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Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu re-elected as President of ICAO Council

Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu was re-elected by acclamation for a second three-year term as President of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

"Over the past three years, ICAO has been working tirelessly to promote the importance of civil aviation to socio-economic development, as well as its prioritization in national and regional investment and development planning,"

Dr. Aliu noted in his acceptance remarks. "We have also made great strides in securing the

assistance and capacity building our Member States need most, under the ICAO No Country Left Behind initiative, and will now look forward to its next iteration which will be more focused on aviation infrastructure development."

"Going forward, the ongoing pursuit of the objectives and targets under ICAO's Global Plans for Safety and Air Navigation, the GASP and the GANP, should be complemented with added guidance to States on the operational, regulatory, training and capacity building requirements in support of the ICAO Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBUs), both nationally and regionally," he added.



International Civil Aviation Day



ICAO MID Office celebrated the International Civil Aviation Day that was established in 1994 by ICAO to mark the 50th anniversary of the Organization, which was created on 7 December 1944. The United Nations General Assembly by resolution officially recognized 7 December as International Civil Aviation Day and listed it as an official UN Day.

The purpose of the global celebration was to generate and reinforce worldwide awareness of the importance of international civil aviation in the social and economic development of States, and of the role of ICAO in promoting the safety, efficiency and regularity of international air transport. The theme of this day in 2016 is “Working Together To Ensure No Country is Left Behind”. The invitees were mainly ambassadors and ministers and the UN family in Egypt.

During his speech Mohamed Rahma ICAO MID RD indicated that “ On the regional level we have 2 main issues that need a lot of cooperation and coordination from all of us. The first issue is Aviation Security. The recent terrorist incidents at airport facilities in Brussels, Istanbul, and other areas around the globe, have also brought forward renewed concerns with respect to a number of safety and security challenges. This calls for ICAO to develop a Global Aviation Security Plan (GASep), which is endorsed by the ICAO General Assembly last October in Montreal” Mr. Rahma added “ The second important initiative we are undertaking in ICAO today is fostering partnerships in aid of sustainable aviation and economic development which is called No Country Left Behind. This initiative focuses on the assistance and capacity-building required so that States have the resources they need to effectively implement ICAO’s Standards and Policies.”



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Third MID Regional Coordination Meeting (MID RCM/3), Casablanca, Morocco, 1 December 2016

The Third MID Regional Coordination Meeting was held at the Golden Tulip Hotel, Casablanca, Morocco. The meeting was attended by a total of 9 participants from 5 International/Regional Organizations (AACO, ACAC, CANSO, IATA and ICAO). Mr. Mohamed Khalifa Rahma, ICAORD Cairo, and Mr. Mohamed Smaoui, DRD, Cairo attended the meeting.

The main objective was to strengthen the cooperation between the different Organizations in the Region, facilitate coordination of civil aviation activities and avoid duplication of efforts.

The MID RCM/3 meeting provided a forum to discuss issues pertaining to civil aviation, openly and frankly and facilitate bilateral and regional cooperation in areas of common interest, in order to better understand each other's roles and responsibilities and improve coordination of civil aviation activities in the Region and join efforts for the enhancement of safety, air navigation capacity and efficiency, security and reduction of CO2 emissions. Some difficulties/challenges were also identified.



ACAC/ICAO Coordination Meeting, Rabat, Morocco, 2 December 2016

The coordination meeting between ACAC and the ICAO MID Office was held at the ACAC premises in Rabat, Morocco on 2 December 2016. The meeting was informal and provided an opportunity to discuss matters of common interest with a view to strengthen cooperation and working relationships in support of the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) signed by the two Organizations.





Arab Civil Aviation Commission (ACAC) Executive Council and Inaugural Ceremony for the opening of the new Muscat Air Traffic Control Centre (Muscat, Oman, 21-22 December 2017)

The ICAO Regional Director and the Regional Officer ATM/SAR visited Muscat, Oman on 21 and 21 December 2017 to participate in the ACAC Executive Council and the Inaugural Ceremony for the opening of the new Muscat Air Traffic Control Centre.

ICAO Regional Director, Mr. Mohamed Rahma, discussed the subject of common interest between ICAO and ACAC, such as the establishment of the Regional Safety Oversight Organization (MENA RSOO), regional air navigation projects being implemented under the framework of the MID Region ATM Enhancement Programme (MAEP), and the development of the roadmap for Aviation Security and Facilitations, towards the establishment of an ICAO Regional Security Group.

