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#COVID19

Message from ICAO MID Regional Director



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The global aviation was hit hard by the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, even heavier than other sectors as its main purpose is the transport of people and cargo all across the globe for travel, tourism, business and trade.

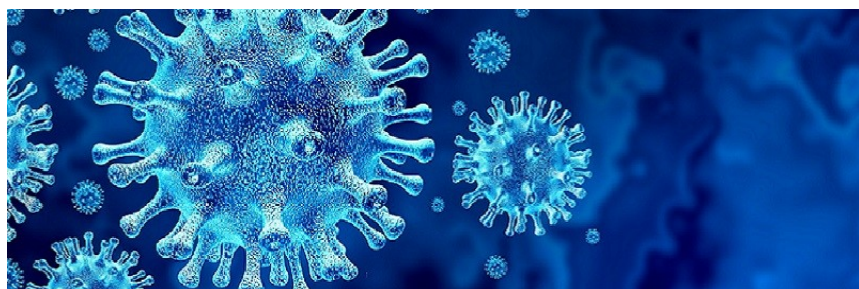
The drastic reduction in air travel demand and supply amplified by stringent travel restrictions have a catastrophic effect on global aviation industry, including the severe economic and operational pressure on all stakeholders in the sector. The mounting uncertainties interrelated to the evolving situation and its aftermath, as well as the disruption in other sectors that are dependent on reliable air transport system intensified the crisis. MID Region is no exception to this especially where aviation represents a substantial share of the national GDP of or States.

Following the crisis, we have established communication and open dialogue with our member States with the objectives to reduce the risks of the spread of COVID-19 by air transport and to protect the health of air travellers and aviation personnel, while at the same time maintaining air transport operations and ensuring an orderly return to normal operations in due course. We have also established a dialogue with the International and Regional Organization in order to harmonize the efforts towards the planning for the recovery phase.

Despite our decision to activate the ICAO's business continuity plan as of Tuesday, 17 March 2020 for ICAO HQ and all Regional Offices, where all ICAO Staff is required to telecommute and work remotely, yet ICAO MID Office remains open for business and work is done from different locations using different technologies. Therefore, communication with MID States is maintained and even amplified through emails, telephones, website, etc.; and assistance is being provided, as deemed necessary. At this stage, we might have different mandates, yet we all have one target ahead of us, which is to reboot the sector and bring it to the normal operational level in fastest way possible while maintaining the safety and security. The recovery of the industry requires harmonized and coordinated efforts from all of us.

ICAO always provides a global platform for the industry where all stakeholders join forces to prove the resilience of our industry.

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The COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant and unprecedented challenges to the civil aviation industry and posed high risks to the travelling public. ICAO MID have worked in close cooperation with MIS States and International Organizations in the development of the ICAO MID COVID-19 Website to coordinate and share information and guidelines, list the NOTAMs issued by MID States and measures taken with the objective of ensuring appropriate planning and actions are done at all levels in order to mitigate the effects of the pandemic and confirm all involved stakeholders contribute in limiting its spread by air transport.



ICAO Council President- Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano Statement on COVID-19, Canada, Montréal, 25 March 2020



Greetings from the Head Quarters of ICAO, the specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for safety standards and policies in support of safe secure and sustainable international air transport, on behalf of the sovereign body the ICAO council which I have the privilege to lead as a president, I urge each one of the member States, international organizations and financial institution to consider the critical importance of the civil aviation to the

recovery of the world wide economy after the COVID-19 global Pandemic.

In this period of uncertainty for our sector and for humanity, I recall the remarks of the Secretary General of the United Nations Mr. António Guterres, “we are facing a global of crisis unlike any in the 75 years’ history of the United Nations. After Tackling the emergency, we must focus on the social impact and on the economical response to and recovery” he said.

The global response must consider the critical role of the international transport to the world wide economy. Maintain the financial and the functional operability of the global aviation system is a matter of urgency, if we are to establish above and towards a recovery from the economic harsh caused by COVID-19.

The Council of ICAO is calling on member States and financial institutions to examine the best means of supporting the sector stakeholders, Airline, Airports, Air Navigation service providers, manufacturers without prejudice to fair competition and by ensuring transparency. Only by implementing on urgent basis efficient public policies and strategies in the aviation sector will recover the world wide economy after the pandemic be more easily achieved.

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ICAO launches COVID-19 contingency coordination tool and new measures to ensure safe operations

ICAO issued a new State letter drawing the attention of national governments to new measures aimed at ensuring safe operations during COVID-19, and to a contingency coordination website it will establish through 31 March 2021. The State letter was issued by ICAO Secretary General, Dr. Fang Liu, and comes as more and more aviation service providers and personnel globally are facing challenges in terms of maintaining the validity of their certifications, licenses, and other types of official operating approvals.

