue Workshop, Seychelles

The ICAO AFI/APAC/MID Inter-regional Search and Rescue Workshop were successfully held at Eden Blue Hotel, Mahe, Seychelles from 19 to 22 July 2016. The Workshop was hosted by the Seychelles Civil Aviation Authority. The Workshop was attended by a total of eighty-five (85) participants from twenty-six (26) States and four (4) international organizations.

The main objective of the Workshop was to bring together States from the four ICAO Regions (Asia/Pacific, ESAF, Middle East and WACAF) to share experiences, identify challenges and agree on measures to ensure harmonized SAR service provisions. The Workshop familiarized participants with the latest developments at global, regional and interregional levels pertaining to SAR services. In addition, available solutions to challenges facing States in implementing SAR requirements, as provided for under Annex 12 (Search and Rescue services) to the Chicago Convention were considered. A search and rescue exercise (SAREX) was carried out by the Seychelles Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in order to familiarize participants with SAR operational aspects.

The Workshop agreed to a set of actions necessary for improving SAR services and provided also an opportunity for the coordination of SAR Letter of Agreements (LoAs) between the present States, which will enhance the status of LoAs signed and may encourage more multilateral agreements.



Special Coordination Meeting on Afghanistan Contingency Planning (Emirates Airlines, Dubai, UAE)

The Special Coordination Meeting on Afghanistan Contingency Planning was held at Emirates Headquarters on 25 August 2016. The meeting was kindly hosted by Emirates, with support from IATA. The meeting was attended by a total of forty four (44) participants from Afghanistan, Armenia, Bulgaria, India, Iran, Iraq, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, IATA, IFALPA, EUROCONTROL and ICAO (Bangkok, Cairo and Paris regional Offices).

The meeting discussed the 36 actions which had been identified as outstanding items from previous meetings of the Ad-hoc Afghanistan Contingency Group (AHACG) and new items of interest since the Third meeting of the AHACG (AHACG/3, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, 11 to 14 May 2015). The meeting commended Afghanistan for the actions undertaken to improve the air traffic services within Kabul flight information region and the concerned States for the measures implemented to ensure that contingency arrangements are in place in case air operators decided to circumnavigate Afghanistan Airspace. The participants agreed to keep close coordination in order to ensure successful implementation of the identified actions in a timely manner.

Aerodrome Certification in Iran



Within the framework of RASG-MID, Mr. Adel Ramlawi, RO/AGA conducted a successful mission to Iran from 13 to 17 August. The mission objective was to support and expedite the aerodrome certification in Iran. Based on a request from Iran Civil Aviation Organization (CAO), the mission included a Workshop on Aerodrome Certification and latest development by ICAO in the aerodrome field. CAO appreciated the mission outcomes and the continuous support from ICAO MID Regional Office.



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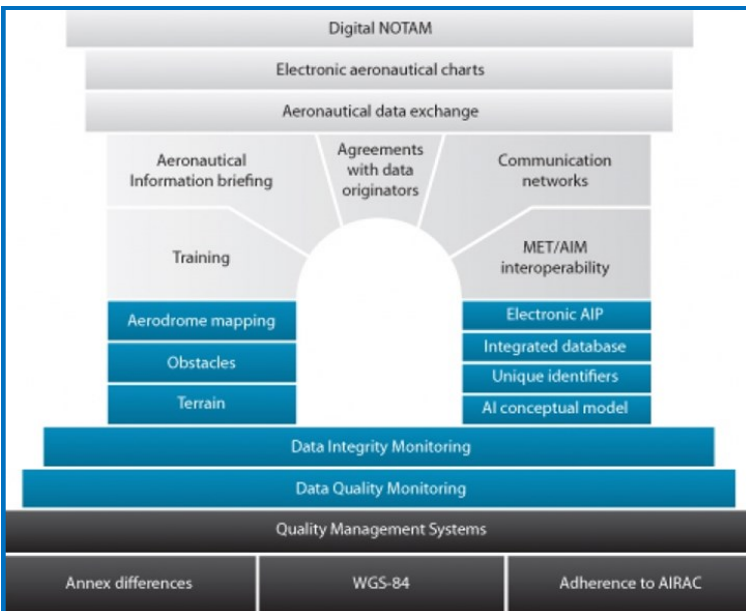
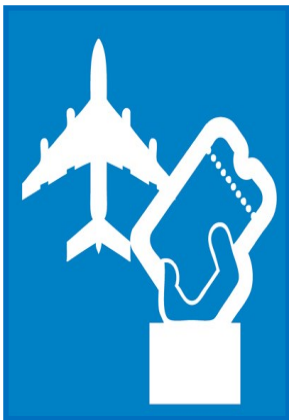




Third meeting of the Task Force on Air Navigation Services and Delineation of Khartoum Flight Information Region (TANS/3), Nairobi, Kenya

The Third meeting of the Task Force on Air Navigation Services and Delineation of Khartoum Flight Information Region (TANS/3) was convened at the ICAO Eastern and Southern African (ESAF) Regional Office in Nairobi 8 – 10 August 2016. The meeting was attended by a total of twenty three (23) participants from South Sudan, Sudan as well as observer delegations from Ethiopia, Kenya and IATA. The TANS/3 meeting was chaired by Mr. Chris Dalton, Chief Airspace Management Optimization (AMO) Section from ICAO Headquarters. Messrs. Seboeso Machobane, Regional Officer ATM/SAR, ESAF Office, and Elie El Khoury Regional Officer ATM/SAR, MID Office were Secretaries of the meeting.

