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**Mr. Mohamed Rahma**  
**ICAO MID Regional Director**

Welcome to ICAO Middle East (MID) Regional Office newsletter. The first issue in 2019 a year that marks the 75th Anniversary of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). '75 years of connecting the world' since the historic moment on 7 December 1944 when the Convention on International Civil Aviation (also known as Chicago Convention), was signed by 52 States. The defining international agreement that permitted the global civil aviation system to develop peacefully, to promote cooperation, to benefit, create and preserve friendship and understanding among the nations and peoples of the world. Since ICAO's inception, aviation has become a hub of human activities and socio-economic development bringing all the countries of the world to connect and share their skies.

In 2019, the International Civil Aviation Organization Middle East Office (ICAOMID) and its fifteen (15) accredited States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Sudan, Yemen, United Arab Emirates) are commemorating this momentous occasion with a series of events and activities to celebrate the unique success in the aviation arena our States have achieved since they signed the convention.

Aviation is unique in that it offers unprecedented fast mobility globally, by connecting people, cultures and business across continents in a relatively short span of time. With currently over 1,400 scheduled airlines, 26,000 aircrafts in service, 3,900 airports and 173 air navigation services providers, aviation has established an unmatched global network at the service of travelers and businesses in every corner of the world. Because aviation generates such impressive connectivity it has become a key driver of economic and social development in support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

In MID Region, we are working with our member States and International and regional organizations and partners to insure the sustainable development of air transport as a main driver for development in our region. Despite some adverse situation, we never stop believing in a better situation where our region will lead the safest and the most sustainable traffic growth around the globe. We focus in enhancing the levels of safety and security and solve the numerous contingencies that we face from time to time through a high level of coordination and professionalism of our stakeholders.

I take this opportunity to congratulate and thank our MID States for their tremendous efforts and great collaboration with ICAO to promote the aviation industry and for their outstanding achievements in Civil Aviation. Thank you for your continuous efforts to contribute positively to aviation safety, security and sustainability and the tremendous safety achievements that the aviation industry have accomplished because of your commitment.





## Global Aviation Investment Summit, Dubai, UAE, 27-29 January 2019

In his keynote address to the Global Aviation Investment Summit in Dubai, the President of the ICAO Council, Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu, reminded the many dignitaries and participants in attendance that “aviation is essential to States as they seek to access regional and global markets, and these connections in turn enhance consumer benefits and choices, create jobs, and significantly stimulate tourism and trade.”

Last year, some 4.3 billion passengers and 58 million tones of freight were carried by global commercial operators, on 38 million flights. President Aliu underscored that “with this massive volume of operations, and noting air transport’s important access and connectivity benefits, it is not difficult to appreciate why our sector is responsible today for providing meaningful employment and sustainable careers to over 65 million men and women worldwide, while contributing more than 2.7 trillion dollars to global GDP.”

Dr. Aliu made a very strong recommendation that primary focus should be placed by all concerned on investments earmarked toward educating and training the next generation of aviation professionals **NGAP**.

Dr. Aliu was accompanied during his visits by Mr. Mohamed Khalifa Rahma, ICAO’s Middle East Regional Director and by Captain Aysha Mohammed Al Hamili, Representative of the UAE on the ICAO Council.

At a special ceremony with H.E. Saif Mohammed Al-Suwaidi (Left), Director General of the General Civil Aviation Authority of the United Arab Emirates, ICAO Council President Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu signed an agreement establishing a framework for collaboration in support of the HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Global Aviation Award. As part of the agreement, formalized on the sidelines of the Global Investment in Aviation Summit & Exhibition in Dubai, ICAO will provide information to the GCAA to facilitate the Award, established by the latter to encourage States, organizations and individuals to support the UN aviation agency’s Strategic Objectives, and to promote its No Country Left Behind (NCLB) initiative.



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## World Economic Forum, Davos, Switzerland , 31 January 2019



ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu brought important civil aviation security, innovation, and sustainability perspectives to the 2019 World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, where she contributed to a wide range of high-level panel discussions.

