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DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION  
MIDDLE EAST REGION  
Fourth Meeting (DGCA-MID/4)  
(Muscat, Oman, 17-19 October 2017)

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بالشرق الأوسط  
مسقط، عُمان، 17-19 أكتوبر 2017



### Middle East Directors General of Civil Aviation reach significant agreements on aviation safety, security and cooperation, Muscat, Oman, 20 October 2017



Pointing to the 2.4 million jobs and 157 billion dollars in GDP that aviation has created in the region, ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu welcomed the endorsement of the ICAO Middle East (MID) No Country Left Behind (NCLB) Strategy by delegates at the Fourth Meeting of Directors General of Civil Aviation for the ICAO Middle East Region (DGCA-MID/4), which concluded yesterday in Muscat, Oman.

Their endorsement was formalized through their signing of the Muscat Declaration on the NCLB Strategy. The effective implementation of ICAO's Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) is key to accessing the international civil aviation network and accessing the tremendous socio-economic benefits it offers.

The DGCA-MID/4 meeting was also attended by the Directors of ICAO's Air Transport Bureau, Mr. Boubacar Djibo, and Air Navigation Bureau, Mr. Stephen Creamer, and ICAO's Middle East Regional Director, Mr. Mohamed Khalifa Rahma.

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## MIDRMA Board/15

Fifteenth Meeting of the Middle East  
Regional Monitoring Agency Board

📍 Oman, Muscat, 29 - 31 January

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## ICAO Secretary General commends Oman's national aviation development plans, Muscat, Oman, 20 October 2017



**Dr. Fang Liu, the Secretary General of ICAO, conducted a high-level bilateral meeting with His Royal Highness Asa'ad bin Tariq al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for International Relations and Cooperation Affairs and Personal Representative of His Majesty the Sultan of Oman, on the strategic importance of aviation within national development plans.**

His Royal Highness Asa'ad bin Tariq al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for International Relations and Cooperation Affairs and Personal Representative of His Majesty the Sultan of Oman, outlined the Government of Oman's structural and integral positioning of aviation within its national strategic planning for development at a high-level bilateral meeting with Dr. Fang Liu, the Secretary General of ICAO. He furthermore expressed his appreciation for ICAO's contributions to the enhancement of the safety and sustainability of aviation worldwide. The meeting was attended by Dr Mohammed bin Nasser al Za'abi, CEO of Oman's Public Authority for Civil Aviation, and Mr. Mohamed Khalifa Rahma, ICAO's Middle East Regional Director.

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## Inter-regional APAC/EUR/MID SWIM Workshop, EUROCONTROL, Brussels, Belgium, 2 Oct. 2017



**The Interregional APAC/EUR/MID Workshop on 'Service improvement through integration of AIM, MET and ATM Information Services' (SWIM Workshop) was successfully held at EUROCONTROL Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium from 2 to 4 October 2017.**

The workshop was attended by 138 participants from 37 APAC, EUR and MID States and 6 International Organizations. In addition, 8 industries provided exhibition at the workshop. Organizing partners included ICAO APAC, EUR/NAT and MID Regions and EUROCONTROL (host).

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## IATA Africa and Middle East Aviation & Aero political Affairs Day, Dead Sea, Jordan, 4 Oct. 2017



The IATA Aviation & Aero political Affairs Day is an exclusive conference for aviation stakeholders in Africa and the Middle East (AME). It focuses on the challenges to overcome in light of the enormous growth in air transport in much of the region.

ICAO MID Office was invited to IATA Aviation day, As Mr. Mohamed Rahma MID Regional Director presented the Regional Aviation Security Roadmap to industry partners and regional airlines and how cooperation with ICAO can yield benefit to the region.

As mentioned there is an opportunity through the publication of ICAO's Global Aviation Security Plan—also known as GASeP to provide a comprehensive framework for governments around the world to improve security measures in line with global standards. But GASeP will only be effective if governments cooperate – on capacity building, information sharing, identifying conflict zones and so forth.



## EAD-MIDAD Workshop, EUROCONTROL, Brussels, Belgium , 4 October, 2017



The European AIS Database MID Region AIM Database Workshop (EAD-MIDAD WS) was hosted by EUROCONTROL in Brussels, Belgium from 5 to 6 October 2017.

The Workshop was attended by twenty one (21) participants, from six (6) States (Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and UAE) and three (3) International Organizations (CANSO, EUROCONTROL and ICAO).

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## NCLB Workshop/Training on Certification of Aerodromes, Cairo, Egypt 5 October 2017



The NCLB Workshop/Training on Certification of Aerodromes was successfully held at ICAO Mid Office, Cairo, from 1 to 5 October 2017.

