



International Civil Aviation Organization

**Middle East Air Navigation Planning and
Implementation Regional Group**

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Agenda Item 8: Any other business

**THIRD MID REGIONAL COORDINATION MEETING
(MID RCM/3)**

(Presented by ACAC)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the results of the Third MID Coordination meeting held in Casablanca-Morocco between the different Organizations in the Region in areas of common interest, in order to improve coordination of civil aviation activities and join efforts for the enhancement of safety, air navigation capacity and efficiency, security and reduction of CO₂ emissions.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- RCM/2 Report

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Third MID Regional Coordination Meeting (MID RCM/3) was held at the Golden Tulip Hotel, Casablanca, Morocco, on 1 December 2016.

1.2 Nine (09) participants attended the meeting from 5 organizations AACO, ACAC, CANSO, IATA and ICAO.

1.3 The meeting was opened by Mr. Mohamed Rahma, ICAO Regional Director, Middle East Office, who welcomed the participants to Casablanca and thanked ACAC and in particular the Director General, Eng. Mohamed Ibrahim Sherif, for hosting the MID RCM/3 and for the warm welcome and excellent hospitality.

1.4 Mr. Rahma underlined the importance of such event to strengthen the cooperation between the different Organizations in the Region, facilitate coordination of civil aviation activities and avoid duplication of efforts. He highlighted that the MID RCM meetings are of informal nature which provide a forum to discuss any issue pertaining to civil aviation, openly and frankly and facilitates bilateral and regional cooperation in areas of common interest, in order to 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.

1.5 Eng. Mohamed Ibrahim Sherif, Director General of ACAC welcomed all the participants to Casablanca and thanked them for their attendance. He highlighted the challenges facing the Civil Aviation Community and confirmed that the best way to face these challenges is the cooperation between all stakeholders including the International and Regional Organizations. In this respect, Eng. Sherif emphasized that work in isolation would lead to duplication of efforts. He stated also that a face-to-face meeting between the concerned Organizations at least once a year is very important to facilitate and improve communication and sharing of information, plans, etc. In this respect, he thanked ICAO for the initiative to convene the MID RCM meetings at least once a year.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting discussed the following subjects:

2.1.1 Air Navigation:

The meeting was apprised of the different Organizations' activities related to air navigation. There was an agreement that, in accordance with the GANP, ASBU methodology and MID Region Air Navigation Strategy, the top priorities are: PBN, ATS routes, Civil/Military Cooperation and Flexible Use of Airspace, ATFM and AIDC/OLDI.

The meeting noted that the ACAC CNS/ATM study which is considered as the phase 1 of the ARNOP project is being finalized. The following joint events were identified for 2017:

- ACAC/ICAO joint Workshop on GNSS vulnerabilities
- ACAC/ICAO/CANSO Civil/Military Workshop
- Joint ACAC/ICAO ASBU Symposium for Tunisia

2.1.2 Aviation Safety

The discussions concerned mainly MENA RSOO and SSP/SMS implementation. The meeting recalled that the MID SST/3 meeting agreed to the following Safety Enhancement Initiatives related to SSP and SMS:

<i>SEI: Improve the status of implementation of State Safety Programme (SSP) and Safety Management System (SMS) in the MID Region</i>	
Actions	Champion
Conduct of Safety Management Training Courses, Symposia and Workshops.	ICAO
Establish the MENA RSOO to support States in the expeditious implementation of SSP.	ACAC/ICAO
Improve the status of implementation of SMS at international aerodromes.	Egypt and Saudi Arabia
Improve the status of implementation of SMS by ANSPs (ATM).	CANSO
Improve the status of implementation of SMS by air operators.	IATA
Improve the status of implementation of SMS by maintenance organizations.	IATA and Boeing
Improve the status of implementation of SMS by training organizations (involved in flight training).	TBD

The meeting agreed that ACAC Champion the Initiative related to the implementation of SMS by the Aviation Training Organizations (ATOs).

The following joint events were identified for 2017:

- ACAC/ICAO AIG Workshop
- ACAC/IATA IOSA Workshop

In addition, CANSO indicated their intention to organise a Safety Management System (SMS) workshop for the Middle East and ACAC Regions ANSPs; and ACAC will organise a SMS Workshop for Aviation Training Organizations, with support from ICAO and IATA.

2.1.3 Aviation Security and Facilitation

The meeting agreed that all Organizations should join efforts for the implementation of the Riyadh Declaration, including the development of the Roadmap and draft AVSEC and FAL Targets. In this respect, it was agreed that the first MID SEC/FAL Development Group meeting be held in Cairo, 31 January – 2 February 2017. The meeting noted also that, based on a request by UAE, ICAO HQ will organize an Aviation Cyber Security Summit in Dubai, 4-6 April 2017; and a Regional FAL Seminar, 14-16 November 2017. All participating Organizations expressed willingness to support this Summit.

2.1.4 Environment

The discussions concerned mainly the States action plan on CO2 emission reduction and GMBM/CORSIA. The meeting agreed also that it would be good to identify and highlight the operational improvements implemented or planned by States, ANSPs, Airlines and Airport Operators which have positive impact on environment (contribute to the reduction of CO2 emissions).

The meeting noted that ACAC is planning to organize a Joint ACAC/ECAC States' Action Plan Workshop; and recommended to widen the scope of the Workshop to address other environmental issues, in particular GMBM/CORSIA. The active participation and support from all Organizations was encouraged.

2.1.5 Air Transport

The meeting noted that the following subjects are being addressed by the ACAC Air Transport Committee:

- Air Transport economy regulation and liberalization
- Taxation
- Charges for Airports and Air Navigation services
- Forecasting, planning and economic analysis
- Passengers rights

The meeting noted that ICAO will organize an Aviation Data and Analysis Seminar in Tehran, 20-23 February 2017. The meeting agreed that a similar Seminar might be organized by ACAC with a full support from ICAO end of 2017 or beginning of 2018.

2.1.6 Work Programmes for 2017-Cooperation towards joint organization of Regional Civil Aviation events and avoidance of duplication of efforts

The meeting noted that the ICAO MID Regional Office has posted on the ICAO MID website the Tentative Schedule of Meetings, Seminars and Workshops for the year 2017. It was also underlined that each Organization should take into consideration the other Organizations Schedule of events when finalizing their work programmes for the year 2017, in order to avoid conflict and overlapping, especially if the target

audience is the same. The meeting also encouraged the organization of joint events as mentioned above.

2.1.7 Future Work Programme

The meeting agreed that the Fourth MID Regional Coordination Meeting (MID RCM/4) will be tentatively planned to be held on 16 October 2017 in Muscat, Oman (back-to-back with the DGCA-MID/4 meeting).

The meeting agreed that starting from the MID RCM/4 meeting, the discussions and planning should be related to a period of 2 years (i.e. the upcoming year and the year after).

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to take note of the information contained in this paper.