Reflecting on her overall experience, Dr. Liu remarked that this year’s WEF in Davos “clearly highlighted for me that ICAO is on the right track in terms of being more proactive in identifying and engaging with the many private sector innovators currently at work on shaping aviation’s future.”

She also participated as a Co-Chair of the Stewardship Board reviewing the new WEF Mobility System Initiative, and as a Member of the WEF Global Council which concentrated its efforts this year on Drones and Tomorrow's Airspace.

While in Davos, Dr. Liu met with a wide range of dignitaries and business leaders including Mr. Jürgen Stock, Secretary General of INTERPOL; Mr. Houlin Zhao, Secretary

General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU); Dr. Amani Abou-Zeid, the Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy of the African Union Commission (AUC) as well as Mr. Guillaume Faury, President of Airbus Commercial Aircraft and Mr. Marc Allen, President of Boeing International.

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## Highlighting Middle Eastern Women in Aviation Role: Inspiration through Success Women's Day—8th March



Women in the Middle East have realized amazing achievements and many successes that we are really proud of, and have inspired many young women in their countries to realize their dreams.

The following women have proven track record to empower women into successfully pursuing their profession of interest. They are also a catalyst to sustainably develop the aviation industry.

**Iran's** Farzaneh Sharafbafi, holds a PhD in aerospace engineering. She is currently CEO of IranAir; meaning that she's also one of the pioneering women to hold a central position, especially in aviation.

**Kuwait's** Munirah Buruki started at the young age of 19. In 2014, she started working for Kuwait Airways, marking her as the first Kuwaiti pilot.

**Lebanon's** first female pilot, Rola Hoteit, has been flying commercially for 22 years now. For the past 21 years, she was also Middle East Airlines only female pilot.

**Libya's** first female pilot, Kulthum Bousefy, works for Afriqiyah Airways. Her ability to reach such a position is considered both a national and personal success.

**Oman's** first female senior first-officer is Maha Al Baluchi working for Oman Air. She started her career by flying Boeing 737s. She then moved to co-piloting Airbus A330.

**Qatar's** commitment to promoting women's role in aviation was highlighted In March 2019, Qatar Airways flight from Brussels to Doha had an all female air crew, which was composed of 15 members.

**Saudi Arabia's** first female pilot is also the first to hold both private and commercial pilot licenses. Handai Al Hindi a pride to Saudi women was one of the pioneering women in the field.

**Sudan's** first female pilot is Hajja Osman Balla. She obtained her license in September 2015. Making women in Sudan really proud of her unique achievement.

**Yemen's** Rosa Abdulkhaleq is now seen as a symbol of women success in her country. She is currently the first and only Yemeni female pilot.

### Egypt's Hasnaa Taymour : Childhood Dreams Vs. Adult Barriers

As a child, Hasnaa Taymour was fascinated with the aircraft modules her father, who used to work in the air force, used to bring her. During her sophomore year of pharmacy school, she saw an ad for pilot training and recruitment. "You think they will notice?" "I mean, the ad doesn't specify a gender" Taymour said to her father. With his support, she applied. "I was so stunned when I discovered that I have indeed been selected, that was when my long- life dream was actualized" Taymour added. People around Taymour were mostly skeptical about such a big company recruiting a female. "I am happy to see a shift in the society. Some parents have approached me and told me their daughters aspire to be pilots as well" she added. I would always recommend the youth, and especially the girls not to let barriers get in their way. Often times, we are the ones holding ourselves back from achieving what we desire. All challenges you face will only sculpt and enhance your professional endeavors.





## Bahraini Women Soaring High to Senior Positions



Kingdom of Bahrain has been one of the leading countries when it comes to women filling senior positions. In 2004, Bahrain announced its first female air control officer.

Bahraini women also took up duties that were previously confined to men. Bahrain now has three female aviation safety inspectors.

