



#### ICAO MID NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our latest newsletter, the second this year. As the industry plans to support a near doubling of passenger numbers by 2036, demand for pilots, engineers, air traffic controllers and other aviation related jobs is expected to rise dramatically. At the same time, increasing automation, the introduction of new technologies and innovations in the aviation (e.g. unmanned aircraft systems - UAS) require new knowledge and skills. In order to support growing aviation needs and ensure the safe, secure and efficient operation of the air transportation system, qualified and competent aviation professionals, as well as a diverse and gender equal aviation workforce, are required. What action should be taken to facilitate this shift?

Looking back over the last six months at the ICAO MID Office, I am proud of all that we have achieved working together. More than twenty (20) technical missions have been conducted to assist our MID States to achieve our ambition of "No Country Left Behind" and Nineteen (19) regional meetings have been organized to seek solutions for current and regional challenges.

In April MID Region witnessed two global events hosted in the MID Region; Global Aviation Summit, in Riyadh - Saudi Arabia and ICAO Blockchain Aviation Summit. in Abu Dhabi - UAE.



For the first time, the MIDANPIRG/17 & RASG-MID/7 meetings were organized concurrently, from 15 to 18 April 2019. A side coordination meeting with Yemeni delegation took place during the MIDANPIRG/17 & RASG-MID/7 meetings to

develop a NCLB Plan for Yemen, including a Capacity-building project for Yemen. Since the beginning of the year, great progress has been achieved including, inter-alia:

- The Regional Effective implementation score increased from 70.5% to 75.14%;
- overall ASBU implementation increased from 54% to 58%;
- Percentage of Aerodrome Certification increased from 54% to 67%;
- Revised RASG-MID Organizational Structure was endorsed to achieve better efficiency; and
- Successful SITA Type X integration has been completed in the MID Region;

Looking ahead to November, the fifth meeting of the Directors Generals Civil Aviation in the MID Region (DGCA-MID/5) will be held in Kuwait, I look forward to meeting up with all DGCAs. The work we need to do to achieve our strategic objectives would not be possible without the fantastic support from our member states and from our partners and industry. Thank you for all that you do to help us achieve our goals.

# DGCA-MID/5

Fifth Meeting of the Directors General of Civil Aviation-Middle East Region













## MIDANPIRG/17 & RASG-MID/7 Cairo, Egypt, 15-18 April 2019



The ICAO MID Office hosted the Seventeenth Meeting of the Middle East Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (MIDANPIRG 17) and the Seventh Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group-Middle East (RASG-MID 7) which were organized concurrently, from 15 to 18 April 2019, for the first time in Cairo, Egypt.

The meeting was honored by the presence of his Excellency Mr. Ali Khalil Ibrahim, the Director General of the Iraqi Civil Aviation Authority, and was attended by a total number of 98 participants from 14 States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, UAE, UK, USA and Yemen) and nine International and Regional Organizations (ACAO, Airbus, Canso, EUROCONTROL, IATA, IFAIMA, IFALPA, IFATCA and MIDRMA).

Throughout the meeting, participants were introduced to 52 working papers, seven information papers and 16 presentations that highlighted important topics and presented the outcomes of the different MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID subsidiary bodies.

Addressing participants, Mr. Mohamed Khalifa Rahma, ICAO's Middle East Office Regional Director, expressed his sincere gratitude to all MID States for their support to the

MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID activities and for hosting the majority of the previous meetings.

In his speech, he also expressed ICAO MID Office gratitude to the States who provided the resources to support the meeting: the Civil Aviation Authority of Qatar, the General Authority of Civil Aviation of Saudi Arabia and the General Civil Aviation Authority of UAE that assisted the ICAO MID Office in hosting the

the General Civil Aviation Authority of UAE that assisted the ICAO MID Office in hosting the important event, Mr. Rahma also thanked the exhibitors of the event: EMPIC and United ATS.







Cairo, Egypt, 15-18 April 2019



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Welcoming the fact that civil aviation continues to deliver important direct and indirect benefits to Middle Eastern States in terms of local and regional economic growth, ICAO Council President Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu, while delivering opening remarks to the Global Ministerial Aviation Summit that held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, expressed the collective gratitude of the senior officials present to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting the timely Middle east aviation event under His patronage, and highlighted how aviation in Saudi Arabia now supports over 500,000 direct and indirect jobs, while contributing \$34 billion or almost 4.6% in national GDP.

Dr. Aliu added that "ICAO's Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP), which was approved by the ICAO Council in 2017, has been very influential to these improvements in terms of Regional threats and global solutions."

Accompanied by several Representatives on the ICAO Council, the Director of ICAO's Air Transport Bureau, Mr. Boubacar Djibo and by the ICAO Regional Director for the Middle East Office in Cairo, Mr. Mohamed Rahma, the President held a series of bilateral meetings with senior government officials, including with the Honorable Minister of Transport His Excellency, Dr. Nabeel M Al-Amudi.



