

MENA ARCM COMMITTEE/7 -REPORT



REPORT OF THE MIDDLE EAST NORTH AFRICA AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT AND INCIDENT INVESTIGATION REGIONAL COOPERATION MECHANISM (MENA ARCM) COMMITTEE

(MENA ARCM Committee/7)

(Virtual, 2 June 2025)

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PART I – HISTORY OF THE MEETING

1. PLACE AND DURATION

1.1 The Seventh Meeting of Middle East North Africa Aircraft Accident and incident Investigation Regional Cooperation Mechanism (MENA ARCM) Committee meeting. were held *virtually on 2 June 2025*.

2. OPENING

2.1 The meeting was opened by Capt. Aysha Mohammed Al Hamil, Assistant Director-General - Air Accident Investigations, UAE who welcomed all the participants and thanked them for their participation.

2.2 Finally, Capt. Aysha thanked all the participants for their attendance and wished the meeting every success in its deliberations.

3. ATTENDANCE

3.1 The meeting was attended by a total of Thirty-nine (39) participants from Fourteen (14) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Yemen, Morocco, Somalia) and Four (4) Organizations (ACAO, Boeing, IATA, ICAO). The list of participants is at **Attachment A**.

4. OFFICERS AND SECRETARIAT

4.1 The meeting was chaired by Capt. Aysha Mohammed Al Hamil, Assistant Director-General - Air Accident Investigations, UAE.

4.2 Mr. Mohamed Chakib, RO/SAF-IMP was the Secretary of the meeting supported by Mr. Hicham Bennani, Safety & Air Navigation Expert, ACAO.

5. LANGUAGE

5.1 The discussions were conducted in the English language and documentation was issued in English.

6. AGENDA

6.1 The following Agenda was adopted:

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Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

Agenda Item 2: Regional Performance Framework

- Update points from MENA ARCM Chairperson
- Updated Progress on Areas of Cooperation & technical assistance

- Access to MENA ARCM Shared folders
- Proposed Amendment to Annexes 13 and 6 from AIGP/7 & AIGP/8
- Safety Recommendations reports- IATA
- Proposed Agenda for MENA ARCM/8 meeting

Agenda Item 3: Future Work Programme

Agenda Item 4: Any other Business

7. CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS – DEFINITION

7.1 The MENA ARCM Committee/7 records its actions in the form of Conclusions and Decisions with the following significance:

- a) **Conclusions** deal with matters that, according to the Group's terms of reference, merit directly the attention of States and its stakeholders/partners, or on which further action will be initiated by the Secretary in accordance with established procedures; and
- b) **Decisions** relate solely to matters dealing with the internal working arrangements of the Group and its subsidiary bodies.

PART II: REPORT ON AGENDA ITEMS**REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1.1 The subject was addressed in WP/1 presented by the Secretariat.

1.2 The meeting also reviewed and adopted the Provisional Agenda as at paragraph 6 of the History of the Meeting.

REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 2: REGIONAL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK***Update points from MENA ARCM Chairperson***

1. The subject was addressed in PPT/2 presented by Chairperson of MENA ARCM. The meeting expressed appreciation for the updates provided, which covered key areas including participation in meetings, the Terms of Reference (ToRs) and nomination mechanism for the MENA ARCM Coordinator, capacity-building activities and collaboration arrangements, strategic engagement, membership expansion, the establishment of the MENA ARCM Safety Recommendations Platform, as well as international engagement efforts.

2. With respect to the upcoming ICAO 42nd Assembly Working Papers (WPs), the meeting noted with appreciation the ACAO mechanism for the “Coordination and Alliance of ACAO Positions During High-Level Events.” This initiative aims to facilitate the coordinated submission of WPs on behalf of ACAO Member States at the upcoming ICAO Assembly. The meeting subsequently agreed on the following actions:

- States preparing WPs related to aircraft accident investigation and interested in participating in the coordination mechanism are requested to send their draft WPs to the MENA ARCM Coordinator, Mr. Albaraa Naser (anaser@aib.gov.sa), for recordkeeping and follow-up, with copies to the ACAO focal point, Mr. Hicham Bennani (h.bennani@acao.org.ma), and their respective State-nominated MENA ARCM focal point.
- ACAO will provide the MENA ARCM Coordinator with the current list of State focal points.
- ACAO will coordinate the submitted WPs with the designated State focal points, in line with the established mechanism.
- The MENA ARCM Coordinator will attend the upcoming meeting of the ACAO/42 Technical Committee to follow up on actions related to the submitted WPs.
- ACAO will keep the MENA ARCM Chairpersons, Coordinator and Focal points informed of all relevant follow-up actions.