The workshop was attended by 33 participants from 4 States and 2 Organizations. The workshop addressed challenges, lessons learned and best practices and recommended way forward to foster the implementation of certification of aerodromes in the MID Region.

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## BRINGING AIR TRANSPORT PARTNERS TOGETHER

### IATA MENA RCG, Amman, Jordan, 10-11 October 2017



The MID Office participated in the IATA-MENA Regional Coordination Meeting (RCG) held in Amman, Jordan on 10 and 11 October 2017.

The RCG addressed the airspace users' needs related mainly to Aerodromes Operations, ATM, contingency planning, and safety of air operations. The Meeting agreed on new working arrangements that would support in addressing the air operators' requirements in a more effective manner at the regional level.

## PBN SG/3

Third Meeting of the Performance Based Navigation Sub-Group

Cairo, Egypt, 11-13 February 2018

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### ATM Contingency Planning



The Contingency Coordination Teams (CCTs) are still active and are being used as the main forum for sharing of information and coordination on the implementation of contingency routes and ATM measures to accommodate safely the changes in the traffic flows across the MID Region.

Due to the excellent cooperation and collaboration between all parties through the CCT framework, a recovery plan for the normalization of air operation through the Iraq Airspace had been successfully implemented. The air traffic resumed to overfly Baghdad FIR above FL260 since 29 November 2017, when the UAE –GCAA lifted the restriction on the use of the Iraq Airspace by its air carriers for overflight above flight level 260, UK, U.S.A and Germany did the same on 6, 12 and 19 December 2017, respectively. After one month, more than 400 flights per day resumed operations through Baghdad FIR safely and smoothly on the realigned ATS routes.



## RDGE/27 & AIRARD TF/2, Astana, Kazakhstan, 23-27 October 2017



The MID Office participated in the Twenty Seventh Route Development Group for Eastern Europe (RDGE/27) and the Second Meeting of the Advanced Inter-regional ATS Route Development Task Force (AIRARD TF/2) held in Astana, Kazakhstan, 23-27 October 2017.

The AIRARD TF/2 meeting was attended by fifty-three (53) participants from seventeenth (17) States and three International Organizations, including Armenia, Azerbaijan, Estonia, Finland, India, Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Norway, Russian Federation, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, United States, Uzbekistan, EUROCONTROL, IATA and ICAO and two flight plan service providers. The meeting agreed on an action plan to improve the ATS route network and ATM measures at the interfaces between ICAO APCA, EUR and MID Regions.

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## The 4th Meeting of Runway and Ground Safety Working Group (RGS WG/4) , ICAO MID Office, Cairo, Egypt

5 November 2017



The 4th Meeting of Runway and Ground Safety Working Group (RGS WG/4); was held at ICAO MID Office, Cairo, from 5 to 7 November 2017.

The Meeting was attended by 36 participants from 9 States and one Organization.

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## ICAO Seminar/Workshop on PANS - Aerodromes (Doc 9981), ICAO MID Office, Cairo, Egypt 8 November 2017



The ICAO Seminar/Workshop on PANS - Aerodromes was successfully conducted at the ICAO MID Office, Cairo, Egypt from 8 to 9 November 2017.

The Seminar/workshop was attended by 46 Participants from 6 States.

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## United Nation/UAE SPACE Event, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 6–9 November 2017



The MID Office represented ICAO at the United Nations/United Arab Emirates High-level Forum: Space as a Driver for Socioeconomic Sustainable Development held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 6–9 November 2017.



## Joint ACAC/ICAO GNSS Workshop , Morocco, Rabat, 7-8 November 2017



The workshop was jointly held with ACAC in Rabat, Morocco, from 7 to 8 November 2017.

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It was attended by a total of forty-nine (49) participants from nine (9) States (Algeria, Egypt, France, India, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia and Yemen), six (6) Organizations (ACAC, ICAO, IFALPA, EC, JPO and IATA) and six (6) Industries.

## ROC/IWXXM implementation Workshop, 12-13 November, Cairo, Egypt



The ROC/IWXXM implementation Workshop was successfully conducted at the ICAO MID Office, Cairo, Egypt from 12 to 13 November 2017.

The Workshop was attended by 16 Participants from 3 MID States and 1 International Organizations.

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## AVSEC World 2017, Abu Dhabi, UAE, 14 November 2017



Mr. Mohamed Khalifa Rahma ICAO MID Office Regional Director represented ICAO in IATA AVSEC World 2017 that was held in Abu Dhabi from 14 to 16 November 2017.



