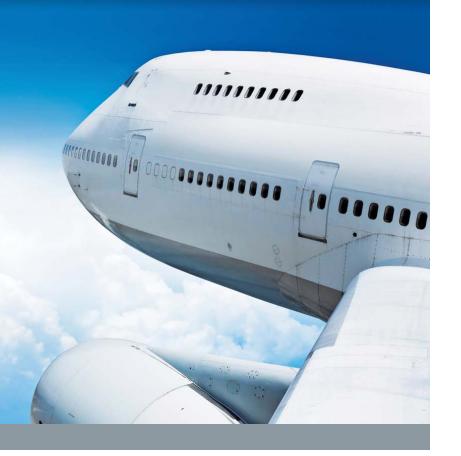




Main Outcome of the DGCA-MID/4 meeting Muscat, Oman 17 – 19 October 2017







History of the meeting

- The Fourth Meeting of the Directors General of Civil Aviation-Middle East Region (DGCA-MID/4) was hosted by the Public Authority for Civil Aviation (PACA), Muscat, Oman, from 17 to 19 October 2017
- The meeting was attended by a total of sixty eight (68) participants, which included experts from seventeen (17) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, United Arab Emirates, United States and Yemen) and Six (6) International/Regional Organizations (AACO, ACI, CANSO, GCC, IATA, and IFALPA)





History of the meeting

- The meeting was chaired by H.E Dr. Mohammed Al Za'abi, CEO of PACA, Oman; who was supported by the Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Khaled Al-Shuaibi, Deputy Director General for Air Navigation Affairs, DGCA, Kuwait.
- Mr. Mohamed Khalifa Rahma, ICAO Middle East Regional Director acted as the Secretary of the Meeting, assisted by Mr. Mohamed Smaoui, Deputy Regional Director (DRD), Mr. Mashhor Alblowi, Regional Officer, Flight Safety (FLS), Mr. Elie El Khoury, Regional Officer, Air Traffic Management/Search and Rescue (ATM/SAR), Mr. Abbas Niknejad, Regional Officer Aeronautical Information Management/Air Traffic Management (AIM/ATM) and Mr. Luay Ishaqat, Regional Officer Aviation Security and Facilitation (ASF); from the ICAO Middle East Regional Office.
- The meeting was also supported by Mr. Boubacar Djibo, Director Air Transport Bureau (D/ATB), Mr. Stephen Creamer, Director Air Navigation Bureau (D/ANB), and Mr. Guillermo Iovino, Head Project Development Unit, Technical Co-operation Bureau (D/TCB), from ICAO Headquarters.
- Dr. Fang Liu, Secretary General of ICAO attended, as the guest of honor





Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

REF Actions/Conclusions
WP/1 The meeting reviewed and adopted the following Agenda

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

Agenda Item 2: Review and Follow-up of Action Items arising from the previous Meetings

Agenda Item 3: Managerial Issues

Agenda Item 4: Air Navigation

Agenda Item 5: Aviation Safety

Agenda Item 6: Aviation Security and Facilitation

Agenda Item 7: Environmental Protection

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Agenda Item 10: Dates and Venues of Next Meetings

Agenda Item 11: Any other Business





Agenda Item 2: Review and Follow-up of Action Items arising from the previous Meetings

REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/2	Review and follow-up actions on the DGCA-MID/3 Conclusions: The meeting noted the implementation status of the 6 Conclusions endorsed by the DGCA-MID/3 meeting, as well as the follow-up actions taken by the concerned parties.





REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/3	Guidance Material for the Convening of the DGCA-MID meetings:
	The meeting endorsed the revised version of the Guidance Material for the Convening of the Directors General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Meetings in the Middle East Region as at Appendix 3A





REF	Actions/Conclusions
PPT/1	Global Aviation Safety and Air Navigation update :
	The meeting was apprised of the global developments related to aviation safety and air navigation
WP/4 & PPT/2	MID Region NCLB Strategy: The meeting: a) reviewed and endorsed the MID Region NCLB Declaration (Muscat Declaration) and the attached MID
	 Region NCLB Strategy; b) urged States to coordinate with the ICAO MID Office the development/finalization of their NCLB Plan of Actions; c) encouraged States and Stakeholders to coordinate with the ICAO MID Office for the provision of required assistance, in support to the MID Region NCLB Strategy; and d) encouraged States and stakeholders to provide voluntary contributions to support the MID Region NCLB activities.





REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/4	MID Region NCLB Strategy :
& PPT/2	DGCA-MID/4 Conclusion 4/1 – MID Region NCLB Declaration (Muscat Declaration) That:
	 a) the MID Region NCLB Declaration (Muscat Declaration) at Appendix 3B, is endorsed; and b) States and Stakeholders are invited to support the implementation of the MID Region NCLB Strategy.





REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/5	 MID Implementation Plan (MIDIP): The meeting: a) noted the outcome of the Global Ministerial Aviation Summit (GMA), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 29 - 31 August 2016; and the 39th session of the Assembly of ICAO related to the establishment of MIDIP; b) noted the changes/developments related to the implementation of some of the projects/initiatives supported by the GMA Summit; c) supported the establishment of MIDIP; d) encouraged States and stakeholders from within and outside the region to provide voluntary financial contributions to expedite the establishment of MIDIP; and e) agreed that a kick-off meeting of the MIDIP Steering Committee composed of the DGCAs of MID States should be organized upon the availability of necessary resources to implement the identified projects and capacity building initiatives





REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/5	MID Implementation Plan (MIDIP):
	DGCA-MID/4 CONCLUSION 4/2 – MID IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (MIDIP)
	That:
	a) the establishment of MIDIP is supported;
	b) States and stakeholders from within and outside the region are encouraged to provide voluntary financial contributions to expedite the establishment of MIDIP; and
	c) a kick-off meeting of the MIDIP Steering Committee composed of the DGCAs of MID States be organized upon the availability of necessary resources to implement the identified projects and capacity building initiatives.





REF	Actions/Conclusions
PPT/3	Outcome of the MIDANPIRG/16 meeting:
	The meeting: a) was apprised of the outcome of the MIDANPIRG/16 meeting held in Kuwait, 13 - 16 February 2017; b) noted with appreciation the activities and achievements of MIDANPIRG; c) noted the challenges faced by the Group and its subsidiary bodies; and d) urged States and stakeholders to support the MIDANPIRG work programme by participating actively in the MIDANPIRG subsidiary bodies meetings and providing required information and expertise. The meeting noted with appreciation that USA/FAA is coordinating with the ICAO MID Office for the organisation of an ASBU Workshop for the MENA States in 2018 (IP/9 refers).





REF	Actions/Conclusions
PPT/4	Progress report on the Air Navigation Priorities and Targets:
	The meeting was apprised of the air navigation priorities and targets included in the MID Air Navigation Strategy (MID Doc 002)
	The meeting noted with appreciation that the MID Region Air Navigation Report-2016 was published further to the endorsement by MIDANPIRG/16
	 The meeting urged States to implement the provisions of the MIDANPIRG Conclusion 16/8, and to provide the ICAO MID Office, with relevant data necessary for the development of the MID Region Air Navigation Report-2017, by 1 November 2017





REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/6	Regional Air Navigation Projects/Initiatives:
	 The meeting noted and supported the revised MAEP Organizational Structure and the revised Terms of Reference (TORs) of the MAEP Board that were agreed upon by the MIDANPIRG/16 meeting
	• The meeting was apprised of the challenges impeding the implementation of the regional/sub-regional air navigation projects
	• The meeting encouraged States and Stakeholders to provide the required support to expedite the implementation of the agreed air navigation projects
	• The meeting encouraged States and Stakeholders to actively support the work of the ATFM Task Force.
	The meeting agreed with MIDANPIRG/16 that the implementation of ARNOP should be addressed/managed by the ATM SG.





REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/6	Regional Air Navigation Projects/Initiatives:
	The meeting noted that the final version of the CRV common provisions is expected to be available after the CRV Steering Committee meeting that will be held in December 2017 at the ICAO APAC Office, Bangkok, Thailand
	• The meeting encouraged States to attend the meeting to be held in Bangkok in December 2017
	• The meeting agreed with MIDANPIRG/16 that committed States should engage with the recommended supplier to establish individual service contracts, and the remaining States should carry out a comprehensive Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) related to the implementation of an IP Network under the CRV framework





REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/7	MID Flight Procedure Programme (MID FPP):
	 The meeting noted that the MID FPP will be hosted in Lebanon and the MID FPP Project Document is under final review and will be circulated to States for signature beginning of November 2017.
	• The meeting recognized that the MID FPP would support States in meeting their global and regional requirements related to Instrument Procedure Design and eventually meeting the agreed regional targets related to PBN.
	The meeting agreed that the MID FPP should start operation in January 2018.
	The meeting agreed that till the recruitment of a MID FPP Manager/Coordinator, the ICAO MID Office will provide full support to run the programme, in close coordination with the Host State.





REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/7	MID Flight Procedure Programme (MID FPP):
	DGCA-MID/4 Conclusion 4/3 – MID Flight Procedure Programme
	That:
	a) States are urged to sign the MID FPP Project Document with ICAO TCB;
	b) till the recruitment of a MID FPP Manager/Coordinator, the ICAO MID Office provide full support to run the programme, in close coordination with the Host State;
	c) a Kickoff meeting of the MID FPP be held in January 2018; and
	d) States and Stakeholders are urged to participate in the Kickoff meeting of the MID FPP.





REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/8	MID Region AIM Database (MIDAD) Project:
& PPT/8	• The meeting was provided with a progress report related to the MIDAD project, including the outcome of the MAEP Board/2 meeting (Cairo, Egypt, 11 - 13 April 2016), MIDANPIRG/16 meeting (Kuwait, 13-16 February 2017), MIDAD TF/4 meeting (Cairo, Egypt, 17 May 2017) and EAD-MIDAD Workshop (Brussels, Belgium, 5 - 6 October 2017)
	 The meeting agreed on the way forward proposed by the EAD-MIDAD Workshop, which includes three implementation phases: Phase A: Individual migration of MID States to EAD Phase B: Set-up of MIDAD Manager Phase C: Implementation of MIDAD system and service





Agenda Item 4: Air Navigation (Cont'd)

REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/8	MID Region AIM Database (MIDAD) Project:
& PPT/8	DGCA-MID/4 CONCLUSION 4/4 – MID REGION AIM DATABASE (MIDAD)
	That:
	a) States are encouraged to engage with EUROCONTROL to migrate to the European AIS Database (EAD);
	b) a detailed action plan for the implementation of Phase B: "Set-up of MIDAD Manager" be developed by the MIDAD Task Force; and
	c) a progress report be presented to the DGCA-MID/5 meeting.





REF	Actions/Conclusions
PPT/5	Outcome of the RASG-MID/6 meeting:
	The meeting: a) was apprised of the outcome of the RASG-MID/6 meeting held in Bahrain, 26 – 28 September 2017; b) noted with appreciation the activities and achievements of the RASG-MID; c) noted the challenges faced by the Group and its subsidiary bodies; d) urged States and stakeholders to support the RASG-MID by participating actively in its activities (including the subsidiary bodies meetings), providing required information and sharing expertise and best practices; in order to implement the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) objectives, progress the work related to the identified Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) and contribute to the achievement of the agreed safety targets; and e) Expedite the implementation of the Safety Management Requirements (SSP/SMS).





