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24 May 2016

**Subject: ICAO Inter-regional Search and Rescue Workshop
(Mahe, Seychelles, 19-22 July 2016)**

Action required: Reply not later than 20 June 2016

I have the honour to invite your Administration/Organization to participate in the ICAO Inter-regional Search and Rescue Workshop, **Mahe, Seychelles, 19-22 July 2016**. The Workshop is organized jointly by ICAO Asia/Pacific, Eastern and Southern African and Middle East Regional Offices and hosted by Seychelles Civil Aviation Authority at the **Eden Bleu Hotel** located at Ile Perseverance in Seychelles.

The Workshop main objective is to apprise participants of the global, regional and inter-regional developments related to Search and Rescue (SAR). The Workshop will offer an opportunity to share experience and explore means to ensure harmonized implementations of SAR services. A SAR Exercise (SAREX) is being planned on the fourth day of the Workshop by the Seychelles Joint Rescue Coordination Centre with the aim to familiarize participants with SAR operational aspects.

The Invitation Letter issued by ESAF Office as well as the Bulletin describing the venue of the Conference, administrative arrangements for the event and other useful information for participants, including the Hotel List are at **Attachment A**.

This letter and all its relevant attachments will be posted in PDF format on the ICAO MID Website at https://portal.icao.int/RO_MID

I would appreciate if you could, as soon as possible, preferably not later than **20 June 2016** confirm the participation of your Administration/Organization by submitting the Nomination Form at **Attachment B** to the following email address (icaomid@icao.int) with a copy to (ekhoury@icao.int). Considering the limited number of seats, the number of participants by State may be limited to only two (2).

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

for/ Mohamed Khalifa Rahma
Regional Director, Cairo

Attachments

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Eastern and Southern African Regional Office/Bureau régional Afrique orientale et australe

Ref: ES AN 5/1 - 0312

17 May 2016

Subject: Regional and Inter-regional Seminar and workshop on Search and Rescue (SAR) (Mahe, Seychelles, 19 - 22 July 2016)

Action required: Reply not later than 3 June 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to inform you that a Workshop on the Provision and Improvement of Search and Rescue (SAR) Services in the AFI Region will be held in Mahe, Seychelles, from 19 to 22 July 2016. The Workshop is being organized as an ICAO Special Implementation Project, pursuant to a number of ICAO initiatives to enhance SAR cooperation and coordination among States, and your Administration/Organization is hereby invited to participate.

At its Fourteenth Meeting in Yaoundé, Cameroun in June 2003, the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/14) identified the need for States to be continuously sensitized in order to take necessary remedial action to implement ICAO provisions relating to SAR, and consequently adopted Conclusion 14/28 'Organization of Regional SAR Seminars/Workshops' which was updated by Conclusion 19/53 and adopted by the APIRG/19 Meeting in Dakar, Senegal in October 2013.

The Workshop aims at familiarising participants with global, regional and interregional developments pertaining to SAR services, as well as available solutions to challenges facing States in implementing SAR requirements as provided for under Annex 12 (Search and Rescue Services) to the Chicago Convention. The workshop will include a series of practical exercises and a review of SAR related Protocol Questions linked to the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme Continuous Monitoring Approach (USOAP CMA). A search and rescue exercise (SAREX) is also being planned on the fourth day of the workshop by the Seychelles Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in order to familiarise participants with SAR operational aspects.

The Workshop will be conducted in the English language and documentation will also be provided in the English language. The bulletin providing information for participants, including meeting venue and recommended accommodation are at **Attachment A** to this letter.

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Details of the workshop programme will be forwarded in due course and will include the following topics:

- Status of SAR implementation in the AFI Region and challenges.
- Asia/Pacific SAR Plan.
- SAR challenges/initiatives in the Asia/Pacific Region.
- Overview of SAR and the main developments in the MID Region.
- Progress of implementation of the MID SAR Plan.
- Determining the availability of SAR assets (case study).
- Review, update and signing of SAR Letters of Agreement.

I would appreciate if you could confirm the participation of your Administration/Organization at your earliest convenience, preferably before **3 June 2016** and provide details of your participants by completing and forwarding the registration form provided at **Attachment B** to this letter to the ICAO ESAF Regional Office at: icaoesaf@icao.int, copy dlabrosse@icao.int.

