



ICAO MID Office Newsletter



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ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu, mission to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, May 2016

ICAO's Secretary General, Dr. Fang Liu, undertook a mission to Saudi Arabia during which she met H.E. Sulaiman Al-Hamdan, Saudi Arabia's Minister of Transport, and addressed Arab Civil Aviation Commission (ACAC) delegates at the organization's 23rd General Assembly. [ACAC 23rd General Assembly Website](#)

Pointing to traffic growth and high levels of safety compliance in some States, ICAO's Secretary General told delegates at the Arab Civil Aviation Commission (ACAC) that the Middle East Region is poised to demonstrate leadership in sustainable aviation, provided a regional approach to safety is developed and enhanced.

"As we now confront the challenges of sectoral growth, globally as well as in the Middle East Region, we need to ask ourselves how cooperation between ICAO and ACAC can drive even further progress on targets and needs for this region" Dr. Liu declared, concluding that if the Region can continue to work toward establishing itself as an aviation leader, those results would also contribute to the greater prosperity and long-term sustainability of Middle Eastern societies in general.

[Opening Remarks by the Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu, At the ACAC 23rd General Assembly / \(Arabic Version\)](#)



			
<p>Global Ministerial Aviation Summit المؤتمر الوزاري العالمي للطيران المدني Under the Theme "SAFETY & SECURITY"</p>	<p>29-31 August 2016 The Ritz-Carlton- Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</p>		

القمة الثالثة للسلامة لمنطقة الشرق الأوسط
والاجتماع رفيع المستوى للمدراء العاميين للطيران المدني
Third MID Region Safety Summit
High-Level Briefing to the DGCA and CEOs
Doha, Qatar, 24-26 May 2016



Fifth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group Middle East (RASG-MID/5)

Third MID Region Safety Summit and High-Level Briefing to the DGCA and CEOs

The State of Qatar gratefully hosted the Fifth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group- Middle East (RASG-MID/5) and the third MID Region Safety Summit and High-Level Briefing to the DGCA and CEOs from 22 to 26 May 2016 in Doha.

The RASG-MID/5 was attended by a total of fifty nine (59) participants from eleven (11) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, UAE and United States) and eight (8) International Organizations/Industries (ACAC, ACI, Airbus, CANSO, COSCAP, IATA, IFATCA and MID RMA). The meeting addressed the Global Aviation Safety Developments as well as the RASG-MID Safety Enhancement Initiatives and Detailed Implementation Plans to mitigate risks related to the Regional Focus Areas and Emerging Risks. The meeting endorsed the fourth MID Annual Safety Report and the Revised MID Region Safety Strategy and agreed on the focus areas and emerging risks in the MID Region.

The Summit was attended by a total of ninety six (96) participants from thirteen (13) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, S. Arabia, Sudan, UAE and United States) and eight (8) International Organizations/Industries (ACI, ACAC, Airbus, CANSO, COSCAP, IATA, IFATCA and MIDRMA). The Summit raised awareness on the Global Aviation Safety Developments including the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP), Regional Safety Priorities and Targets outlined in the MID Region Safety Strategy, RASG-MID activities and deliverables, as well as Air Navigation issues related to safety.

The High-Level Briefing/Meeting was attended by a total of seventy two (72) participants from fourteen (14) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, S. Arabia, Sudan, UAE and United States) and eight (8) International Organizations/Industries (ACI, ACAC, Airbus, CANSO, COSCAP, IATA, IFATCA and MIDRMA).

The High-Level Briefing to the DGCA and CEOs was opened by H.E. Mr. Jassim Seif Al Sulaiti, Minister of Transport and Communication of Qatar and Mr. Mohamed Rahma, ICAO MID Regional Director. a briefing was provided on the progress made in attaining the aviation safety targets outlined in the Safety Strategy and Doha Declaration. The meeting was updated on the status of each MID State including the USOAP CMA results, as well as meeting the regional safety and air navigation targets. The meeting was apprised as well of the ICAO NCLB Initiative and the means to achieve its objectives.