## ICAO-UAE Blockchain Summit Dubai , UAE, 3-4 April 2019



Joining a high-level audience of government and air transport officials for the inaugural of the ICAO-UAE Blockchain Summit and Exhibition in Dubai, ICAO Council President Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu noted in his opening remarks that "with traffic growing at its exponential rate, one of the new challenges and risks is the growing number of logistical, administrative and oversight activities which will result from projected traffic growth, Blockchain technologies could be of tremendous benefit to reduce the pressure on current human resources, while at the same time sustaining increasing demand and quality levels." The organization of the ICAO-UAE Blockchain Summit, which was concluded on 3-4 April 2019, responded to the expectations of the ICAO Council and Air Navigation Commission, which have shown growing interest in blockchain potential.

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#### **ICAO 75th Anniversary** Cairo, Egypt 17 April 2019



In celebration of ICAO 75th Anniversary, and for the first time a football game was played as a side event during MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID meeting.

The RASG Team was in advance by one goal, in the second half the MIDANPIRG team scored and managed to win the game with a total score of 4 to 1. The event that was

attended by ICAO MID Office Regional director, Mr. Mohamed Rahma together with his Excellency Mr. Ali Khalil Ibrahim, the Director General of the Iragi Civil Aviation Authority. The game was a unique opportunity to bring all teams and States together

in a happy and positive MORE INFO. gathering.





ICAO 2019

#### **ICAO 75th Anniversary** Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates 2-4 April 2019



During the ICAO Blockchain Aviation Summit and Exhibition, ICAO's 75th anniversary was celebrated with colorful projections. The summit displayed a large 'ICAO 75' sign at the entrance during the daylight.

At night, Inspiring Celebration of ICAO 75 with joyous and colorful breathtaking

display were highlighted in the Emirati sky and important landmarks celebrating the important anniversary. Projection reading "ICAO 75" appeared along a blue lit Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Center and on the famous

burg Al Arab building.













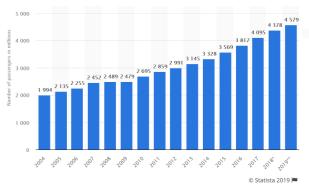
## **Celebrating 75 Years on the Birth of ICAO- The Chicago Conference (1944)**



75 years of connecting the world and uniting the aviation industry. Since the signing the Chicago Convention, the landmark agreement of aviation in 1944 by 54 nations, ICAO was established to promote cooperation and "to create and preserve friendship and understanding among the nations and peoples of the world."

Seventy-five years later, the International Civil Aviation network carries over four billion passengers annually. The global Air Transport sector supports 65.5 million jobs and \$2.7 trillion in global economic activity, with over 10 million women and men working within the industry to make sure 120,000 flights and 12 million passengers a day are guided safely through their journeys. The wider supply chain, flow-on impacts and jobs in tourism made possible by air transport show that at least 65.5 million jobs and 3.6% of global economic activity are supported by the aviation industry. According to research by the Air Transport Action Group (ATAG).

Number of scheduled passengers boarded by the global airline industry from 2004 to 2019 (in millions)

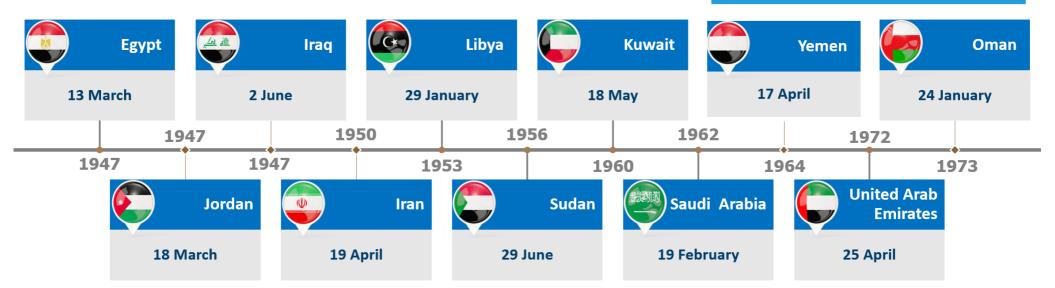


From January to June 2019 we have celebrated 11 MID States (Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Libya, Sudan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, UAE and Oman) for signing the Chicago Convention, as per timeline below. We thank our MID States for their tremendous efforts and great collaboration with ICAO to promote 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. In the second half from July to December we will celebrate **Qatar, Lebanon, Bahrain and Syria.** 

## UNITING AVIATION

BRINGING AIR TRANSPORT PARTNERS TOGETHER











# Sixth ICAO Africa (AFI) Aviation Week Kampala, Uganda, 14-17 May 2019



Opening the Sixth ICAO Africa (AFI) Aviation Week in Kampala, ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu stressed how ongoing aviation safety, security, and capacity improvements all across Africa are maximizing air transport's role as a catalyst for socio-economic development in the region.