Yours sincerely,



Barry Kashambo
Regional Director

Attachment A: Information Bulletin
B: Registration Form



**WORKSHOP ON THE PROVISION AND IMPROVEMENT OF SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICES
IN THE AFI REGION
(MAHE, SEYCHELLES, 19 TO 22 JULY 2016)**

INFORMATION BULLETIN

1. Venue of the Workshop

1.1 The workshop will be held from **19 to 22 July 2016** at the **Eden Bleu Hotel** located at Ile Perseverance in Seychelles.

1.2 Contact details for Seychelles Civil Aviation Authority personnel are as follows:

1.2.1 **Ms. Esmee Samson**

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1.2.3 **Mrs. Debra Boniface**

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2. Registration

2.1 Registration of participants will take place at the site of the workshop on Tuesday 19 July 2016 from 08:30am to 09:00am.

3. Working Language

3.1 The workshop will be conducted in the English language.

4. Transport Arrangements

4.1 *From the airport*

Participants are requested to provide timely information on their flight number, expected time of arrival and accommodation booked for the duration of their stay in Seychelles. This is to facilitate their pick up upon arrival at Seychelles International Airport.

4.2 ***Transport arrangement to the workshop venue***

Participants will be provided with transport to and from the workshop venue.

4.3 ***Public Bus Service***

Seychelles is served by one national bus company, the Seychelles Public Transport Corporation (SPTC). Buses operate from 5.35 am till 20.30 pm from Monday to Saturday and from 5.35 am till 19.05 pm on Sundays. Fares for any route cost only SCR 5. Air-conditioned buses are available at a fee of SCR10 per journey on any route. Taxi services are also available for any journeys although they are more expensive. All taxis in Seychelles carry a white taxi sign and have meters. Your hotel can recommend or book you a taxi as well.

Some hotels and guest houses offer free shuttle services for their clients. Please ask your hotel reception for assistance.



5. **Hotel Information**

5.1 Participants are to make their own hotel reservations. A list of recommended hotels and guest houses is appended at the end of this bulletin. Information relating to other hotels on Mahe is available on the internet.

6. **Immigration requirements**

6.1 Participants should have a valid passport and should produce the letter of invitation from ICAO to immigration officials upon arrival.

7. **Health**

7.1 It is strongly recommended for participants to have travel insurance (including health) for the duration of their stay in Seychelles. Furthermore, they should carry evidence of current health/hospitalization insurance such as cards that may be produced to health institutions should the need arise. Participants are also encouraged to provide information during registration, on their next of kin who may be contacted on behalf of the participant should the need arise.

7.2 Presentation of a valid **yellow fever vaccination certificate** at the point of entry in Seychelles is required for persons who originate from or have travelled to the following States: Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Comoros, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, DRC, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Guinea Equatorial, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Somalia, Congo, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Togo and Uganda.

7.3 Persons who fail to produce a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate to the health officials may be required to take the vaccination at the point of entry and may also be subject to other action in accordance with applicable regulations and procedures. Participants may wish to visit the World Health Organization (WHO) website <http://www.who.int/ith/> for more information on Seychelles.

8. Weather and Local Time Information

8.1 Seychelles enjoys warm tropical weather throughout the year. Forecast minimum/ maximum temperatures for July are 24°C/27°C with minimum precipitation. The weather forecast is broadcasted daily in the news or can be found in the daily newspapers.

8.2 Seychelles is 4 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+4).

9. Local Currency and Foreign Exchanges Rates

9.1 The local currency is the Seychelles rupee (SCR) and exchange rates are determined by the Central Bank of Seychelles and vary from day to day. The average exchange rate is as follows:

- a) 1 US dollar = SCR 12:50
- b) 1Euro = SCR 15:00
- c) 1Pound Sterling = SCR 18.00

9.2 Participants are advised to obtain current information from the internet.

9.3 Money changing facilities are available at the Seychelles International Airport, provided by *Barclays Bank, Nouvobanq* and *Seymore*. There are also money changers in town and at the Providence Industrial Estate (some 5 minutes by transport from the Airport). All commercial banks are open from 08:30 am to 14:30 pm from Monday to Friday and from 08:30 am to 11:00 am on Saturday. Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) that accept major credit cards such as Visa, MasterCard and American Express are located at the airport and in town.