Mr. Rahma presented to the conference an update on the GAsEP and highlighted the regional challenges and opportunity in the MID Region. He also urged all states and international organization inside and outside MID Region to work collectively and in a harmonized manner to enhance the implementation of the GAsEP and the AFI/MID Roadmap that was endorsed on August 2017.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) urged the swift implementation by states of the first Global Aviation Security Plan (GAsEP) which was established by the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

"Flying is secure, but it is also clear that aviation faces security challenges. GAsEP has the potential to strengthen security globally by providing governments with a global plan to which they can align their national efforts. The critical factor is implementation. It must be quick, comprehensive and global. The industry congratulates ICAO and its member states for putting the plan together.



## MET SG/7 meeting, Cairo, Egypt 14-16 November 2017

The Seventh meeting of the Meteorology Sub-Group of the Middle East Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (MET SG/7) was held at the ICAO Middle East Office, Cairo, Egypt, from 14 to 16 November 2017.

The meeting was attended by a total of sixteen (16) participants, from Six (6) States (Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates and United Kingdom).

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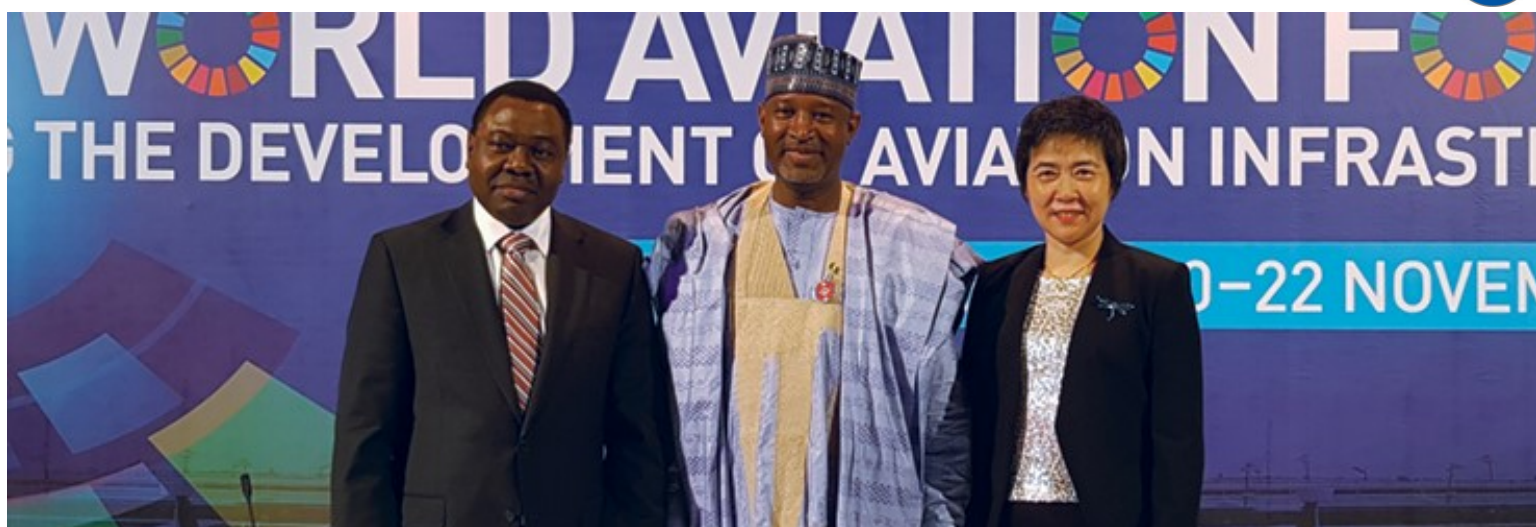
## ICAO MID Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) Workshop, Dubai, UAE, from 20 to 22 November 2017



The ICAO MID Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) Workshop was held at the Sheraton Dubai Creek Hotel and Towers, Dubai, UAE, from 20 to 22 November 2017. The Workshop was jointly organized by ICAO and the World Food Programme (WFP), sponsored by the Middle East Business Aviation Association (MEBAA) and supported by the General Civil Aviation Authority-UAE.

The RPAS Workshop provided States, international organizations, operators and stakeholders with first-hand information on RPAS provisions and guidance material. This would assist State regulatory and administrative personnel involved in the development and implementation of their RPAS regulations as well as the certification and oversight of such activities.

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## ICAO's third annual World Aviation Forum highlights global scope of aviation infrastructure challenges, Nigeria, Abuja, 23 November 2017



The third annual ICAO World Aviation Forum (IWAf/3) was conducted in Abuja, Nigeria, with more than 500 high level participants from governments, development banks and international organizations placing renewed global focus on aviation development and infrastructure modernization priorities.

Expressing the UN aviation agency's deep appreciation to the Federal Republic of Nigeria for its generous support of this year's IWAf, ICAO Council President Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu stressed to the global and African leaders present that massive investments would be needed to address airport and air navigation infrastructure requirements globally in the near-term, and that ICAO's Global Plans should be used to guide and align all State modernization and expansion projects.