[Safety Summit and High-Level Briefing Presentations](#)

[RASG-MID5 Report, Working Papers and Presentations](#)



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Council Strategy Meeting, 15-16 June 2016 Québec City Canada

ICAO Middle East Office Regional Director participated in the Council Off-site Strategy Meeting for 2016, which took place on Wednesday and Thursday, 15 and 16 June 2016 at the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac Hotel in Québec City. The Council meeting was attended by ICAO President Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu and ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu along with ICAO Directors of Bureaux, Regional Directors and Council Representatives.

[ICAO Council Website](#)

[ICAO Secretariat Website](#)



Joint ACAC/ICAO Conference on Development of HR and Capacity Building Training, 1-3 June Tunisia

73 participants representing States (Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia), the Aviation Training Organizations, ACAC, ICAO, AACO, EASA, FAA and IFALPA, attended the Conference on the Development of Human Resources and Capacity Building Training in Civil Aviation, organized by ACAC. The programme of the Conference included sessions related to Training Policy at the global level (ICAO Training Policy, TRAINAIR Plus and NGAP), Human Resources and Capacity Building; Experience from Aviation Training Organizations (EASA, JAA TO, etc) as well as the ACAC Training Programme; and the establishment of an Arab Civil Aviation Training Association (ACATO). A Draft Statute for the Association, prepared by a Working Group established for that purpose, was presented to the Conference. The final version of the Statute is to be endorsed by the First General Assembly of the ACATO to be held in Morocco within 6 months.



ICAO TRIP Seminar

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran gratefully hosted ICAO TRIP Seminar from 9-11 May 2016, in Kish island.

The seminar addressed ICAO Traveler Identification Programme (ICAO TRIP) Strategy which was approved by the Council and endorsed by the ICAO Assembly in October 2013. The Strategy, responding to the global driving forces and needs of Member States, provides a framework for achieving the maximum benefits of travel documents in the future. Seminar addressed as well MRTD standards and best practices, document security, identification management and related border security issues.

TRIP Presentations



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CNS SG/7 31 May – 2 Jun, Cairo

The Seventh meeting of the MIDANPIRG CNS SG/7 was successfully held at the ICAO Middle East (MID) Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt from 31 May to 2 June 2016. The meeting was attended by a total of thirty nine (39) participants, from nine (9) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates) and one (1) Organization (IATA). [CNS SG/7 WPs Report](#)

The meeting reviewed the achievement in the ground-ground communication and the MIDAMC STG/3 support for the implementation of the AMHS in the region and the change of addressing scheme. The meeting proposed appropriate actions on the outcomes of the MID IP Network and Joint ACAC/ICAO GNSS Workshops and addressed issues related to aeronautical fixed services network, implementation of ADS-B, B0-FICE, B0-ACAS, aeronautical frequency spectrum and the frequency finder software implementation in the MID Region and developed AFS contingency measures.

