



DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION-MIDDLE EAST REGION

Seventh Meeting (DGCA-MID/7) (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 19 – 20 May 2024)

Agenda Item 3: Global and Regional Developments

80th ANNIVERSARY OF ICAO

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

The aim of this working paper is to invite States to share with ICAO their plans to celebrate and commemorate the 80th Anniversary of ICAO.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 2024 marks the 80th Anniversary of ICAO and the signing of the Convention on International Civil Aviation, also known more popularly as the 'Chicago Convention'. ICAO would greatly appreciate the support of its Member States and their Civil Aviation Authorities (CAAs) to help highlight and commemorate this important moment in the history of international aviation.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Because this momentous event represents a tremendous opportunity to highlight the various socio-economic benefits and tremendous historic accomplishments realized through international air connectivity, States are strongly encouraged to consider their own high-visibility acknowledgements of ICAO and the value of aviation connectivity during 2024, suitable to their local resources and opportunities.

2.2 As highlighted in State Letter Ref. O 1/6 -24/43 dated 3 April 2024, in celebration of the 80th anniversary of ICAO, ICAO is proud to introduce the "Meet the Professionals" webinar series. This series aims to showcase the diverse careers within the aviation sector, inspire the next generation of aviation professionals, and promote gender diversity.

2.3 Member States are invited to contribute by organizing webinars highlighting local and regional aviation professionals and sharing their expertise in various fields, thereby supporting a sustainable future for global aviation and promoting the Next Generation of Aviation Professionals programme and gender equality initiatives. Participation is optional, and Member States interested in contributing to the series are encouraged to do so in a manner that best showcases their unique perspectives and expertise.

2.4 Member State are invited to notify ICAO of their plans to highlight and commemorate the 80th Anniversary of ICAO; whether through campaigns or through collaborative initiatives; and to consider contributing to the “Meet the Professionals” webinar series as these become confirmed. ICAO will be pleased to highlight States’ efforts and outcomes. The ICAO contact point for interactions will be the Communications Unit of the Secretariat, available via email at icao80@icao.int.

OTHER PROPOSALS FOR MEMBER STATE AND INDUSTRY CONSIDERATION

2.5 Below are additional suggestions proposed by ICAO for States, operators, and manufacturers to consider, but all Stakeholders are encouraged to be imaginative and suggest any proposals which will attract public and sectoral attention to this historic year for international aviation.

- Member States may wish to produce a national ICAO80 stamp or coin during 2024.
- States, airport operators and national carriers could partner on assuring that promotional videos/multi-media materials on ICAO’s 80th anniversary are included in local major airport and/or airlines’ inflight entertainment systems.
- Further outreach or promotional initiatives, for instance installing ICAO80 roll-up banners at airport check-in counters.
- Having an ICAO flag/projection added to a prominent local government grouping, or placed in strategic geographic locations/monuments as available in your State, in particular on the 7th of December 2024 (the day of the 80th Anniversary of the signature of the Chicago Agreement/Convention).

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to encourage States to share with ICAO HQ and MID Regional Office their plans to highlight and commemorate the 80th Anniversary of ICAO whether through campaigns or through collaborative initiatives; and to consider contributing to the “Meet the Professionals” webinar series.