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**Subject: ICAO AFI/APAC/MID Inter-regional Search and Rescue Workshop
(Salalah, Oman, 26 - 29 August 2019)**

Action required: Reply not later than 1 August 2019

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite your Administration/Organization to participate in the ICAO Inter-regional Search and Rescue Workshop, Salalah, Oman, **26 - 29 August 2019**. The Workshop is organized by ICAO Asia/Pacific, Eastern and Southern African (ESAF), Middle East (MID) and Western and Central African (WACAF) Regional Offices and supported by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The Workshop will be kindly hosted by the Public Authority for Civil Aviation (PACA) of Oman.

The Workshop main objective is to apprise participants of the global, regional and inter-regional developments related to Search and Rescue (SAR). The Workshop will review the outcome of the SAR Inter-regional Workshop (Seychelles, 19-22 July 2016), offer an opportunity for experience sharing and to explore means to ensure harmonized implementations of SAR services. A SAR Exercise (SAREX) would be conducted on the third day of the Workshop by the relevant authorities in Oman with the aim to familiarize participants with SAR operational aspects.

The Provisional Agenda as well as the Bulletin describing the venue of the Workshop, administrative arrangements for the event and other useful information for participants, including the Hotel List are at **Attachments A and B**, respectively. This letter and all relevant documentation will be posted on the ICAO MID Office Website.

Considering the limited number of seats, I would appreciate if you could, as soon as possible, preferably not later than **1 August 2019** confirm the participation of your Administration/Organization by submitting the Nomination Form at **Attachment C** to the following email address (icaomid@icao.int) with a copy to (ekhoury@icao.int). Please note that we may limit the number of participants by State depending on the number of confirmed attendance received.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



for/ Mohamed Khalifa Rahma
Middle East Regional Director

Attachments

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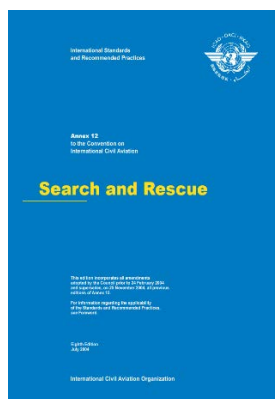
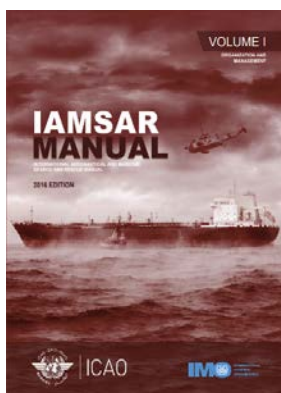
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ICAO AFI/APAC/MID INTER-REGIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE WORKSHOP

(Salalah, Oman, 26 – 29 August 2019)

WORK PROGRAMME





Day 1 – 26 August 2019

Time	Session Title/Presentation(s)
08:00 - 09:30	Registration
09:30 - 10:00	Session 1.1: Opening Ceremony
10:00 – 10:30	Session 1.2: The need for Search and Rescue Cooperation (setting the scene by ICAO)
Coffee Break & Group Photo – 30 minutes	
11:00 - 11:30	Session 1.3: Outcome of the Inter-regional SAR Workshop (Seychelles, July 2016): to follow-up on the outcome of the previous workshop.
11:30 – 12:30	Session 1.4: Update on ICAO/IMO provisions related to SAR including GADSS
Coffee Break – 30 minutes	
13:00 - 14:30	Session 1.5: Regional SAR Developments: SAR developments and challenges in the ICAO AFI (ESAF and WACAF), APAC and MID Regions
Lunch	
End of Day 1	

Day 2 – 27 August 2019

Time	Topic/Title
09:00 - 10:30	Session 2.1: Aeronautical-Maritime SAR cooperation and coordination
Coffee Break – 30 minutes	
11:00 - 12:30	Session 2.2: States' experience related to SAR: Presentation by States from different ICAO Regions related to SAR highlighting the developments, lessons learnt and challenges.
Coffee Break – 30 minutes	
13:00 - 14:30	Session 2.3: States' experience related to SAR: Cont'd
Lunch	
End of Day 2	



Day 3 – 28 August 2019

Time	Topic/Title
09:00 - 10:00	Session 3.1: Overview of SAR Exercises
Coffee Break – 30 minutes	
10:30 - 13:30	Session 3.2: SAREX conducted by Oman
13:30 - 14:30	Session 3.3: SAREX debriefing
Lunch	
End of Day 3	

Day 4 – 29 August 2019

Time	Topic/Title
09:00 - 10:30	Session 4.1: SAR and USOAP CMA
Coffee Break – 30 minutes	
11:00 - 12:30	Session 4.2: Technology in support of SAR
Coffee Break – 30 minutes	
13:00 - 14:00	Session 4.3: Outcome of the Workshop
14:00 – 14:30	Wrap up and closing
Lunch	
End of Day 4	



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BULLETIN



1. LOCATION

1.1 The Inter-Regional Search and Rescue (SAR) Workshop is organized jointly by ICAO Asia and Pacific (APAC), Eastern and Southern African (ESAF), Middle East (MID) and Western and Central African (WACAF) Regional Offices and supported by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The Public Authority will kindly host the Workshop for Civil Aviation (PACA) of Oman, at Salalah Gardens Hotel, Oman from 26 to 29 August 2019.