Drawing attention to the cooperative planning and capacity-building which ICAO and African States have been pursuing together for many years now, Dr. Liu underscored that "aviation's benefits are first and foremost dependent on a State's effective ICAO compliance." She also explained that while Africa still has work ahead to bring all of its States up to the current global and regional targets established for aviation safety security and facilitation, the continent today "is the world's fastest improving Region in terms of the Effective Implementation of ICAO Safety SARPs, largely as a result of the AFI Plan and your related activities."

In the security and facilitation domain, Dr. Liu noted that effective and proactive regional planning and cooperation among States, industry, regional and international partners, and ICAO's Regional Offices has delivered tremendous improvement. The significant progress recorded in security and facilitation areas is attributed to the AFI SECFAL Plan established in 2015.

In closing, the Secretary General stressed ICAO's full commitment to continue supporting all African states, including toward the development of partnerships with a variety of governmental and non-governmental aviation stakeholders to help ensure that the current positive political momentum is "appropriately supported by financial resources."

During the course of her visit, the Secretary General held meetings with the Prime Minister of Uganda, the Right Honourable Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda, as well as the Ministers of Transport, Tourism and Security of Uganda. In her discussions with the Prime Minister, the Secretary General highlighted the importance of aviation as a catalyst for national economic development. In this regard, she expressed appreciation of the significant efforts by the Government to prioritize aviation in its development agenda.

She also stressed the need for the Government to provide adequate resources to ensure compliance with international safety and security standards, and the















#### CORSIA Regional Seminar Cairo, Egypt, 7-8 April 2019



ICAO Regional Workshop on the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) was held in Cairo, Egypt, 7-8 April 2019. Following the initial stage of CORSIA capacity building which has been focusing on the development of Emissions Monitoring Plans, and on the establishment of national regulatory frameworks, the objective of the two days regional workshops in 2019 was to provide further information on the upcoming CORSIA implementation requirements. With a special focus on the monitoring of CO2 emissions, including the approval of Emissions Monitoring Plans by States, and the reporting and verification of CO2 emissions from international aviation to support States in the complying with the related provisions of the CORSIA SARPs by early 2020.

The meeting was attended by a total of Forty-seven (47) participants from seven (7) States (Canada, Egypt, France, Oman, Qatar, Spain and Sudan) and three (3) Organizations (AACO, ACAO and IATA).



#### Risk Management Workshop Amman, Jordan, 10 April 2019



The Risk Management Workshop was conducted in Amman Jordan on the 10th of April with participation of 20 aviation experts from five MID States (Iraq, Jordan, Oman, Qatar and Saudi Arabia). The workshop provided knowledge on

The workshop provided knowledge on the Risk Management Framework, Threat Assessment and Risk Assessment Methodology.









#### RAFIT/1 Cairo, Egypt, 16-18 April 2019



The First meeting of the Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Implementation Team (RAFIT/1) was held at the ICAO MID Regional Office, Cairo, Egypt.

The meeting was attended by a total of twenty(20) participants from six (6) States (Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar and Saudi Arabia) and three (3) Organizations (CANSO, IATA and WFP).

#### **State Safety Programme (SSP) workshops** Cairo and Amman, 10-20 June 2019



ICAO Middle East Regional Office (MID) successfully conducted two State Safety Programme workshops within the region, first one conducted in Amman during the period of 10-14 June 2019 attended by 25 participants from Jordan CAA and Service providers. Second one organized in Cairo during the period of 16-20 June 2019 attended by 27 participants from Egyptian CAA.













#### ICAO MID and IATA AME collaboration meeting Jordan, Amman, 28 May 2019



Mr. Mohamed Rahma MID regional director visited the IATA AME office in the light of the collaboration between the two offices. Mr. Rahma highlighted the importance of the industry collaboration particularly to ensure safe air transport in a challenging region and giving the excepted doubling of growth. He Also explained how the No Country Left Behind (NCLB) initiative supports underprivileged countries and IATA committed to supporting this ICAO initiative.

# MID Office Upcoming Meetings and Events





GLOBAL AVIATION TRAINING TRAINAIR PLUS



## **UNITING AVIATION**



Training Instructors
Course (TIC)

Cairo, Egypt, 1-5 December 2019

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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 (IWAF 2019)	Montréal, ICAO HQ	23 September 2019
40th Session of the Assembly	Montréal, ICAO HQ	24 September - 4 October 2019
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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\* All event dates are subject to change

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## GLOBAL AVIATION TRAINING TRAINAIR PLUS



AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES		
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 Al Ain, U 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	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	25 - 29 August
Practitioners (SMxP)		3 to 7 November
	Doha, Qatar	10 -14 November

<sup>\*</sup>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.



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)	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	21 - 25 April
	Emirates	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 Cross Cultural Awareness skills for Immigration officers Doha, Qatar 13 - 18 October 17 - 21 November

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