Updated Progress on MENA ARCM Areas of Cooperation & Technical Assistance

3. The subject was addressed in PPT/3 presented by the MENA ARCM Coordinator. The meeting was apprised with appreciation of the work progress achieved on the MENA ARCM database management, Technical Assistance, and share folder.

4. The meeting noted with appreciation the updated progress made since the MENA ARCM/6 meeting.

5. The meeting urged the MENA ARCM Member States to provide their data to MENA ARCM Coordinator if not yet done.

Proposed Amendment Annex 13

6. The subject was addressed in PPT/4 presented by the Secretariat. The meeting noted with appreciation the proposed Amendment to Annexes 13 and 6 from both AIGP/7 & AIGP/8 as well as the updates related to Protocol Questions (PQs) 6.003 and 6.101 in the 2024 Edition of the PQs.

7. The meeting also noted that OTSB Oman will share its experience at the upcoming MENA ARCM/8 meeting regarding the establishment of an independent accident investigation authority, in accordance with the requirements of ICAO Annex 13.

Safety Recommendations reports

8. The subject was addressed in PPT/5 presented by IATA. The meeting expressed its appreciation to IATA for providing an overview of accidents and the updated status of final accident investigation reports for the period 2020–2024.

9. The meeting was informed of RASG-MID/12 Conclusion 12/19 on Adherence to ICAO Annex 13 – Accident Investigation Final Reports and noted that the MID Office will soon circulate the conclusion to all MID States.

Proposed Agenda for MENA ARCM/8 meeting

10. The subject was addressed in PPT/6 presented by the Secretariat. The meeting noted with appreciation the proposed agenda for the upcoming MENA RACM/8 meeting particularly the MENA ARCM Workshop on “Establishing an Accident Investigation Safety Recommendations Platform”: .

REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 3: FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

2.1 The subject was addressed in WP/7, presented by the Secretariat. The meeting noted with appreciation that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia generously confirmed to host the MENA ARCM/8 meeting in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from 2nd to 4th November 2025.

2.2 The meeting also noted that Oman and the UAE have generously offered to host the MENA ARCM/9 meeting in the second quarter of 2026 and the MENA ARCM/10 meeting in the fourth quarter of 2026, respectively. The dates and venues will be coordinated by the Secretariat with Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Nothing has been discussed under this Agenda Item.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS



**Seventh Meeting of Middle East North Africa Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation Regional
Cooperation Mechanism (MENA ARCM/7) Committee**
Virtual, 2 June 2025 from 0800 to 1000 UTC Time)

State/Organization	Registration First Name	Registration Last Name	Job Title
MID States			
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Iran	Hassan	Rezaefar	Director of AAIB
Iran	Mansour	Navaei Lavasani	Senior Investigator
Iraq	MUSTAFA	HAMAD	Director of safety and licensing department
Iraq	Mudher	Alsaffar	ATS Manager
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Oman	Khalifa	Al-Abdali	Air Accident Investigation team leads
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Palestine	Majdi	Ghanim	G.d of airports
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Qatar	Maryam	Al-Naimi	Air Traffic Controller Expert Deputy Head of Integrated Management System
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Saudi Arabia	Albara'a	Naser	Director of Engineering Lab
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Yemen	Samara	Abdullah	ATC
Yemen	Abdullah	Nasser	Employee in Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation - y
Other States			
Somalia	Liban	Shire	Director of Aircraft Accident Investigation Branch
Morocco	Mbarak	Lfakir	Director of Aircraft Accident Investigation Branch
Organizations			
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Boeing	AHSAN	NASEER	Manager Aviation Safety Strategy
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