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ATM/SAR achievements and challenges in the MID Region



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Outline

- Airspace Management Challenges
- Search and Rescue Challenges
- Action by the meeting



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Airspace Management Challenges



- Non- optimized ATS Route Network
- Airspace Capacity
- Significant unused airspace
- Contingency
- No regional ATFM solution
- Traffic flow measures
- Civil/Military Cooperation
- GNSS Interference
- Outdated ATS LoAs



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Points for consideration

- To achieve the vision of optimized ATS Route Network (User Preferred Routes, Unidirectional Parallel Routes, Free Route Concept); national and bilateral efforts should be incorporated into a regional framework.
- Civil/Military Cooperation will lead to a better approach in sharing the airspace supported by the implementation of the Flexible Use of Airspace (FUA) Concept, which would increase significantly capacity
- ATFM will be the optimal solution for balancing Demand and Capacity, which supports enhancing efficiency and maximizing the use of the available airspace



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The proposed solution was through ARNOP

The ATS Route Network Optimization Project (ARNOP), endorsed by the General Ministerial Aviation Summit (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 29-31 August 2016) as one of the air navigation priority project, had not been initiated due to many challenges such as:

- No Budget allocation
- Current focus on local solutions and quick wins
- No vision for long term optimum solution
- Difficulties affecting cross border solutions
- **Etc.**





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Search and Rescue

Question for all

As frequent flyers to which level do you trust the SAR Provisions and systems in place?

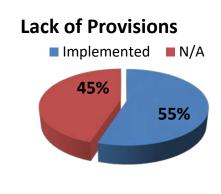


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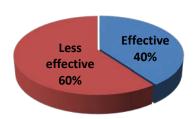


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SAR Status in the MID Region



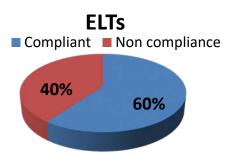
Effective SAR Oversight





Signatures of States SAR Agreements









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The main Challenges are related to lack of:

- Implementation of the Regional SAR Plan and
- Lack of Comprehensive National SAR Plans
- Local cooperation among stakeholders involved in SAR
- SAR is more retro-active rather than pro-active approach
- English Language Proficiency for RCC radio operators;
- Appropriate training programmes/plans of SAR experts;
- Lack of formalized cross-border SAR Cooperation (States' SAR Agreements)
- lack of plans of operations for the conduct of SAR operations and SAR exercises;
- lack of provision of required SAR services; and
- non-compliance with the carriage of Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) requirements.



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Actions Taken

DGCA-MID and MIDANPIRG meetings have been encouraging MID States to:

- take necessary measures to foster their SAR services;
- enter into agreements with their adjacent States;
- organize joint SAREX;
- conduct SAR Workshops and Seminars at the national level;
- support the coordination and collaboration with the adjacent ICAO Regions and all SAR Stakeholders to ensure harmonization in the SAR developments; and
- implement the global and regional SAR requirements.





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- ✓ A simplified template for SAR Bi-Lateral arrangements that addresses the RCC and ATS responsibilities was developed and being used by States.
- ✓ The MID Regional SAR implementation Plan was developed
- ✓ MID SAR issues were addressed in global, regional and inter-regional events such as the:
 - ICAO/IMO Search and Rescue-Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (ICAO/IMO SAR GMDSS Conference, Bahrain 21-22 October 2014)
 - General Ministerial Aviation Summit (Riyadh, 29-31 August 2016);
 - Inter-regional SAR Workshop (Seychelles, 19 22 July 2016); and
 - Inter-regional SAR Workshop (Salalah, Oman, 26 29 August 2019)
 - etc,.













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Key Points

SAR main objective is saving lives and support in preventing future accidents through lessons learned. Accordingly SAR should be given high priority through the allocation of adequate resources.

States should ensure:

- a. effective and efficient cooperation between all concerned authorities within at national level (SAR Plan); and with their Adjacent and neighboring States;
- b. support that ICAO Regional SAR Plans are harmonized;
- c. that SAR provisions are provided dedicated, qualified and well trained SAR experts;
- d. incorporating new technology into SAR; and
- e. cross-border collaboration for sharing of resources through bilateral or multilateral agreements.

High level commitment and support is vital





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SAR should be based on cross-border collaborative TEAM WORK





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Action by the meeting

The meeting is invited to consider the challenges related to airspace management and search and rescue and take actions as appropriate.

