

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

MIDDLE EAST OFFICE

NCLB-AERODROME CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP/ TRAINING

(Cairo, Egypt, 1 - 5 October 2017)

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

I. GENERAL

1.1 Place and Duration

1.1.1 The ICAO NCLB-Aerodrome Certification Workshop/Training was successfully held at the ICAO Middle East Regional Office (Cairo, Egypt, 1-5 October 2017). The NCLB Workshop was technically supported by Egypt and UAE.

1.2 **Opening**

1.2.1 The Workshop was opened by Mr. Mohamed Rahma, ICAO Regional Director, Cairo.

1.3 **Attendance**

1.3.1 The Workshop was attended by a total of forty-four (44) participants from four (4) MID States (Egypt, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates) and two (2) Organizations/Industries (GCC and IFATCA). The list of participants is at **Attachment A**.

1.4 Agenda

- 1.4.1 The agenda was developed around the main following topics:
 - a) Aerodrome Certification: A State Obligation and Aerodrome Operator's Obligation;
 - b) Status of implementation of Certification of Aerodromes in the MID Region;
 - c) Certification Experience from Regulators and Aerodrome Operators' perspectives;
 - d) Building Competencies for Aerodromes Safety Oversight (Regulators) and Aerodromes Safety Operations (Operators);
 - e) Surveillance and Monitoring (Regulators and Aerodrome Operators), Challenges and lessons learnt;

- f) Enforcement and Compliance
- g) Aerodrome certification best practices (case studies, site-visit to Cairo International Airport);
- h) Updates on ICAO requirements for Aerodromes Annex 14 Vol. I, PANS–Aerodromes Doc 9981, Safety Management Manual SMM Doc 9859; and
- i) Wrap-up and Closing.
- 1.4.2 The Work Programme and the presentations delivered during the Workshop are available at the ICAO MID Regional Office website:

 $\frac{https://www.icao.int/MID/Pages/2017/NCLB-AERODROME\%20CERTIFICATION\%20WKS-TRG.ASPX.aspx}{}$

1.5 **Objective**

- 1.5.1 The main objective of the Workshop was to assist States with the implementation of certification of aerodromes in order to foster the achievement of the MID regional targets.
- 1.5.2 The Workshop provided an opportunity to:
 - present the NCLB initiative and highlight the need to implement aerodrome certification requirements, as a priority in the MID Region;
 - review aerodrome certification implementation requirements, status, competencies, challenges/difficulties, opportunities in the certification processes, surveillance, resolving safety concerns and lessons learnt; and
 - share experience/best practices for aerodrome certification effective implementation.

II. SUMMARY AND OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS

- 2.1 The Workshop acknowledged that:
 - High-level commitment and collaboration from all parties are essential for effective aerodrome certification implementation and promotion of safety culture.
 - Aerodrome certification aims at improving and optimizing the utilization of aerodrome resources for the safe operations of aircraft at aerodromes and the establishment of a benchmark for continuous safety monitoring of compliance with the relevant specifications.
 - Implementation of aerodrome certification will enhance safety of aerodrome operations by making Regulators and Aerodrome operators better aware of their respective obligations and actions on continuous basis.

- Information sharing and exchange of experience culture should be promoted to expedite aerodrome certification implementation in the MID Region.
- Based on the above, the Workshop developed the following recommendations:
 - States and stakeholders to consider competencies and building capacity of both regulators and aerodrome operators as milestones for the effective implementation of aerodrome certification and aerodrome continued safety oversight and request assistance from ICAO MID Regional Office, if needed.
 - ICAO to consider developing more guidance material on:
 - Aerodrome Data Management;
 - Ground Handling Services and Apron Management
 - States to consider development of clearly defined roles and responsibilities of regulators and aerodrome operators, for resolving aerodrome safety concerns.

III. CLOSING

- 3.1 In closing, Mrs. Nawal Abdel Hady, the ICAO AGA Expert, ICAO MID Office, thanked the participants for their presence and expressed her gratitude to Egypt and UAE for the excellent technical support provided to the Workshop and training sessions.
- 3.2 The participants recognized the usefulness of the event and expressed their thanks to ICAO for organizing such a fruitful Workshop/Training and to UAE and Egypt for supporting the Workshop and sharing their experience and best practices.

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