



**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION**

**COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR THE PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
EVENTS IN CIVIL AVIATION  
(CAPSCA)**

**SUMMARY REPORT**

**EIGHTH MEETING OF THE CAPSCA-MIDDLE EAST  
PROJECT (CAPSCA-MID/8)**

*(Virtual Meeting, 2 – 3 December 2020)*

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### **Attachment A**

List of Participants

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## 1. PLACE AND DURATION

1.1 The Eighth meeting of the Middle East Regional Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA-MID/8) was held virtually on 2 – 3 December 2020 from 11:00 to 13:00 UTC.

## 2. OPENING

2.1 The meeting was opened by Mr. Mohamed Smaoui, Acting Regional Director, ICAO Middle East Office Dr. Khalil M. Khalil, Chairperson of CAPSCA-MID, Head of Aviation Medicine, Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC), Jordan, and Dr. Dalia Samhouri, the Program Area Manager at the Country Health Emergency Preparedness and International Health Regulations (CPI) WHO/EMRO.

## 3. ATTENDANCE

3.1 The meeting was attended by a total of sixty-two (62) participants from fourteen (14) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, UAE, USA and Yemen) and eight (8) International Organizations/Industries (AACO, ACAO, ACI, IATA, IFALPA, WHO, IHR and JAA TO). The list of participants is at **Attachment A**.

## 4. OFFICERS AND SECRETARIAT

4.1 The meeting was chaired by Dr. Khalil M. Khalil, CAPSCA-MID Chairman and the Head of Aviation Medicine, Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC), Jordan.

4.2 Dr. Johanna Jordaan (Ansa), Chief, Aviation Medicine Section, ICAO HQ and the CAPSCA Programme Manager was the main Facilitator supporting the meeting.

4.3 Mr. Mohamed Iheb Hamdi, the Regional Officer for Aerodromes and Ground Aids and the CAPSCA MID Regional Coordinator ICAO MID Office acted as the Secretary of the meeting.

## 5. AGENDA/PROGRAMME AND DOCUMENTATION

5.1 The Agenda/Programme of the Meeting, included mainly:

- Opening Ceremony
- CAPSCA Objectives and Methodology
- Global feedback on Public Health Management (PHM)
- CART Documents Updates
- CAPSCA “Testing and Cross-Border Risk Management Measures Guidance Manual”
- iPack on Public Health Corridor (PHC) concept
- Feedback on ICAO CRRIC Dashboard Levels of Implementation
- States’ PHM Challenges and Lessons Learned
- International and CAPSCA Global partners’ updates on PHM
- Conclusions and closing

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5.2 The meeting's documentation and presentations are available on the ICAO MID website: <https://www.icao.int/MID/Pages/2020/CAPSCA%20MID8.aspx>

## **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Global Developments**

6.1 The meeting encouraged States to implement the CART II Recommendations and guidance included in TOGD and the ICAO Testing and Cross-Border Risk Management Measures Manual available at: <https://www.icao.int/covid/cart/Pages/default.aspx>.

6.2 The meeting noted that the later guidance are not SARPs, however the Third DGCA-MID Virtual meeting (7 December 2020) would be endorsing Conclusions to foster their implementation.

6.3 The meeting encouraged States to continuously update their status of implementation of the CART recommendations and guidance on the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Implementation Centre (CRRIC).

### **CAPSCA Promotion**

6.4 The meeting encouraged States to train experts through the ICAO Training Package "Conducting a technical assistance visit to CAPSCA Member States and Airports" in order to enhance capacity building at national level and establish a pool of certified experts at regional level, qualified to perform CAPSCA assistance visits.

6.5 The meeting encouraged States to deploy the Implementation Package on Public Health Corridors (PHCs iPack) to restore international travel through the implementation of Public Health Corridors by supporting Civil Aviation Authorities (CAAs) in sharing information, applying mutually accepted public health measures and concluding bilateral or multilateral agreements.

6.6 The meeting encouraged States to request the conduct of CAPSCA Assistance Visit for their International Airports.

6.7 The meeting encouraged States, receiving CAPSCA Assistance Visit for their International Airports, to share their experience (report, identified gaps, corrective action plans, lessons learned, etc.) with other States.

6.8 The meeting agreed on the organization of:

- joint CAPSCA meetings with adjacent Regions (EUR/NAT, APAC and AFI).
- a Workshop on Aviation Medicine (previously planned) back-to-back with the upcoming CAPSCA-MID/9 meeting.

### **Risk Assessment**

6.9 The meeting agreed that adjustment of risk mitigation measures should be based on a thorough risk assessment that is conducted systematically and regularly (ideally every two weeks) and detailed information on departure Countries' local transmission indicators, health services capacities, and public health and social measures should be utilized in informing a risk assessment.

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6.10 WHO therefore, encouraged national authorities to proactively and transparently share up-to-date data on incidence, public health and health services capacity and public health and social measures.

### Quarantine

6.11 The meeting reiterated that WHO does not recommend Quarantine. However, WHO recommends that travellers follow personal preventive measures (maintain at least 1-metre distance, use masks when distance cannot be maintained and wash hands frequently); avoid spaces that are closed, crowded or involve close contact; and self-monitor for the potential onset of symptoms for 14 days after arrival.

### COVID-19 Testing

6.12 The meeting noted that International travellers should not be categorized as suspected COVID-19 cases as WHO does not recommend travellers as a priority group for testing. In principle, high-risk settings and high-risk groups should be prioritized for testing, in line with WHO's guidance, when resources are limited, to avoid diverting resources from settings and patients where testing can have a higher public health impact and drive action.

## **7. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME**

7.1 The meeting noted that Bahrain will ask for a CAPSCA Assistance visit in Q4 of 2021. It was underlined that this has to be closely coordinated with the CAPSCA Project Manager and CAPSCA-MID Chairman through the ICAO MID Regional Office, as soon as possible.

7.2 Bahrain expressed interest to host the next CAPSCA-MID meeting in Q4 of 2021; this will be confirmed by official communication to the ICAO MID Regional Office.

7.3 The meeting agreed that next meeting (CAPSCA-MID/9) will be tentatively held in Bahrain during the Q4 of 2020, subject to confirmation by Bahrain and the ICAO MID Regional Office; and coordination with adjacent Regions (notably EUR/NAT), for the conduct of an inter-regional CAPSCA meeting.

## **8. CLOSING OF THE MEETING**

8.1 Mr. Mohamed Iheb Hamdi, on behalf of ICAO, thanked all participants contributing to the success of the CAPSCA-MID/8 virtual meeting. He expressed his gratitude to all participants from States, AACO, ACAO, ACI, IATA, IFALPA, WHO, IHR and JAA TO for their valuable contributions, as well for sharing of experiences and best practices. Mr. Hamdi thanked in particular, Mr. Mohamed Smaoui for his support, Dr. Khalil M. Khalil, CAPSCA-MID Chairman for his excellent management of the meeting, Dr. Johanna Jordaan (Ansa), Dr. Dalia Samhouri, and Ms. Jessica Barry, for their great contributions.

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## CAPSCA-MID/8 VIRTUAL MEETING

(2 – 3 December 2020 from 11:00 to 13:00 UTC)

*List of Participants*

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