Bahrain emphasizes on the importance of comprehensive renaissance witnessed by the



civil aviation sector in recognition of the importance of participation of women in decision making position. Most recently, Women have been serving as Director of Air Transport.

## United Arab Emirates' Continuous Efforts Towards Creating A Sustainable



The UAE's interest in developing the aviation industry is represented by General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA). It kick-started initiatives such as International Women's in Aviation. It targets both females interested in aviation and aviation employees with a different experiences in the field. The Women in Aviation Council is another initiative that the GCAA is establishing to review and suggest amendments in the policies and

regulations to provide a suitable environment for women. Aysha AlHameli is a great example of what hard work, and national support can achieve.

The Emirati Captain is the UAE's first female to hold the title. Over the years, she has been the UAE's Representative to the Council of ICAO for almost a decade. Her multitude of experience is not limited to technically demanding positions. She has also advocated for geographical and gender representation in ICAO. She was one of the founders and contributors to the ICAO flagship "No Country Left Behind" initiative.

## Iraq Celebrates Women in Aviation on Women's Day



In cooperation between ICAO and Iraq Civil Aviation Authority, Iraq CAA made a solemn celebration to highlight the significance of women's role in Civil Aviation in Iraq.

His Excellency Mr. Ali Ibrahim, the Director General of Iraq CAA stated that the event is not only to celebrate women in Aviation but also to shine, encourage and support women into kick-starting their careers in aviation.

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## Jordan's Ibtisam Abu El-Samid Success and Empowerment of Younger Girls



Ibtisam Abu El-Samid has been working in aviation since 1987. She supports women in aviation field and encourage new girls working at Jordan Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission to contribute in the development of aviation field and motivate them to prove themselves. Within her current position as a Commissioner, she has an access to the support they need to succeed, and she established and facilitated the process to build up their capacity and inspire them to seek any opportunity to build brighter, more prosperous Aviation future in Jordan.

## Syria's National Coordinator with ICAO: Biography



Marina Ammar started her career as an engineer in maintenance of security equipment, security detectors, and security surveillance system (CCTV) at the Damascus international airport. After taking the course "Managing Compliance with International Rules and Recommendations" issued by ICAO, she started working in the Directorate of civil aviation security, marking her as the first woman to reach the position.

She's also the Director of Civil Aviation Security in the Syrian Arabic Republic, making her the only woman in the Middle East region, to fill such a central post.



## AIM SG/5

Cairo, Egypt, 23-24 January 2019



The Fifth meeting of the MIDANPIRG AIM Sub-Group (AIM SG/5) and Workshop on Annex 15 (16th Edition) and PANS AIM were held at ICAO Middle East Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, 22 - 24 January 2019.

The meeting was attended by a total of thirty-four (34) participants from eight (8) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Kuwait, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Yemen) and four (4) International Organizations/ Industries (IFAIMA, Jeppesen, NG Aviation and Thales).

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## Fifth Meeting of the Common Aeronautical VPN Operations Group Hong Kong, China, 23 - 25 January 2019



The Fifth Meeting of the Common aeronautical Virtual Private Network Operations Group of APANPIRG, jointly hosted by the Civil Aviation Department of Hong Kong, China (CAD) and PCCW Global was held at the Headquarters of CAD, Hong Kong, China from 23 to 25 January 2019. The meeting was attended by 70 participants from 19 States/Administrations from the ICAO APAC and MID Regions.

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## AVSEC Certification System Workshop & CASP-MID Workshop

Riyadh, KSA, 11-14 February 2019

Guidance was provided to Training and Certification Director, GACA/ Saudi Arabia, on how to improve the AVSEC Certification System in line with the National Aviation Security Training Programme (NCASTP).

On the other hand, the MID-SECFAL Plan and Roadmap were reviewed and discussed in detail with CASP-MID Member States to start on developing their own implementation roadmap. The States would draft their according to their own implementation roadmaps according to their priorities and capabilities. CASP-MID Member States to share them with ICAO MID Office by May 2019.