REF	Actions/Conclusions
PPT/6	Progress report on the Safety Priorities and Targets:
	The meeting was apprised of the safety priorities and targets included in the MID Region Safety Strategy
	The meeting noted that the MID Region Safety Strategy (Edition 5) was endorsed by the RASG-MID/6 meeting
	 The meeting noted with appreciation that the Fifth MID Annual Safety Report was published in January 2017 further to its endorsement by the RASG-MID Steering Committee
	• The meeting noted with appreciation the achievement of many safety targets and improvements in several areas (improvement of average EI, decrease in the number of States with EI below 60%, increase of the percentage of aerodrome certification, etc.)





REF	Actions/Conclusions
PPT/6	Progress report on the Safety Priorities and Targets:
	• The meeting urged States to provide the ICAO MID Office with relevant data necessary for the development of the MID Annual Safety Report (ASR), in order to support the work of the MID-ASRT and contribute to the enhancement of the Section of the ASR related to Predictive Safety Information
	 The meeting noted that the MID Region Safety Strategy will be revisited during the Fourth MID Region Safety Summit and SMS Workshop (October 2018). Accordingly the meeting invited States and Stakeholders to actively participate in these events.





REF	Actions/Conclusions
PPT/7	MENA RSOO:
	 The meeting noted the progress made related to the establishment of the MENA RSOO The meeting supported the proposals of Saudi Arabia, which were made during the RASG-MID/6 meeting and were supported by Bahrain, Kuwait and UAE.
	CONCLUSION 4/5 — ESTABLISHMENT PROCESS OF THE MENA RSOO
	That:
	a) the MENA RSOO be governed by a Steering Committee composed of the MENA RSOO member States (both ICAO and ACAC will be part of the Steering Committee);
	b) the Steering Committee decides on all the details related to the establishment and operation of the MENA RSOO (organization, funding, etc.); and
	c) Saudi Arabia (the host State) is invited to organize the first meeting of the MENA RSOO Steering Committee as soon as possible.





Actions/Conclusions
Revised Strategy for the enhancement of cooperation among the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) States in the provision of AIG Functions:
The meeting reviewed and endorsed the Strategy for the enhancement of cooperation among the MENA States in the provision of AIG functions
DGCA-MID/4 Conclusion 4/6 – Strategy for the enhancement of cooperation among the MENA States in the provision of AIG functions
That:
a) the Strategy for enhancement of cooperation among the MENA States in the provision of AIG functions at Appendix 5X , is endorsed;
b) the Roadmap for the implementation of the Strategy be further finalized by the RASG-MID; and
c) the RASG-MID monitor the implementation of the Roadmap to ensure that the agreed goals are achieved.





REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/11	Developments in Aviation Security and Facilitation:
& PPT/10	 The meeting was apprised of the progress being made by ICAO to enhance aviation security and facilitation The meeting agreed that States should implement the ICAO TRIP Strategy in order to achieve enhanced aviation security and to prevent the movement of potentially inadmissible persons The meeting was informed of the status of implementation of the ICAO PKD in the MID Region.
	DGCA-MID/4 CONCLUSION 4/7 — IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ICAO PKD
	That, States endeavour to join the ICAO PKD as a means to authenticate Travel Documents in order to neutralize the activities of cross-border criminality.





REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/10	Establishment of the Middle East Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (MID-RASFG):
	 The meeting noted with appreciation that the Riyadh Declaration on Aviation Security and Facilitation in the ACAC and MID Regions was endorsed by the Global Ministerial Aviation Summit held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from 29 to 31 August 2016; and the "Africa and Middle East Aviation Security Roadmap" was endorsed by the Regional Ministerial Conference on Aviation Security in Africa and the Middle East held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, 22 - 24 August 2017 The meeting was apprised of the outcome of the first and second meetings of the Security and Facilitation Plan Development Group (SECFAL PDG) The meeting noted the progress achieved in the development of the ACAC/MID SECFAL Plan The meeting reviewed the Draft MID-RAFSG Procedural Handbook





REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/10	Establishment of the Middle East Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (MID-RASFG):
	DGCA-MID/4 Conclusion 4/8 – Establishment of the MID-RASFG
	That, the Middle East Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (MID-RASFG) is established to provide a framework for States and stakeholders to work collaboratively towards the implementation of the Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP) and the TRIP Strategy in order to improve aviation security and facilitation in the MID Region.





REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/10	Establishment of the Middle East Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (MID-RASFG):
	DGCA-MID/4 Conclusion 4/9 – ACAC/MID SECFAL PLAN
	That, States and Stakeholders are invited to support the Security and Facilitation Plan Development Group (SECFAL PDG) to develop the ACAC/MID SECFAL Plan for presentation and endorsement by the MID-RASFG/1 meeting.





REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/12	Regional Cooperation to advance Aviation Security:
& WP/13	 The meeting invited States and stakeholders to enhance collaboration in aviation security to achieve efficient and effective results The meeting invited States to consider the following AACO recommendations: States identifying a new threat to share the threat with ICAO and concerned/affected States Work with ICAO, airlines and concerned stakeholders to develop reactive response measures to the threat Support ICAO to assess and develop sustainable mitigation measures to permanently deter the threat Consult with airlines and concerned stakeholders on responsibilities of each stakeholder and on the applicability and timelines for the implementation of the mitigation measures





REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/12 & WP/13	 Regional Cooperation to advance Aviation Security: The meeting: received an update on the recent IED threats, by FAA encouraged States to partner within the Middle East Region to collaboratively address the ongoing diverse threats to aviation and the international aviation security regulatory environment encouraged States to use available regional mechanisms such as the CASP-MID to:





REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/14	Unruly Passengers:
	 The meeting noted the benefits provided by the Montreal Protocol 2014 dealing with unruly passengers The meeting noted that only Bahrain, Egypt and Jordan have ratified the Montreal Protocol 2014. The meeting encouraged States to consider the inclusion of the Montreal Protocol provisions in their National Regulations, even before the ratification of the Protocol
	DGCA-MID/4 Conclusion 4/10 – Unruly Passengers
	That, States, that have not yet done so, ratify the Montreal Protocol 2014 and issue National legislations to empower the proper judicial authorities to act on the occurrence of unruly passengers.





Agenda Item 7: Environmental Protection

REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/15	International Civil Aviation and the Environment:
& PPT/10	 was apprised of the recent developments related to the aviation environment, including the States' CO2 action plans, Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), sustainable alternative fuel, green airports, noise management and coordination made between ICAO and other UN Organizations on Environmental issues, through the review of the outcome of the 39th Session of the ICAO Assembly, held from 27 September to 6 October 2016. supported the use of regional environmental events as opportunities to establish regional dialogue on CORSIA; and invited States to actively participate in the Regional Environment/CORSIA Workshop to be held in the ICAO MID Office in 2018; encouraged States to voluntarily participate in CORSIA from its outset; invited States to build partnerships and invest on sustainable aviation fuel research, development, and deployment;





Agenda Item 7: Environmental Protection

REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/15	International Civil Aviation and the Environment:
& PPT/10	 invited States to continue to inform the UNFCCC process of the work being undertaken by ICAO to address emissions from international civil aviation; encouraged States to consider investing in technology for the implementation of actions included in their States' action plan for the reduction of CO2 emission; encouraged States to provide voluntary financial contribution to support ICAO programme for environmental protection; and supported the MIDANPIRG/16 Conclusion 16/31 and invited States to: develop/update their States' Action Plans on CO2 emission reduction, using the guidelines contained in the ICAO Doc 9988; and submit them to ICAO through the APER website or the ICAO MID Regional Office, as soon as possible; and take necessary actions for the implementation of the mitigation measures included in their Action Plan, commensurate with the establishment of a dedicated structure (e.g. Department, Section, etc.) within the Civil Aviation Authorities dealing with aviation environmental issues.