The Inaugural Ceremony of the new Muscat Air traffic Control Centre, held under the patronage of Dr. Yahya bin Mahfoudh al Mantheri, Chairman of the State Council, was attended by Ministers, Officials, delegations of the Arab States, as well as International and regional organizations and partners from the industry.

In his speech, Dr. Mohammed Bin Nasser Al-Zaabi, CEO of the Public Authority for Civil Aviation (PACA) said that the Centre is one of the fruits of the mega projects being carried out by the Sultanate to develop the civil aviation sector to meet the growth in air traffic. He said the Centre enhances the air navigation services rendered to more than one thousand five hundred aircraft that use the Muscat Flight Information Region daily. Dr. Al-Zaabi pointed out the air traffic movement is growing by 11 per cent per annum due to the strategic location of Oman, as a bridge between Asia, Africa, Europe and Middle East.

Mr. Mohamed Rahma, ICAO Regional Director, Middle East Office, thanked Dr. Al-Zaabi for providing ICAO the opportunity to contribute to this special day in the aviation industry and congratulated Oman for the excellent developments carried out, which will improve the level of services not only within the Muscat Flight Information Region but also at the regional and global levels. He highlighted that the rapid continuing growth of traffic in the MID Region places increased demand on airspace capacity and emphasizes the need for the optimum utilization of the available airspace and airports, which requires tremendous coordination and efforts to ensure continued safety and enhanced efficiency. Mr. Rahma indicated that the Centre is a new addition to the civil aviation achievements made in the ICAO MID Region in support of enhancing safety and efficiency of the air navigation services in the Region. On the occasion of the Inaugural Ceremony, a visit to PACA was carried out to discuss issues of mutual interest.



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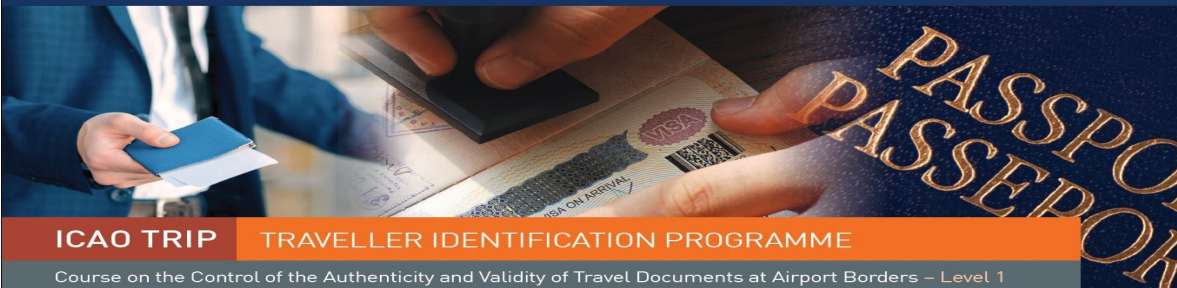
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The Second meeting of the Air Navigation System Implementation Group (ANSIG/2) (Cairo, Egypt, 6-8 December 2016)

The Second meeting of the Air Navigation Systems Implementation Group (ANSIG/2) was held at the Meeting Room of the ICAO Middle East Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, from 6 to 8 December 2016. The meeting was attended by participants from eight (8) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and United Arab Emirates) and three Organizations/Industries (CANSO, IATA and MIDRMA).

The meeting was apprised of the Global air navigation developments, in particular the update of the fifth edition of the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) which was endorsed by the ICAO Assembly 39.

The meeting reviewed the status of ASBU implementation in the MID Region through PPTs presented by States, using the template provided by the Secretariat. The meeting further reviewed and updated the Draft MID Air Navigation Report-2016. The meeting commended the MID Office for

the development of the First MID Region Air Navigation Report. The meeting noted 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. From a regional perspective, the meeting noted with appreciation that the progress for the implementation of B0-AMET and B0-ACAS is very good. However, it was noted with concern that the progress for the implementation of B0-APTA, B0-ACDM and B0-FRTO is slow.

The meeting also reviewed other relevant Air Navigation issues such as MID eANP, ATM/SAR, RVSM, AIM, MID ROC and Air Navigation Deficiencies as well as Environmental Protection.