Many of the related challenges are resulting directly from the social distancing guidelines, current business closures, and other public health measures being taken to mitigate the spread and societal impact of COVID-19.

“There are approximately 650,000 licensed personnel supporting commercial air transport worldwide. If a fraction of those personnel is affected by the pandemic measures, the potential for the disruption may be significant,” Dr. Liu noted.

“In order to facilitate safe operations during these difficult times, I encourage States to be flexible in their approaches while at the same time adhering to their obligations under the Convention on International Civil Aviation.”

All ICAO Member States were urged in the letter to indicate whether they would be recognizing or accepting the validity of certificates and licenses now being affected by the public health measures being implemented in other States.

The letter also drew States’ attention to the specific articles to the Convention on International Civil Aviation relating to certificates and licenses, and urged them to record and inform ICAO of any differences.

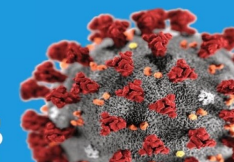
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ICAO Contingency Coordination Website

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As part of its ongoing efforts in the global response to COVID-19, ICAO has taken action to assist the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), managed by the World Food Programme (WFP), as it continues to try to deliver reliable and effective passenger and light cargo transport during the COVID-19 pandemic in support of wide-ranging humanitarian goals.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres recently drew attention to the fact that the COVID-19 virus “does not care about nationality or ethnicity, faction or faith. It attacks all, relentlessly.” He underscored that as armed conflicts still rage around the world, “the most vulnerable women and children, people with disabilities, the marginalized and the displaced pay the highest price.”

“UNHAS operations are critical to many citizens and societies no matter the global situation, and in many instances they are the only option for getting supplies to the world's most remote and challenging locations,” noted ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu. “As we work together to respond to a global pandemic they become even more important, however, and therefore throughout the COVID-19 pandemic we’re calling on governments to be cognizant and proactive in as-suring and supporting these vital air services.”

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ICAO assisting with humanitarian flight operations during COVID-19 Canada, Montréal, 25 March 2020



Photo WFP/Deborah Nguyen



8th March 2020

**Women Representatives to ICAO and SG's
best wishes to all Women in Aviation for a
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"I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights"

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ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Dr. Liu promotes aviation gender equality initiatives International Women's Day, Canada, Montréal, 8 March 2020

ICAO, in cooperation with ACI, IATA, and other international organizations, hosted a special joint event in celebration of International Women's Day (IWD) which this year falls on the 8th of March under the theme of "I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights."

"Throughout my professional career, and especially in my current role as ICAO Secretary General, I have strongly advocated for the equal participation of both women and men in international aviation operations and decision-making," Dr. Liu highlighted. "But it is now more important than ever to advocate for gender equality, given the opportunities which are presenting themselves due to growth, attrition, and other factors. This is particularly the case in highly-specialized industries like aviation, where women continue to be under-represented."

The President of the Council, Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano also emphasized that "gender equality in our sector is crucial to filling the gap of aviation professionals in the near future."

In 2016, national governments at ICAO's 39th Assembly adopted a Resolution supporting the establishment of ICAO's Gender Equality Programme. This was realized the following year, and in 2018 the agency convened the first ever Global Aviation Gender Summit. Dr. Liu noted that a second such summit is currently being organized by ICAO for this November, in collaboration with Spain.

On behalf of all of the current female representatives sitting on the ICAO Council, Representative Elyazzy of Egypt also delivered a strong statement on gender equality during the ICAO Governing Body's 219th Session.

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**IATA's Africa and Middle East Regional Meeting
Amman, Jordan 17 February 2020**



Mr. Mohamed Khalifa, Regional Director ICAO Middle East Office receives special recognition from Mr. Muhammad Ali ALBAKRI Regional Vice President IATA Africa and the Middle East, as part of the valuable insights from ICAO and IATA through out the IATA's Africa and Middle East Regional Meeting that was conducted in Amman, Jordan, on 17 February 2020.

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**Third Meeting of the MIDANPIRG Air Traffic Flow Management Task Force
(ATFM TF/3)**

**Third Meeting of the MIDANPIRG FIFA World Cup 2022 Task Force (FWC2022 TF/3)
Amman, Jordan, 12 – 14 January 2020**



The Third meeting of the Air Traffic Flow Management Task Force (ATFM TF/3) and the Third meeting of the FIFA World Cup 2022 Task Force (FWC2022 TF/3) were kindly hosted by the Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC) – Jordan, in Amman, from 12 to 14 January 2020.

The Meetings were opened by Captain Haitham Misto, Chief Commissioner/CEO, Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC) – Jordan. Both Meetings were attended by a total of forty-eight (48) participants from eight (8) States (Bahrain, Egypt, India, Iraq, Jordan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and UAE) and five (5) International Organizations (ACAO, CANSO, EUROCONTROL, IATA, and MIDRMA).