2. SCHEDULE OF THE MEETING

2.1 The opening session of the Workshop will be held at 9:30 am on Monday, 26 August 2019.

2.2 The schedule and order of the day will be announced at the opening session.

2.3 The Workshop will be conducted in English.

3. REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

3.1 Participants are requested to register, at the Registration Desk located at the entrance of the designated conference room, between 8:00 am – 9:30 am on the opening day of the Workshop. Participants are also requested to wear the Identification Badge which will be issued to them during registration.

4. DOCUMENTATION

4.1 Please note that no documentation will be available in hard copy format. However, documentation related to the Meeting will be available on the ICAO MID Regional Office website.

4.2 Accordingly, participants are requested to download the documentation from the web and bring along their own hard copies or their laptops to the meeting, as appropriate.

5. HOTEL RESERVATIONS

5.1 Participants will need to arrange their own hotel and travel reservations. A list of hotels with PACA Oman corporate rate is attached at **Appendix A** to the bulletin for your convenience. PACA recommends Salalah Gardens Hotel where the workshop is going to be held with a very special rate for the event listed in the attached form. Please note, to secure this rate the participant must fill the form with the required information and send it back to the hotel with Cc: media@paca.gov.om before 31 July 2019.

5.2 Participants are requested to ensure that their return airline booking is confirmed.

5.3 Mr. Yousef Al Mahri email: yousuf.mahri@paca.gov.om Tel: + 968 95099600 from PACA – Salalah Office will be the focal point for any inquiry or issue with hotel reservations.

6. TRANSPORTATION

6.1 Participants are required to arrange their own transportation in intercity.

6.2 Participants are requested to notify PACA Focal Points, Mr. Nasser Obaid Al Kaaby (email: n.alkaabi@paca.gov.om; Mobile: +968 96627809), and Mr. Hamid Al-Brashdi (email: hamid@paca.gov.om; Mobile: +968 96689999) on their travel itineraries and flight details as PACA will arrange for transportation from the airport to the city and return for the participants.

6.3 Airport Taxi Services operate private limousine services from the airport to Muscat City, and its neighborhoods at OMR 10 approximately per vehicle.

6.4 Car rental agencies are located at the arrival hall of the airport terminal building.

6.5 No transportation will be provided by PACA between the venue of the meeting and the hotels.

7. INSURANCE

7.1 Participants are advised to have insurance coverage for any unexpected contingency including transport hazards (taxi, buses, rented cars, etc.) and Medical Coverage.

8. SOME USEFUL TRAVEL INFORMATION

PASSPORT/VISA

8.1 All foreign nationals entering the Sultanate of Oman must possess valid passports or other valid documents for travel. Documents with less than six months to run before expiry are not acceptable.

8.2 It is mandatory for all non-GCC participants to obtain visas from the Sultanate of Oman Embassy or Consulate in their country prior to their departure for Muscat. Some non-GCC citizens may obtain visas upon arrival. These nationalities are listed in the following website: www.rop.gov.om.

8.3 PACA will provide necessary assistance for the issuance of entry Visas for the delegates, when needed.

8.4 With a view to assist in the process of issuance of entry visa to the Sultanate of Oman, copy of the passport of delegate with a personal photo, should be sent, as soon as possible, preferably not later than 31 July 2019, to PACA, to the attention of Mr. Salim Al Shabibi Email: alshabibi@paca.gov.om

CUSTOMS

8.5 The following items may be brought into the Sultanate of Oman duty free:

- a. Personal effects, such as necessary clothing
- b. 200 cigarettes or 250 gr. of cigars or tobacco
- c. Perfume for personal use.

8.6 Additional quantities of the above items may also be purchased at Muscat International Airport duty free arrival shops before clearing customs. Non-Muslims may purchase reasonable quantities of alcoholic drinks at this outlet.