Third meeting of the Air Traffic Management Performance Measurement Taskforce (APM TF/3) (Cairo, Egypt, 5 December 2016)

The Third meeting of the Air Traffic Management Performance Measurement Task Force (APM TF/3) was held at the ICAO Middle East Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt on 5 December 2016. The meeting was attended by experts from six (6) States (Egypt, Kuwait, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and UAE) and three (3) International Organizations (CANSO, IATA and IFATCA).

The meeting was apprised of the latest developments related to the Environmental Protection, in particular the ICAO Assembly 39 Resolutions regarding the Environment. The status of the State's Action Plans on CO2 emission reduction in the MID Region was reviewed. The meeting identified challenges faced by States with regard to the Environmental issues and encouraged States that have not yet done so, to establish a dedicated structure dealing with aviation environmental issues, within their Civil Aviation Authorities (e.g. Department, Section, etc.). It was agreed that the environment related tasks should be furthered handled by the Air Navigation Systems Implementation Group (ANSIG) and proposed that ANSIG consider the addition of a new Section in the MID Air Navigation Report related to environmental protection, to reflect the measures implemented/planned to be implemented by States and Users as well as some success stories with regard to the implementation of operational improvements which contributed to the reduction of CO2 emission.



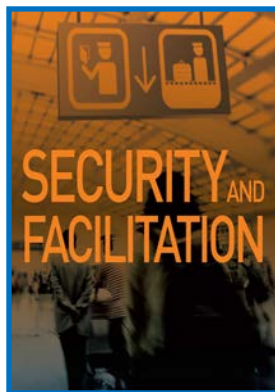
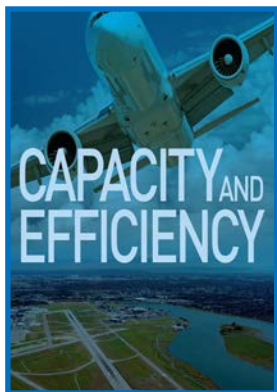


ICAO Air Traffic Flow Management Seminar (Dubai, UAE, from 13-15 December 2016)

The ICAO Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) Seminar has gratefully hosted by the United Arab of Emirates, General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA), in Dubai from 13 to 15 December 2016. The Seminar was attended by a total of one hundred thirty eight (138) participants from thirteen (13) States and eighteen (18) Organizations/Industries.

The Seminar provided an update on the ICAO Global and Regional developments related to ATFM, including the provisions of the latest version of the ICAO Doc 9971 (CDM, ATFM, ACDM), highlighting the importance of standardization and harmonization with regard to worldwide ATFM implementation. The Seminar brought together stakeholders, (Regulators, Air Navigation Service Providers, Aerodrome Operators, Aircraft Operators, Organizations and Industry) to share expertise and lessons learned from ATFM implementation including presentation related to national (State, ANSP), sub-regional and regional solutions. It also provided valuable panel sessions with diversity of the speakers and panelists from around the world, and opportunities for networking, collaboration and coordination

The third day of the Seminar was dedicated to the ICAO MID Region to address the challenges facing the MID States related to air traffic flows and agree on the way forward for Collaborative ATFM implementation in the MID Region, taking into consideration the lessons learned and best practices presented during the first two days of the Seminar. The Seminar recognized the need for a collaborative phased approach toward the implementation of a regional ATFM system in accordance with the region requirements.



Certification of Queen Alia International Airport (Amman, Jordan 11 December 2016)

The Jordanian Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC) has successfully certified the Queen Alia International Airport (QAIA) in Amman on 11 December 2016. This was the result of support mission organized by the MID Regional office and conducted by Mr. Adel Ramlawi, RO/AGA and Mr. Mohammed Yousif from the UAE GCAA from 27 November to 1 December 2016. The mission was to support was planned as part the MID Regional Project to support Aerodrome Certification under the ICAO initiative No Country Left Behind (NCLB), which was approved as a project under the SAFE Fund.