## MID SST/5

Cairo, Egypt, 19-21 February 2019



The Fifth meeting of the MID Safety Support Team (MID-SST/5) was held at the ICAO Middle East Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, from 19 to 21 February 2019.

The meeting was attended by 8 MID states (Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Libya, Oman, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Yemen)

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## Surveillance/MICA Workshop

Cairo, Egypt, 26-28 February 2019



The Surveillance/Mode S Interrogator Code Allocation (MICA) was held at the ICAO Middle East Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, from 26 to 28 February 2019.

The meeting was attended by twenty-five (25) participants from 5 MID states (Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Qatar and Sudan) and 2 organizations (IFATCA and Euro Control).

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## CNS Mission Kuwait, Kuwait 10 – 13 March 2019



The ICAO MID Office conducted a mission to Kuwait from 10 to 13 March 2019. The main objectives of the mission were to address issues related to CNS; preparation for SITA integration in the

MID Region, National Surveillance Plan and GNSS interference as well as providing hands-on training on ICAO frequency finder tool.

## ACCM/1 for Syria Amman, Jordan 10 – 11 March 2019

The First Air Traffic Management (ATM) Contingency Coordination Meeting (ACCM/1)-Syria was kindly hosted by the Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC) - Jordan.

The meeting was attended by thirty-six (36) participants from Cyprus, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, UAE, USA and IATA.

## Aviation Security Implementation Plan (ASIP) Baghdad, Iraq 17-21 March 2019



As part of phase one of the ASIP-Iraq; a National Civil Aviation Security Programme (NCASP) Workshop was conducted in Baghdad, Iraq.

The five days workshop went through the current NCASP and updated its provisions according to the latest amendment of Annex/ 17 Security.

## Fourth meeting of the MID ATS Message Management Center Steering Group (MIDAMC STG/4) Cairo, Egypt, 18-19 March 2019



The Fourth meeting of the MID ATS Message Management Center Steering Group (MIDAMC STG/4) was held at the ICAO Middle East Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, at 18 March 2019. The meeting was attended by 35 participants from nine (9) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Libya, Oman, Saudi Arabia, UAE and USA) and two (2) Organizations (IATA and SITA).

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## ATFM TF/2 and FWC2022 TF/2 Casablanca, Morocco, 19 - 20 March 2019



The Second Meeting of the Air Traffic Flow Management Task Force (ATFM TF/2) and the Second Meeting of the FIFA World Cup 2022 Task Force (FWC2022 TF/2) were gratefully hosted by the Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO).

The meeting was attended by a total of forty-two (42) participants from twelve (12) States (Algeria, Brazil, Egypt, India, Iraq, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, UAE and USA) and six (6) International Organizations (ACAO, CANSO, EUROCONTROL, IATA, IFATCA and ICAO).

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## Ninth meeting of the MIDANPIRG Communication, Navigation and Surveillance Sub-Group (CNS SG/9) Cairo, Egypt, 19-21 March 2019



The Ninth meeting of the MIDANPIRG Communication, Navigation and Surveillance Sub-Group (CNS SG/9) was held at the ICAO MID Regional Office, Cairo, Egypt, 19-21 March 2019. The meeting was attended by 11 states (Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates and United States of America), and 2 organizations (Aerospace Industry Association and IATA), and 48 participants.

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## Safety Management Capacity Building Workshop Cairo, Egypt 24-28 March 2019



The Safety Management Capacity Building Workshop was held at the ICAO MID Regional Office, Cairo, Egypt, 24-28 March 2019. The Workshop was designed to provide State personnel involved in the implementation of safety programmes with the skills required to perform their role effectively.

The workshop attended by 15 participants, from five (5) States (Egypt, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Yemen), and one (1) Organization (WFP).

