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**Subject:** **Fourth Meeting of the CAPSCA Middle East Project (CAPSCA-MID/4); and Fifth Meeting of the CAPSCA Global Programme Coordination (CAPSCA GLOBAL/5) (Cairo, Egypt, 17 – 20 November 2014)**

**Action Required:** **Reply not later than 27 October 2014**

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Fourth Meeting of the Middle East Regional Project of the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA-MID/4) and the Fifth CAPSCA Global Coordination Meeting (CAPSCA GLOBAL/5) will be held in Cairo, Egypt, from 17 to 20 November 2014. The meeting will be organized in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean and graciously hosted by the Ministry of Civil Aviation of Egypt.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Egyptian Ministry of Civil Aviation for supporting CAPSCA and the ICAO MID Regional Office activities by hosting this meeting. The meeting venue and Bulletin describing administrative arrangements will be provided in due course.

Your Administration/Organization is kindly invited to participate in this meeting. It is strongly recommended that your delegation to the meeting includes Officers from Civil Aviation Regulatory Authorities and Public Health Authorities, Airport, ANSP and Airline representatives and other Stakeholders who have an interest in preparedness planning in the aviation sector in the Middle East Region and Globally. Participation by representatives of both Public Health and Aviation Authorities is particularly encouraged. To this end, you are kindly requested to forward this Invitation to your counterpart in the Ministry of Health and other concerned Stakeholders.

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CAPSCA is a global, collaborative arrangement between International Organizations, including ICAO, WHO, UNWTO, WFP, IATA, ACI, etc. It aims to improve preparedness plans in the aviation sector for public health emergencies, or potential emergencies that can arise from communicable disease such as the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus and Ebola virus disease. Further information on CAPSCA project objectives is available on the CAPSCA Website: [www.capsca.org](http://www.capsca.org).

A List of Topics Intended for Discussion at the meeting is at **Attachment A**. Your comments/suggestions, if any, would be appreciated. A demonstration Assistance Visit is planned to Cairo International Airport on Thursday morning, 20 November 2014, which will provide a practical view of how a gap analysis is undertaken at an International Airport, during a CAPSCA Assistance Visit. The number of participants may need to be restricted and those interested in attending this demonstration Assistance Visit should respond promptly and indicate their wish to participate on the Nomination Form. The selection will be performed at the start of the meeting.

This letter, all its relevant attachments, will be posted in PDF format on the ICAO MID Regional Office website: <http://www.icao.int/mid/>.

Your Administration/Organization is encouraged to participate actively in the work of the meeting by submitting presentations covering subjects contained in the List of Topics. I would be grateful to receive your presentations in an electronic format prior to **27 October 2014**.

I would appreciate it if you could, as soon as possible, preferably not later than **27 October 2014**, confirm the participation of your Administration/Organization by exchange of correspondence with the ICAO MID Regional Office at the following e-mail address: [icaomid@icao.int](mailto:icaomid@icao.int), with copy to: [aramlawi@icao.int](mailto:aramlawi@icao.int) or Fax number +20 2 22674843, giving the name(s) of your delegate(s) using the Nomination Form at **Attachment B**.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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**Attachments**



**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION**  
**COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR THE PREVENTION AND**  
**MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH EVENTS IN CIVIL AVIATION**  
**(CAPSCA)**

**4<sup>TH</sup> CAPSCA MIDDLE EAST MEETING**  
**AND 5<sup>TH</sup> GLOBAL COORDINATION MEETING**

*(Cairo, Egypt, 17 - 20 November 2014)*

**LIST OF TOPICS INTENDED FOR DISCUSSION**

- Follow-up of previous Global and MID meeting Conclusions
- CAPSCA MID Project Update
- Management of communicable disease affecting travellers in transit
- Passenger contact tracing
- Screening at airports
- Airline flight plans and diversions for health reasons
- Global IHR implementation update
- WHA results related to IHR
- AIRSAN – preparedness planning and response in Europe
- Presentations from States on implementation of the IHR (2005) in the aviation sector
- Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus - (method of transmission, risks of infection in the aviation sector etc.)
- MERS CoV – outbreak information
- Report on communicable disease management during the Hajj
- Ebola virus - (method of transmission, risks of infection in the aviation sector etc.)
- Ebola virus – outbreak information
- Draft Airport Certification Procedures (WHO IHR requirements)
- Airport Certification Procedures currently in place (ICAO requirements)
- Update on “Towards a Safer World” initiative
- Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificates – procedures/challenges
- Briefing from Egypt on preparedness planning in the State
- Briefings from other States, Airports, Airlines and ANSPs
- ACI, IATA and other International Organisation updates
- Working Groups
- Demonstration of Preparedness Plans by Cairo International Airport.

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