The main objective of the TANS/3 meeting was to complete discussions on a proposal for amendment of the AFI and MID Air Navigation Plans (ANPs) to establish Juba Flight Information Region that would enable South Sudan to more directly discharge its air navigation services obligations in the airspace over its territory.



AIM missions to Lebanon & Iran

ICAO MID Regional Office pursued its supporting role to provide assistance to States in the implementation of AIS/AIM requirements. In this connection, two AIM assistance missions were conducted in August 2016 to Lebanon and Iran. The main objective of the missions was to provide assistance related to the Implementation of the AIS/AIM provisions, updating the National AIM implementation Roadmap, foster the transition from AIS to AIM and support implementation of the BO-DATM elements. The missions aimed also to support the development and implementation of Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) for resolving the Air Navigation Deficiencies and the USOAP findings related to AIS.AIM.

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Special Coordination Meeting between Iran, Iraq and Turkey with IATA and ICAO



The Special Coordination Meeting (SCM) between Iran, Iraq and Turkey with IATA and ICAO (Cairo and Paris Regional Offices) was held at Fly Dubai Headquarters, Dubai, UAE, on 26 August 2016. The main objective of the meeting was to follow-up on the outcome of the previous meeting, which was held in Istanbul on 5 May 2016, in particular on the progress of the implementation of the contingency measures and enhancements to the ATS routes at the interfaces between Iran-Turkey, Iran-Iraq and Iraq-Turkey. The meeting provided also an opportunity to review the Letter of Agreement between Baghdad and Tehran Area Control Centers, which is planned to be implemented on 10 October 2016.



Welcome on Board Luay

Mr. Luay Ishaqat Joined ICAO MID Office as an AVSEC Officer on 3rd, July, 2016

Luay spent 19 years in the military service, two years and a half of it as a security officer at Queen Alia International Airport and Amman Airport, and a sky marshal on board of Royal Jordanian Airlines.

He Retired in 2007 as a Lt. Col.

Luay Joined Airport International Group operator of QAIA in 2008 as the AVSEC Director. He is also a Certified ICAO instructor and Auditor, and holder of PMC.



Test Trail-Introduction of Alphanumeric Call Sign within the Middle East: Etihad Airways, Abu Dhabi

A meeting on call sign confusion was held at Etihad Airways, Abu Dhabi, UAE, on 24 August 2016. The meeting was attended by seventeen (17) participants from IATA MENA, IATA ASIA Pacific, British Airways, Emirates Airlines, Etihad Airways, Qatar Airways, Royal Jordanian, Turkish Airlines, ICAO Asia Pacific and MID Regional Offices.

The Call Sign Confusion Initiative has been implemented under the framework of the MID Region ATM Enhancement Programme MAEP (MAEP), with Etihad Airways as Champion and supported by IATA MENA and ICAO MID Regional Office. The meeting reviewed the progress made and agreed on the next course of actions.



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Aisha Al Mansoori, the UAE's first female pilot of an A380

Emirati pilot Aisha Al Mansoori, Her sister is the country's first female fighter pilot. Her brother flies a helicopter. So it is no surprise that Aisha Al Mansoori has become the UAE's first female pilot of an A380.

At the time, she was one of two female Emiratis in a classroom of more than 500 men, choosing a career in a traditionally male-dominated field.

"It was a bit intimidating," Ms Al Mansoori says. "At first it is very overwhelming, all the training. You really feel you have to work hard to keep up."

"I remember the first time in a flight simulator in the academy and you think, oh my gosh, there are so many buttons – I will never be able to know all these."

After graduating from the academy, she worked as a second officer on the A320, before graduating to the A330 as a first officer. Her inaugural flight on the Airbus from Abu Dhabi to London in 2014 was "very overwhelming", considering the sheer size of the plane and being responsible for more than 500 passengers on board, Ms Al Mansoori says. "I have almost finished everywhere on Etihad destination routes except South America". The Emirati is also hoping to have the chance to fly the new A350 at the end of next year. "I believe if you love what you do, it is the most rewarding thing ever." she said.



Upcoming Events & Meetings

Frequency Finder Workshop (Cairo, Egypt, 09 - 13 October 2016)

A Five-day workshop on radio spectrum management and Frequency finder tool will be held in MID Office to cope with the global and regional recent evolutions of ICAO Spectrum Policy and frequency management provisions.

The workshop will cover Planning, efficient assignment and amendment to the MID frequency allotment plan. Support the implementation of the Frequency Finder as ICAO aeronautical radio spectrum management tool.

Regional Joint ICAO/WCO Workshop on Air Cargo Security and Facilitation (Rabat, Morocco, 17 – 20 October 2016)

This Workshop is designed to bring relevant experts and stakeholders in the fields of customs and air cargo security to discuss the international air cargo secure supply chain and its governing rules and standards.