Advanced Inter-regional ATS Routes Development Task Force (AIRARD TF) (Tbilisi, Georgia, 17-20 October 2016)

With view to enhance safety and improve efficiency at the interfaces between ICAO Asia Pacific, Europe and Middle East Regions, ICAO had established the Advanced Inter-Regional ATS Routes Development Task Force (AIRARD TF). The first meeting of the AIRARD TF was held in Tbilisi, Georgia, on 20-21 October 2016 back-to-back with the Route Development Group - Eastern part of the ICAO Europe Region (Tbilisi, Georgia, 17-20 October 2016). The meeting developed the term of reference of the AIRARD TF, and agreed that the Task Force meetings should be co-chaired by two Chairpersons: one from the Member States and one from the Organizations. Mr. Ahmad Kaveh Firouz from I. R. Iran was elected as the Co-Chair representing the States and Mr. Wilson Grant from IATA Headquarters, was designated as IATA point of contact till the nomination of the Organizations Co-Chair.





ICAO Retreat (Fayoum, Egypt 16 & 17 November 2016)

The International Civil Aviation Organization– Middle East Regional Office carried out the first Retreat for all staff members with the aim to increase the bond between staff members.

The retreat was held on 16 and 17 November 2017 at a site near Cairo “Al Fayoum”, and it consisted of games specially tailored to meet our needs.

Among other things, the Retreat helped achieve the following:

Allow staff to get better acquainted with each other in an environment away from work.

Learn new organizational skills while having fun and enjoying activities in an open air atmosphere.

Go back to work with new mindset of assisting and helping each other to reach the required goals.

The Retreat also focused on core values, such as: Team Building, Communication Skills, Leadership, Time Management and Cooperation.

The staff members returned to the office with positive feedback on the Retreat, and with new mindset on the importance of implementing the core values that should be present in the work place to meet the Organization Strategic goals.



Rola Hoteit Pilot at Middle East Airlines

While still a mathematics student at the American University of Beirut, a friend jokingly showed Rola Hoteit a newspaper advertisement for a pilot position at MEA. She took it as a challenge and she sat for the exam and passed.

Hoteit believes that men’s perception of women pilots is changing with time, even though there are still less female pilots in the Arab world than in Europe. Twenty years after joining MEA, she is still the only female pilot in the company. She explains that some aircraft operators still call her “sir” when communicating with her.

At first, Hoteit’s father disapproved of her career choice, hoping she would continue her mathematics studies. However, she eventually succeeded in convincing him it was the right choice and now he is very proud of her. As for her colleagues, Hoteit says that her first two years as copilot were difficult, as



Upcoming MID Events and Meetings

USOAP-CMA REGIONAL WORKSHOP
UNIVERSAL SAFETY OVERSIGHT AUDIT PROGRAMME




6-8 FEBRUARY




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CAPSCA-MID/6 KHARTOUM
COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR THE PREVENTION OF SPREAD OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE THROUGH AIR TRAVEL




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Twelfth Symposium and Exhibition on ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP)

ICAO Headquarters, Montréal
15 - 17 November 2016

ICAO Fuelling Aviation with Sustainable Alternative Energy Seminar

ICAO Headquarters, Montréal
8 - 9 February 2017

ICAO African and Indian Ocean (AFI) RPAS Symposium

Abuja, Nigeria
3-4 April 2017

ICAO Cyber Summit & Exhibition Making Sense of Cyber - Security, Safety and Resilience

United Arab Emirates
5 -6 April 2017

ICAO/UNOOSA Aerospace Symposium (SPACE 2017)

Vienna, Austria
18 - 21 April 2017

ICAO/ACI Wildlife Strike Hazard Reduction Symposium (WSHRS)

ICAO Headquarters, Montréal
16 - 18 May 2017

Seminar on Environment Global Market-Based Measure MBM Implementation Issues

ICAO Headquarters, Montréal
23 - 25 May 2017

Second Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems Symposium (RPAS-SYMP/2)

ICAO Headquarters, Montréal
12 - 14 September 2017



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ICAO Air Transport Symposium (IATS2017)

Doha, Qatar
October 2017 (TBD)

Seminar on Green Airports

ICAO Headquarters, Montréal
27 November – 01 December 2017

Thirteenth Symposium and Exhibition on ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP)

ICAO Headquarters, Montréal
24 – 26 October 2017

Sustainability and Enhancement of the Air Navigation System Performance

Second Global Air Navigation Industry Symposium (GANIS/2)

ICAO Headquarters, Montréal
20 – 24 November 2017

Safety and Air Navigation Implementation Symposium (SANIS)

ICAO Headquarters, Montréal
20 – 24 November 2017

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