Agenda Item 8: Technical Cooperation

REF	Actions/Conclusions
PPT/11	The ICAO Technical Cooperation Programme:
	The meeting noted the main objectives of the ICAO Technical Cooperation Bureau (TCB)
	The meeting was appraised of the ICAO Technical Co-operation Projects implemented in the MID Region.
	The meeting noted the advantages of using the ICAO TCB services for the implementation of States' civil aviation projects
	• The meeting encouraged MID States to consider associating themselves with ICAO as one of the executing agency for their civil aviation projects and sign an MSA with TCB, if not yet already done.





REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/17	Economic Development of Air Transport:
& PPT/12	 The meeting was provided with an update on ICAO's work under the Strategic Objective – Economic Development of Air Transport, which aims at fostering the development of an economically viable civil aviation system and enhancing its economic efficiency and transparency. The meeting noted: the state of air transport in the Middle East Region the progress made in the follow-up work to the Sixth Worldwide Air Transport Conference (ATConf/6) related to air transport policy and regulation, as well as infrastructure management and funding/financing ICAO's work related to the aviation data and analyses, which focuses on big data, business analysis tools and air traffic forecasts The meeting encouraged States to participate in the EUR/MID Aviation data and Analysis Workshop, which will be hosted by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), in Paris, France, 10-12 April 2018.





REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/17	Economic Development of Air Transport:
& PPT/12	 The meeting encouraged States to: support ICAO's work for Economic Development of Air Transport; apply and follow ICAO's policies and guidance in the air transport field in their regulatory practices; and contribute to the ICAO Air Transport Fund for the implementation of various air transport projects.





REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/18	Consumer Protection:
	The meeting was apprised of AACO's recommendations related to the consumer's protection, including the main areas to be considered while drafting national regulations; in particular:
	 Governments should allow sufficient time to hold consultation talks with the concerned stakeholders, prior to the adoption of consumer protection laws/regulations; and allow sufficient time between the date of adoption and date of applicability of these laws/regulations
	• States to acknowledge that airlines are not solely responsible for disruption in the air transport and consider the responsibility of other stakeholders in the consumer protection laws/regulations
	• ICAO to consider incorporating a clear text in the ICAO's Principles to recognize the exceptional circumstances (force majeur) that release the airlines from the responsibilities included in the consumer protection laws/regulations





REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/19	Liberalization of Air Transport:
	The meeting noted and supported AACO's opinions and recommendations related to Liberalization of Air Transport and fair competition.





REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/20	Charges for Airport and Air Navigation Services:
	 The meeting: took note of the challenges faced by the airline community pertaining to user charges setting; encouraged States to follow the charging policies outlined in ICAO Doc 9082; and encouraged States to attend the Workshop on Charges for Airport and Air Navigation Services, which will be organized jointly by IATA and ICAO in November 2018 with the support of AACO, ACI and CANSO.





Agenda Item 10: Dates and Venues of Next Meetings

REF	Actions/Conclusions
WP/21	Dates and venues of DGCA-MID/5 and DGCA-MID/6 meetings:
	The meeting recalled that the DGCA-MID meetings are to be convened every two years and hosted by MID States on a voluntary and rotational basis, to the extent possible, around March-April of the odd years (2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, etc.).
	The meeting agreed that the DGCA-MID/5 meeting be hosted by Kuwait in 2019 (around November). With regard to the dates and venue of the DGCA-MID/6 meeting, it was agreed that the final decision regarding the hosting State would be taken during the DGCA-MID/5 meeting in Kuwait.





Agenda Item 11: Any other Business

REF	Actions/Conclusions
AOB	Based on a proposal by Saudi Arabia, the meeting agreed that Cyber Security and RPAS should be included in the Agenda of the DGCA-MID/5 meeting.