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## SAVE THE DATE 2019 Events on the horizon

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ICAO Seminar on Green Airports	Lima, Peru	8 – 9 May 2019 (TBC)
Fourth ICAO Air Transport Symposium (IATS/4)	Paradise City, Incheon, Korea	8 – 10 May 2019
Environmental Symposium	Montréal, ICAO HQ	14 – 16 May 2019
ICAO EURNAT Aviation Security Group (ENAVSEC)	Paris, France (TBC)	4 – 6 June 2019
6th Meeting of the air navigation and FLS Directors	Lima, Peru	24 – 26 June 2019
Fifteenth Symposium and Exhibition on the ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP)	Montréal, ICAO HQ	25 – 28 June 2019
ICAO Global Aviation Cooperation Symposium	Thailand	22 – 24 July 2019
56th APAC DGCA Conference	Kathmandu, Nepal	19 – 23 August 2019
ICAO Global Aviation Security Symposium (AVSEC2019)	Montréal, ICAO HQ	18 - 20 September 2019
Innovation Fair	Montréal, ICAO HQ	22 - 23 September 2019
Fifth ICAO World Aviation Forum (IIWAF 2019)	Montréal, ICAO HQ	23 September 2019
<b>40th Session of the Assembly</b>	<b>Montréal, ICAO HQ</b>	<b>24 September - 4 October 2019</b>
Cyber Security & Resilience Seminar	Amman, Jordan	15-17 October 2019
APANPIRG30 – 30th Asia/Pacific Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Group	Bangkok, Thailand	4 – 6 November 2019
RASG-APAC/9 – 9th Regional Aviation Safety Group Meeting – Asia/Pacific Region	Bangkok, Thailand	7 – 8 November 2019
Third UAS DRONE ENABLE Symposium (UAS2019)	Montréal, ICAO HQ	12 – 14 November 2019
Tenth ICAO ATFM Global Symposium (ATFMS/10)	Region (TBD)	Q4
Global Aviation Training and TRAINAIR PLUS Symposium	Region (TBD)	2019

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Course Title	Location	Dates (2019)
Aerodrome Control Initial Training	Amman, Jordan	12 May - 29 August
Air Traffic Services Supervisor	Al Ain, United Arab Emirates	23 - 27 June 25 - 29 August 15 - 19 December
ATC Facility Chief	Al Ain, United Arab Emirates	8 - 12 December
ATM Incident Investigation Techniques	Al Ain, United Arab Emirates	26 - 30 May 18 - 22 August 17 - 21 November 8 - 12 December

## FLIGHT SAFETY & SAFETY MANAGEMENT

Course Title	Location	Dates (2019)
ECCAIRS - European Co-ordination Centre for Accident and Incident Reporting Systems (ECCAIRS) End User Course	Cairo, Egypt	14 - 18 July
Flight Permission Officer	Amman, Jordan	16 - 20 June
Radio Telephony Communication for Airside Safety Operators	Doha, Qatar	19 - 23 May 8 - 12 September
Safety Management for Practitioners (SMxP)	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	25 - 29 August 3 to 7 November
	Doha, Qatar	10 - 14 November

\*All course schedules are updated as of 10 April 2019. Please note that all course dates are subject to change. Visit the desired course web page regularly to view the latest course delivery schedule.

## TRAINING COMPETENCY DEVELOPMENT

Course Title	Location	Dates (2019)
On-the-Job Training Instructor	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	15 - 19 September 15 - 19 December
Training Developers Course (TDC)	Amman, Jordan	19 - 30 May 13 - 24 October
	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	7 - 18 July 17 - 28 November
Training Instructors Course (TIC) Part 2	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	21 - 25 April 8 - 12 September 8 - 12 December
	Amman, Jordan	7 - 11 July
	Cairo, Egypt	7 - 11 July
Training Managers Course (TMC)	Amman, Jordan	17 - 20 June

## SECURITY AND FACILITATION

Course Title	Location	Dates (2019)
Cross Cultural Awareness skills for Immigration officers	Doha, Qatar	13 - 18 October 17 - 21 November

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