10. Electrical supply

10.1 Local voltage is 230/240V at 50 Hz. A type-G plug is used for all wall sockets.



11. Telephones

11.1 The international dialling code for Seychelles' is (+248) followed by 7 digit numbers. There are two main service providers in Seychelles: Airtel and Cable & Wireless. There are kiosks located at the concourse area at the airport which are serviced by both telephone companies where SIM CARDS can be bought on arrival, starting from SCR 50. Please ask for directions if unsure and you will need your passport in order to register the SIM card.

11.2 There are also public phones available in selected areas around the island. All public phones are coin activated using SCR 1 and SCR 5 coins.

12. Medical Services

12.1 Contact the hotel reception or SCAA staff as indicated in paragraph 1.2 above in case you need any medical attention.

13. Security

13.1 Seychelles is a relatively peaceful country with low crime rate. However, it is advisable to check with the hotel reception regarding security within your surrounding area.

14. List of recommended hotels and guesthouses

14.1 Northern Region.

| Hotels | Address | Tel Number/ Fax Number (+248) | Email Address | Category & Rates | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | Single/Euro | Double/Euro |
| Coco D'or | Beau Vallon | Tel: 4247331 | reservations@cocodor.sc | BB/ 96.00 + 15% VAT | - |
| | | Fax: 4247454 | | HB/ 120.00 + 15% VAT | - |
| Berjaya Beau Vallon Bay | Beau Vallon | Tel: 4287287 | Beauvallon.rsvn@berjayahotel.com | STD BB/143.00 | BB/167.00 |
| | | Fax: 4247943 | | HB/ 190.00 | HB/ 261.00 |
| Beau Vallon Bungallow | Beau Vallon | Tel: 4247382 | bvbung@seychelles.net | BB/ 85.00 | BB/ 95.00 |
| Coral Strand Hotel | Beau Vallon | Tel: 4291000 | info@coralstrand.sc Special rate: 125 | BB/145.00 HB/175.00 | - |
| Sun Property & Resort Hotel | Beau Vallon | Tel: 4285555 | sun@seychelles.net | BB/ 115.00 HB/ 130.00 | BB/ 135.00 HB/ 155.00 |

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Central, Eastern and Southern Region

| Hotels | Address | Tel Number/ Fax Number (+248) | Email Address | Category & Rates | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| | | | | Single/Euro | Double/Euro |
| Hotel Bel Air | Bel Air | Tel: 4224416 | belair@seychelles.net | BB/120.00 HB/149.00 | BB/140.00 HB/198.00 |
| Hilltop Boutique Hotel | St Louis | Tel: 2526270/ 4266099 | infor@hilltop.sc | - | BB/ 140.00 |
| Hotel La Roussette | Anse Aux Pins | Tel: 4376245 | reservation@hotel-laroussette.com www.hotel-laroussette.com | BB/128.00 HB/150.00 | BB/150.00 HB/ 193.00 |
| Chateau Bleu | Anse Au Pins | Tel: 4376424 | mail@chateaubleu.sc | BB/ 55/60 | - |
| Le Manglier Guest House | Pointe Larue | Tel: 2572222 | info@lemanglierguesthouse.com www.lemanglierguesthouse.com | BB/70.00 HB/ + 20.00 | - - |
| Le Relax Hotel | Anse Royale | Tel: 4382900 | helpdesk@lerelaxhotel.com | BB/49.00 HB/78.00 | BB/54.00 HB/114.00 |
| Crown Beach Hotel | Pointe Au Sel | Tel: 4382800 | marketing@crownbeachseychelles.com | 190.00 mountain view/218.00 Sea View+ 15% VAT | - |
| Eden Bleu Hotel | Eden Island | Tel: 4399100 | reservations@edenbleu.com | - | \$ 300 |
| Reef Holiday Apartment | Anse Aux Pins | Tel: 4420335 | reservations@seychelles-reefholidayapartments.com www.Seychelles-reefholidayapartments.com | BB/100.00 | BB/ 112.00 |
| Green Palm Guest House | Au Cap | Tel: 2511567/ 2726352 | tvandagne@seychelles.net | BB/ 90 HB/100 | BB/90 HB/100 |
| Lalla Panzi Beach Guest House | Au Cap | Tel: 4376411 | lpb@intelvision.net | BB/ 45 HB/ 60 | - - |