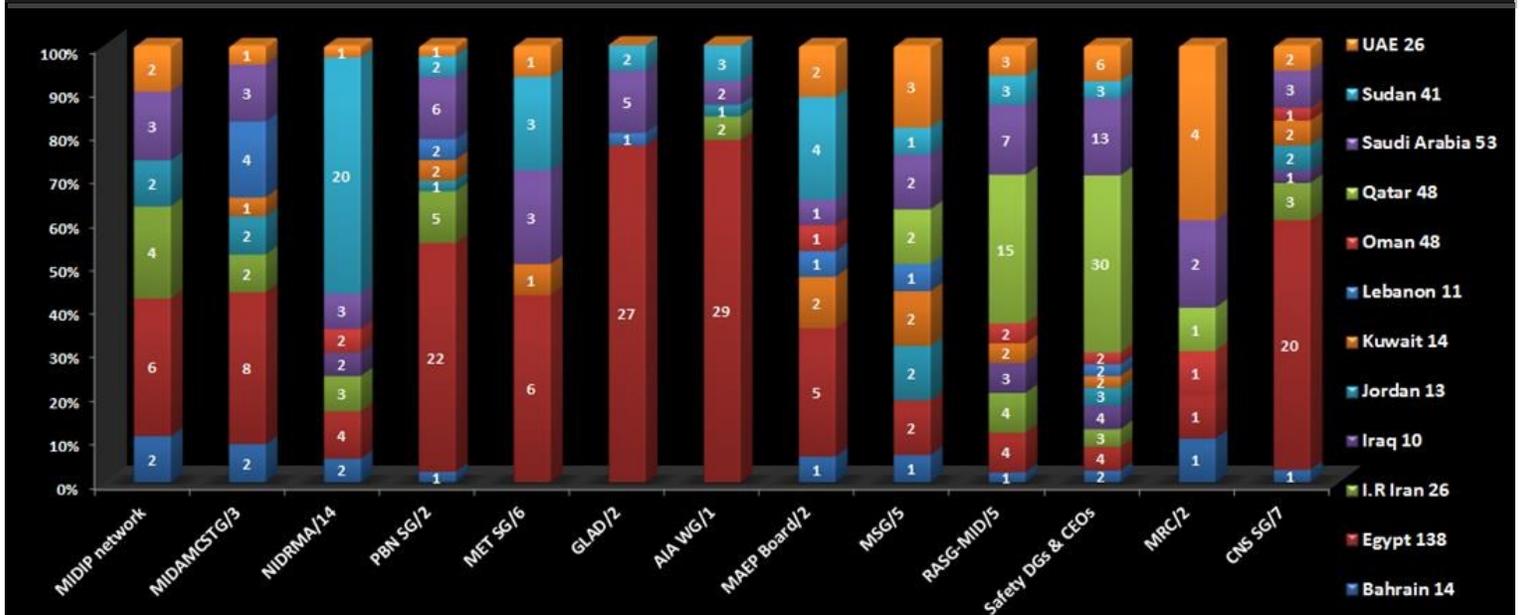


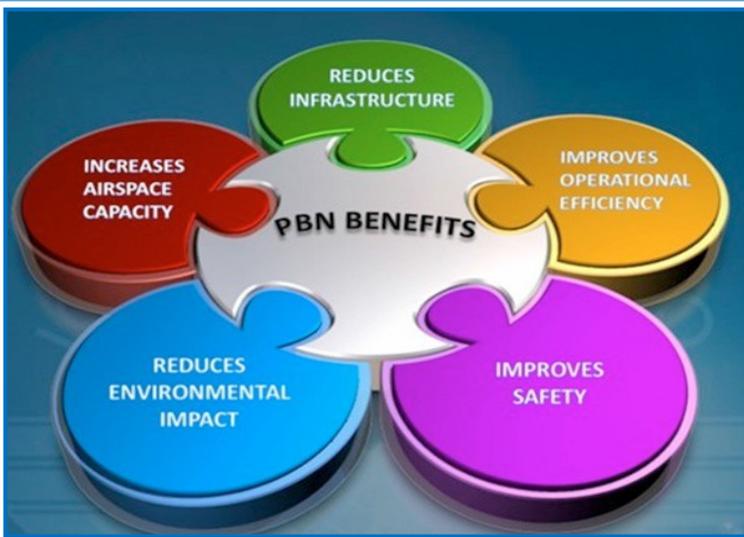
Joint External Evaluation Mission of Qatar

The ICAO MID Regional Office was represented to support the World Health Organization (WHO) in assessment of the implementation by Hamad International Airport (HIA), of the International Health Regulations (IHR) public health capacities. Mr. Adel Ramlawi, Regional Officer/Aerodromes and CAPSCA Regional Coordinator participated to the Joint External Evaluation multi-sectorial mission, from 28 May to 2 June 2016, organized by the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO) and within the framework of the ICAO Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA) programme.



