



*International Civil Aviation Organization*

**Runway and Ground Safety Working Group**

**Fourth Meeting (RGS WG/4)**  
*(Cairo, Egypt, 05-07 November 2017)*

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**Agenda Item 2: Global and Regional Development related to RGS**

**OUTCOMES OF THE NCLB AERODROME CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP/TRAINING**

*(Presented by the Secretariat)*

**SUMMARY**

This paper presents the outcomes of the ICAO NCLB-Aerodrome Certification Workshop/Training (NCLB-ADC) held in Cairo, Egypt, 1-5 October 2017.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

**REFERENCES**

- Annex 14 Vol. II
- MID Region NCLB Strategy and Plan
- NCLB-ADC Summary of Discussions

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 ICAO Middle East Regional Office has successfully conducted the NCLB-Aerodrome Certification Workshop/Training (NCLB-ADC) held at MID Office, Cairo, Egypt, from 1 to 5 October 2017. The NCLB Workshop was graciously technically supported by Egypt and UAE.

1.2 The ICAO No Country Left Behind (NCLB) initiative aims at providing support to all States for an effective implementation of ICAO's SARPs, policies, plans and programmes in a globally-harmonized manner; promoting and implementing all ICAO's assistance activities.

1.3 Implementation of Aerodrome Certification requirement is one of the safety Priorities and Objectives in the MID Region.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 The NCLB-Aerodrome Certification 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).

2.2 The Workshop was conducted with the objectives to address issues related to the challenges and opportunities in the certification processes with a focus on training capacity building aimed at fostering the implementation of certification of aerodromes open for International flights in the MID Region and to also provide a forum for sharing experiences and best practices related to the certification of aerodromes

2.3 The NCLB-ADC Workshop work programme and outcomes are available at the ICAO MID Regional Office website: <http://www.icao.int/MID> . The outcomes included 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.

2.4 The NCLB Workshop participants recognized its usefulness and expressed their thanks to ICAO for organizing such event and to UAE and Egypt for supporting the Workshop and sharing their experience and best practices.

2.5 The Summary of Discussions for the NCLB ADC Workshop/Training is at **Appendix A**.

### **3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the outcome of the NCLB Aerodrome Certification Workshop/Training, encourage States to implement its recommendations and support the request for developing more guidance material on Aerodrome Data Management, Ground Handling Services and Apron Management.

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## 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:

<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.

2.2 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:
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### 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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