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Sixteenth Meeting of the Middle East Regional Monitoring Agency Board (MIDRMA Board/16) Amman, Jordan, 14 – 16 January 2020



The Sixteenth meeting of the Middle East Regional Monitoring Agency Board (MIDRMA Board/16) was kindly hosted by the Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC) Jordan, in Amman, from 14 to 16 January 2020 back-to-back with the ATFM TF/3 and FIFA World Cup 2022 TF/3 meetings (Amman, Jordan, 12 – 14 January 2020).

The Meeting was opened by Captain Haitham Misto, Chief Commissioner/CEO, Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC) – Jordan. The meeting was attended by a total of thirty-two (32) participants from seven (7) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and UAE) and three (3) Organizations (ACAO, IATA and MIDRMA).

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Fourth Meeting of the MIDANPIRG PBN Sub-Group (PBN SG/4) Cairo, Egypt, 19 – 21 January 2020



The Fourth meeting of the MIDANPIRG PBN Sub-Group (PBN SG/4) was held at the Meeting Room of the ICAO Middle East Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, 19 - 21 January 2020.

The meeting was attended by a total of twenty four (24) participants from six (6) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Sudan) and two (2) International Organizations (IATA and Jeppesen).

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Sixth Meeting of the MIDANPIRG AIM Sub-Group (AIM SG/6) Cairo, Egypt, 21 - 23 January 2020



The Sixth meeting of the MIDANPIRG AIM Sub-Group (AIM SG/6) was held at the Meeting Room of the ICAO Middle East Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, 21 - 23 January 2020.

The meeting was attended by a total of forty-one (41) participants from ten (10) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and United Arab Emirates) and three (3) International Organizations/Industries

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Regional Extended Diversion Time Operations (EDTO) Workshop Cairo, Egypt, 26-30 January 2020

The Regional Extended Diversion Time Operations (EDTO) Workshop was held at the ICAO Middle East Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, 26-30 January 2020.

The meeting was attended by a total of thirteen (13) Participants from four (4) States (Egypt, Libya, Saudi Arabia and Yemen).



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Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) Workshop (Cairo, Egypt, 10 – 12 February 2020)



The Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) Workshop was held at the ICAO Middle East Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, 10-12 February 2020.

The meeting was attended by a total of thirty-nine (39) Participants from eight (8) States (Bahrain, D. R. of Congo, Egypt, Jordan, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Yemen)

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No Country Left Behind (NCLB) Coordination Meeting – Yemen Cairo, Egypt, 12 – 13 February 2020

ICAO No Country Left Behind (NCLB) Coordination Meeting with Yemen was held at ICAO Middle East Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, 12 - 13 February 2020.

The meeting was attended by a total of sixteen (16) participants from Saudi Arabia and Yemen.



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ICAO TDC Course– United ATS Cairo, Egypt, 16 – 27 February 2020

MID ICT and Marketing RC attended the ICAO Training Developers Course (TDC) that was conducted in United ATS, Cairo, Egypt from 16 to 27 February 2020.

The course was attended by 14 participants from Egypt and Sudan.

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Joint ICAO/ACAO GASP 2020-2022 and NASP Workshop Cairo, Egypt, 1 - 2 March 2020



The Joint ICAO/ACAO GASP 2020-2022 and NASP Workshop was held at the ICAO Middle East Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, 1-2 March 2020.

The meeting was attended by a total of twenty-seven (27) Participants from seven (7) States (Egypt, Iraq, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE, USA) and three (3) Organizations (ACAO, CANSO and IFATCA)

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Seventh Meeting of the RASG-MID Steering Committee (RSC/7) Cairo, Egypt, 3-5 March 2020

The Seventh Meeting of the RASG-MID Steering Committee (RSC/7) was held at the ICAO Middle East Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, 3-5 March 2020.

The meeting was attended by a total of twenty-six (26) Participants from seven (7) States (Egypt, Iraq, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE, USA) and five (5) Organizations (ACAO, BOEING, CANSO, IATA and IFATCA)

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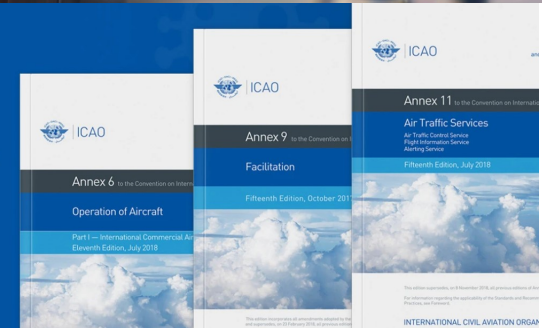
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