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## **Aerodrome Safeguarding Workshop, Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority, Cairo, Egypt, 4 December 2017**

The Aerodrome Safeguarding Workshop was graciously hosted by Egypt and was held at the Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority Building, Conference Hall, Cairo, Egypt, from 4 to 6 December 2017.

The workshop was attended by 44 participants from 7 States and one Organizations.

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## **MID Office Represents ICAO in Ministerial Meeting for SAATM, 5 December 2017, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**



Mr. Mohamed Khalifa Rahma ICAO Middle East Regional Director represented ICAO in the 3rd Meeting of the Ministerial Working Group on Establishment of a Single African Air Transport Market SAATM from 5-8 December 2017.

The overall objective of the meeting was to review the outcomes of the July 2017 AU Summit and adopt a mechanism for implementation, follow-up, monitoring and evaluation of the sub-sector action plans covering air transport.

This meeting was being convened to appraise progress in the implementation of the updated Ministerial Working Group Road Map and final preparation for the launching of the SAATM during the summit in January 2018.



## **NCLB Mission to Iran, 17-19 December 2017**

The ICAO MID Office conducted a mission to Iran from 17 to 19 December 2017 to address issues related mainly to safety and air navigation and to follow-up with the Civil Aviation Organization (CAO) the preparation for the upcoming ICAO USOAP CMA Audit and to provide appropriate support.

The mission addressed also with Iran Airport Company – ANSP issues of mutual interest related to mainly to ATS route structure, PANS-OPS, Airspace management, AIM, SAR, Iran contribution to the regional ATM contingency plans, etc.

## **SCM Sudan, 28 December 2017**

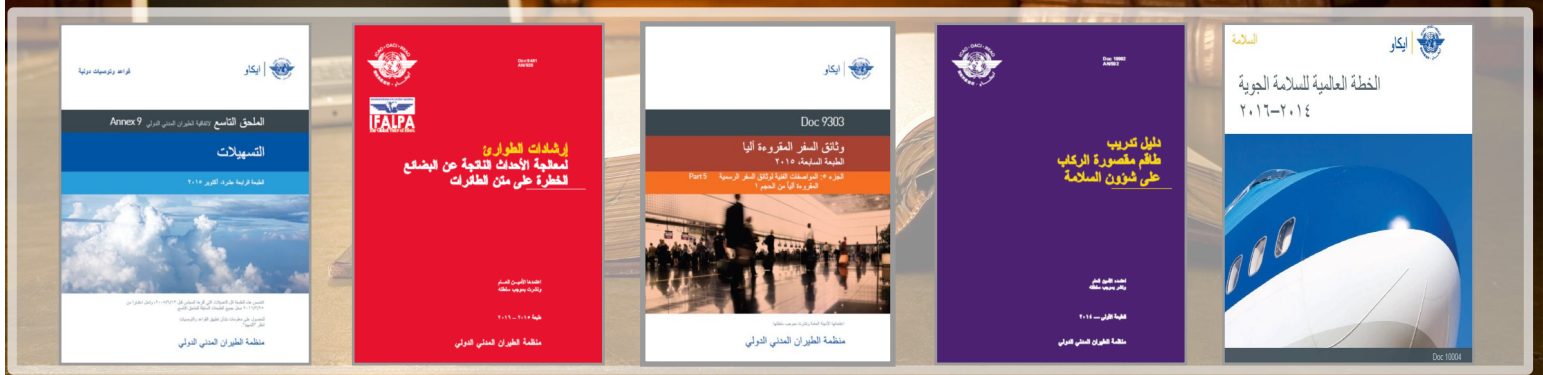
A Special Coordination Meeting with Sudan delegation was held at the ICAO Middle East Office on 28 December 2017 to discuss the issues pertaining to the implementation of the redesign project of the ATS route structure within the Khartoum Flight Information Region. Route designators have been allocated to the new routes which would be published in the second quarter of 2018.



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# Upcoming Meetings & Events

## CBT Workshop for ATCO and ATSEP Personnel



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**5-7 March 2018**

## ICAO MID Region Facilitation Seminar



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SECURITY AND FACILITATION

**12-15 March 2018**

## Joint ACAC/ICAO Civil/Military Workshop



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CAPACITY AND EFFICIENCY

**26-28 March 2018**

## Environment CORSIA Workshop



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**2-4 April 2018**

4-5 February	ASRT/2
6-8 February	SST/4 & NCMC
11-13 February	PBN SG/3
13-15 February	MIDAD TF/5 & AIM SG/4
26-28 February	CNS SG/8

5-7 March	CBT Workshop for ATCO and ATSEP Personnel
12-15 March	ICAO MID Region Facilitation Seminar
26-28 March	Joint ACAC/ICAO Civil/Military Workshop

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