



*International Civil Aviation Organization*

**Thirteenth Meeting of the Middle East Regional Monitoring Agency Board (MIDRMA Board/13) and RVSM Safety Assessment Briefing**

*(Bahrain, 9-12 March 2014)*

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**BULLETIN**

**1. LOCATION**

1.1 The Thirteenth Meeting of the Middle East Regional Monitoring Agency Board (MIDRMA Board/13) and RVSM Safety Assessment Briefing will be held in Bahrain, from 9 to 12 March 2014. The meeting will take place at the Moevenpick Hotel.

**2. SCHEDULE OF THE MEETING**

2.1 The opening session of the meeting will be held at 0900 hours on Sunday 9 March 2014. Mr. Ahmed N. Al Nemah, Acting Under Secretary for Civil Aviation Affairs and Mr. Mohamed R. Khonji, Regional Director, ICAO Middle East Office, will open the meeting.

2.2 The daily schedule and the order of the day will be announced at the opening session.

2.3 The meeting will be conducted in English.

**3. REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

3.1 Participants are requested to register, at the Registration Desk located at the entrance of the Meeting Hall, between 0800 and 0900 hours on the opening day of the meeting. Participants are also requested to wear the Identification Badge which will be issued to them during registration.

**4. ICAO PERSONNEL CONCERNED WITH THE MEETING**

4.1 Mr. Elie El Khoury, Regional Officer, ATM/SAR, will serve as Secretary of the meeting, supported by Mr. Mohamed Smaoui, Deputy Regional Director, MID Regional Office.

**5. DOCUMENTS, PAPERS FOR DISTRIBUTION, ETC.**

5.1 Kindly note that no documentation in hard copy will be available. However, all working and information papers related to the meeting will be available on the ICAO Website <http://www.icao.int/mid> at least 15 days prior to the event. Accordingly, participants are requested to download the documentation from the web and bring along their own hardcopies or their laptops, as appropriate.

**6. HOTEL RESERVATIONS/RETURN AIRLINE BOOKINGS**

6.1 Participants are requested to ensure that their return airline booking is confirmed, soon after their arrival in Bahrain, through their respective hotel reception desk. A list of hotels with the CAA Bahrain corporate rate with the telephone/fax numbers and addresses is at the **Attachment**. Participants will need to arrange their own hotel reservations.

## **7. TRANSPORTATION**

7.1 Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for transportation from the airport to the city and return.

7.2 Airport Taxi Services operate from the Airport to Bahrain downtown is approx. 6 BD per vehicle

## **8. INSURANCE**

8.1 Participants are advised to have insurance coverage for any unexpected contingency including transport hazards (taxi, buses, rented cars etc.) and Medical Coverage.

## **9. SOME USEFUL TRAVEL INFORMATION**

### **PASSPORT**

9.1 All foreign nationals entering Bahrain must possess valid passports or other valid documents for travel.

### **VISA**

9.2 It is mandatory that all participants obtain official visas from the Bahraini Embassy or Consulate in their country prior to their departure for Bahrain. Please also view paragraph 13.

### **CUSTOMS**

9.3 The following items are allowed to be brought into Bahrain:

1. Personal effects, such as necessary clothing, laptop, mobile,
2. Additional quantities of the above items may also be purchased from the Airport duty free shop after clearing customs.

## **10. CURRENCY, CREDIT CARDS AND BANKING SERVICES**

10.1 The unit of currency in Bahrain is the **Bahraini Dinar (BHD)**. Current rate of exchange for US \$ is US \$ 1 = 0.378 approximately.

10.2 There are no restrictions on import of foreign currency.

10.3 International Credit Cards, such as American Express, Diners Club, Visa, Master Charge, Carte Blanche, etc. are usually accepted at most hotels, department stores and restaurants.

10.4 All commercial banks exchange major foreign currencies and are open from 0800 to 1300 hours. Sundays through Thursdays.

## **11. OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION**

### **SHOPPING**

11.1 Shopping areas are available in Bahrain. Be prepared to bargain in small shops, sidewalk vendors etc. In large stores, however, the prices are fixed.

**TAP WATER**

11.2 It is recommended that all visitors drink only bottled water/beverages.

**TELEPHONE AND INTERNET CARDS**

11.3 Cards are available in the Bahrain Market for international calls, and internet connection.

**12. WEATHER CONDITIONS**

12.1 The main daily minimum and maximum temperatures for the month of March in Bahrain are between 18° and 25°C.

**13. OTHER ASSISTANCE**

13.1 The CAA Bahrain will be glad to assist the participants to the meeting with any advice they may require.

13.2 In case of emergency in Bahrain, please call Focal Point from the CAA Bahrain:  
**Mr Fared Al Alawi Mobile: +973 39651596 e-mail: midrma@midrma.com**

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**List of Hotels**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type/Rate of Room</b>	<b>Contact Email</b>
<b><i>Intercon Regency Hotel</i></b>	Single Room BD 75++ Breakfast not included	<a href="mailto:reservation@icbahrain.com">reservation@icbahrain.com</a> <a href="mailto:Shamil.samsudeen@ihg.com">Shamil.samsudeen@ihg.com</a>
<b><i>Novotel AL Dana Resort &amp; Spa Muharraq</i></b>	Superior Single BD 48 ++ Breakfast included <i>(Transport to be provided to the conference venue)</i>	<a href="mailto:H3600-SL1@accor.com">H3600-SL1@accor.com</a>
<b><i>Best Western The Plus Olive, Juffair</i></b>	Superior Single BD 35 ++ Breakfast included <i>(Transport to be provided to the conference venue)</i>	chandu.kiran@gamahotels.com
<b><i>Gulf Hotel, Juffair</i></b>	Deluxe Single (New tower block) BD 70 ++ Breakfast not included	sm3@gulphotelbahrain.com
<b><i>K Hotel, Juffair</i></b>	Deluxe Single BD 55 ++ Breakfast included	sm2@thekhotel.com
<b><i>Movenpick Hotel, Muharraq</i></b>	Superior Single BD 75 ++ Breakfast not included	Evangeline.Natagoc@moevenpick.com
<b><i>Sheraton Hotel, Muharraq</i></b>	Superior Single BD 75 ++ Breakfast not included	Nardine.Emil@sheraton.com

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