9. CURRENCY, CREDIT CARDS AND BANKING SERVICES

9.1 The unit of currency in Oman is the Omani Riyal (OMR). The unit is divided into 1000 baizes with notes of 100, and 500 baizes and Riyal notes of 1, 5, 10, 20, and 50. The OMR to USD exchange rate is approximately 1 OMR = 2.6 US\$

9.2 There are restrictions on import of foreign currency. Not more than 6000 OMR allowed.

9.3 International Credit Cards, such as American Express, Diners Club, Visa, Master Card, Carte Blanche, etc. are usually accepted at most hotels, department stores and restaurants. All commercial banks exchange major foreign currencies are open from 0800 to 1400, Sundays through Thursdays. There are also plenty of foreign exchange houses, who do accept foreign currency. There are plenty of ATM machines all over Oman, which are strategically located.

10. OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

10.1 A large variety of shopping choices are available in Grand Shopping Centers, Malls and Hypermarkets including all goods and demands that range from necessary stuff to luxurious ones.

11. WEATHER CONDITIONS

11.1 Salalah with the surrounded mountains is experienced a Monsoon Season (Khareef Season), which starts every year at the end of month of July until beginning of the month of September. During this Khareef season, the weather become foggy especially in the mountains, temperature remains below 27 °C with slight drizzle almost all day.

11.2 Drive carefully through the foggy weather especially in the mountains. Swimming is dangerous during the Khareef at the sea and some springs. Avoid places where mosquitoes are gathering especially near the springs or use protective creams.

11.3 The Public Authority for Civil Aviation in Oman (PACA) will be glad to assist the participants to the meeting with any advice they may require.

11.4 In case of emergency in Oman, please call the Focal Points from PACA, Mr. Nasser Obaid Al Kaaby (email: n.alkaabi@paca.gov.om; Mobile: +968 96627809) and Mr. Hamid Al-Brashdi (email: hamid@paca.gov.om; Mobile: +968 96689999).

List of Hotels with PACA Corporate Rates, SALALAH, OMAN

Salalah Gardens Hotel

Al Rabat Street ·Salalah 211 Tel: +968 23 381000

Crowne Plaza Resort Salalah

Tel: +968 95099600

InterCityHotel Salalah

Tel: +968 22 302500

Millennium Resort Salalah

Tel: +968 23 222111



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GUEST DETAILS

Last name (Mr./Mrs./Miss):	_____	First name:	_____
Telephone:	_____	E-Mail:	_____
Arrival date:	_____	Flight number:	_____
Departure date:	_____	Flight number:	_____
		Time:	_____
		Time:	_____

Kindly tick the appropriate boxes for your reservation:

Room Rates				
Room Type	Single	Double	Rate offered Single	Rate offered Double
Deluxe Room with Buffet Breakfast			50	60
Executive Suite with Buffet Breakfast			70	70
Preferences:	Smoking <input type="checkbox"/>	King Size Bed <input type="checkbox"/>	Twin bed <input type="checkbox"/>	

Payment Method: All charges must be paid by the guest directly

RESERVATIONS GUARANTEE - Credit card with expiry date is required upon making reservation

Credit Card Type	Visa <input type="checkbox"/>	Master Card <input type="checkbox"/>	AMEX <input type="checkbox"/>		
Credit Card No:				Expiry Date:	
Card Holder's Name				Signature:	

Check-in / Check-out

- Check-in at 1400 hours.
- Check-out at 1200 hours.
- Early Check in & late checkout subject to availability.
- The full credit card details and flight details are required to guarantee the reservation.

Cancellation or No Shows Policy:

In the event that you or your travelers need to cancel a confirmed reservation at our Hotel, they must contact our hotel reservation office **before 48 hours prior to arrival date.** Once a cancellation number has been received, the reservation is officially cancelled. Failure to contact and cancel a guaranteed reservation at above said time prior to arrival date or in case of No Show, a **cancellation charge** of that one night's room and its service charge will be applied. The remaining nights of the stay will automatically be cancelled.

Remarks

- The above form is valid only to Civil Aviation from 25th – 29th of August 2019.
- **Pre-booking is required before 31st of July 2019.**
- **The above room rates are inclusive of Service Charge and Taxes.**
- Please be advised that bed type and smoking preferences are subject to room availability upon arrival.
- Please send the completed form with your signature directly to the Hotel via email to the following addresses:
reservations.salalah@safirhotels.com ; aziza.rajabova@safirhotels.com ; abid.hussain@safirhotels.com

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NOMINATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

Name in full: _____
Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. (as should appear in the official listing and name tag)

Title or Official Position: _____

State/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Mobile: _____

E-mail: _____

Hotel _____

Date: Signature:

After completing, please send to: ICAO MID Office at the following e-mail address: (icaomid@icao.int) with copy to (ekhoury@icao.int).

Note 1: Participants are expected to make their own hotel/visa arrangements.

Note 2: Please download meeting materials from ICAO MID Regional Office website.

Note 3: No hardcopies will be provided; you are kindly requested to bring your laptop, iPad, tablet, etc. to the meeting.

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