Main Outcome ROC/IWXXM Implementation Workshop Cairo, Egypt, 12–13 November 2017



Date and Venue

Date: 12-13 November 2017

Venue: ICAO MID Office, Cairo, Egypt

Attendance

- 16 Participants
- 3 States: Egypt, Iran, UAE
- 1 International Organization: World Meteorological Organization



Workshop Objective

- The objective of the Workshop was to address issues related to the implementation of ICAO Meteorological Information Exchange Model (IWXXM); and Regional OPMET Centre (ROC) Jeddah and associated challenges/lessons learnt.
- The Workshop provided a forum to share experience and best practices, through presentations and discussions.



Agenda

Day 1 – Sunday, 12 November 2017 IWXXM IMPLEMENTATION

- Opening Ceremony: Workshop Introduction and set the scene
- Outcomes of APAC/EUR/MID SWIM Workshop
- Global development related to IWXXM
- Regional guidance material
- Possible translation agreements
- Implementation status & survey

<u>Day 2 - Monday, 13 November 2017</u> IWXXM IMPLEMENTATION / ROC IMPLEMENTATION - STATUS, CHALLENGES & LESSONS LEARNED

- Bilateral testing
- State example of challenges and lessons learned
- Update to IWXXM implementation survey results
- ROC implementation status, challenges and lessons learned
- Conclusions and closing Ceremony

Challenges

- Implementation of B0-AMET is below the expectation
 - mainly QMS implementation and outstanding issues related to implementation of ROC Jeddah
- Annex 3 ambiguities
 - Entire FIR for SIGMET, N OF LINE, APRX
 - Vagueness of time in some areas (e.g. trend)
 - Until Amdt 78, did not include non-operational status (test, exercise)
- Efforts in implementation of B1 Modules requires regional coordination
- IWXXM schema 3.0 will not be backwards compatible with 2.1
- Outstanding implementation issues addressed by WG-MIE
 - Many issues such as compression type need to be addressed at global level
- States planning for necessary resources
 - Cost (human and finances) of software changes expected every two years
- Implementation of P3 interface with extended capability (NOC)
- Using IWXXM data in ATIS and VOLMET
- Cyber security



Recommendations

- Completion of B0-AMET implementation
 - QMS implementation necessary
 - Action for Kuwait, ROC Jeddah, Iran on receiving EUR data
- Possibly relax constraints of Annex 3 in future IWXXM schemas
 - 2 ash clouds in SIGMET only allowed in Annex 3
- Address ambiguities in Annex 3
 - Best practices in avoiding vagueness of time (e.g. trend)
- Disseminate information on WG-MIE decisions (e.g. compression) to MET groups and CNS groups
 - Also provide feedback on implementation
- MIDANPIRG Sub-Groups (MET, CNS, AIM, ATM) need to continue work in their respective domains to facilitate planning for digital data provision in support to SWIM
 - Different disciplines work together
 - Conduct workshops when necessary
 - Progress will allow for consideration of future SWIM group
- IWXXM schema versions not backward compatible may require running three non-compatible versions (past, current, future) for an interim period

Recommendations

- Relevant MIDANPIRG subsidiary bodies to keep pace of global SWIM developments
 - Update regional guidance accordingly
- States to support IWXXM implementation and further upgrades to the schema
 - Via contract or internally
- States deploy P3 interface with extended services (File Transfer Body Part) at NOCs
- States keep abreast of global developments on human readable representation of IWXXM data (e.g. for ATIS, VOLMET)
- Cyber security issue should be considered





- Encourage States and Stakeholders to support States in IWXXM Implementation, in line with ICAO NCLB initiative
- The Workshop emphasized that States develop an action plan related to IWXXM implementation as well as other disciplines in association with AIXM and FIXM implementation in order to enable SWIM.
- The workshop was successful in achieving its objective; and such workshops/ seminars should be conducted on regular basis - next one after IWXXM schema 3.0.0 released (2019)