MID Office Infographics– Participants per Meeting Per State

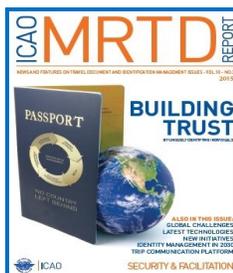
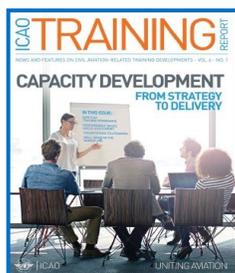
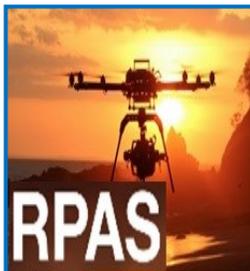
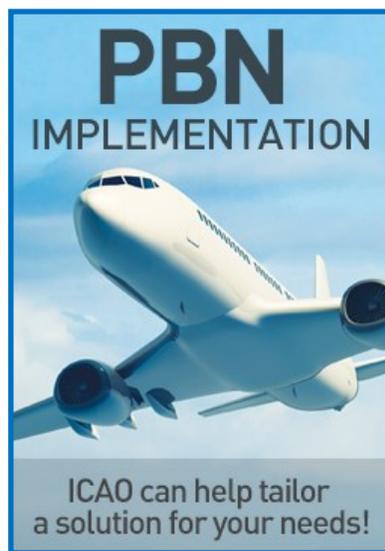




Lebanon to host the ICAO MID Region Flight Procedure Programme (MID FPP)

On 26 June 2016, Lebanon was selected as the hosting State from the ICAO MID Region Flight Procedure Programme (MID FPP), which is planned to be launched in January 2017. The Programme main objective is to assist States to develop sustainable capability in the instrument flight procedure (IFP) design, Performance Based Navigation (PBN) airspace design and PBN OPS approval, including regulatory oversight, so as to meet their global and regional commitments and comply with ICAO provisions related to flight procedure design and PBN.

ICAO PBN Website



Sudan Conference

A two days Conference on the restructuring of the Sudanese Airspace was held in Cairo on 29 and 30 May 2016. The Conference was attended by representatives from Sudan, Egypt, Chad, Saudi Arabia, France, ASECNA, CANSO, IATA and ICAO. The Conference main objective was to present the draft scenarios for the redesign of the Sudan Airspace and initiate the coordination with all stakeholders. ICAO indicated their full support to the challenging project and that the ICAO MID Regional Office will work closely with the Sudan Civil Aviation Authority and its support team in the next few months to foster the coordination with Sudan's adjacent States in order to leverage this ambitious win-win project.



MID Coordination Meetings

- ◆ An Inter-Regional Coordination Meeting between Iran, Iraq, Turkey, EUROCONTROL, IATA (airlines) and ICAO was successfully held on 5 May 2016 in Istanbul, Turkey. The main objective of the meeting was to agree on the measures to enhance the traffic flows between Europe and the Middle East Region, taking into consideration users requirements.
- ◆ A Special Coordination Meeting was held between Iran, Iraq, IATA and ICAO in Istanbul, Turkey on 6 May. The meeting agreed to the re-alignment of the ATS Routes within Baghdad Flight Information Region (FIR) to avoid the conflict zones and the implementation of two new routes, in addition to other bilateral arrangements that would ensure the efficiency of traffic flow between Iran and Iraq.
- ◆ A Coordination Meeting between AACO, CANSO, IATA and ICAO was held at IATA Amman, Jordan from 16 to 18 May 2016, in order to discuss means to address the challenges delaying the implementation of some agreed ATS routes and 10 NM reduced longitudinal separation in MID Region.



USOAP Continuous Monitoring Approach

ICVM-Lebanon 9-13 May Beirut

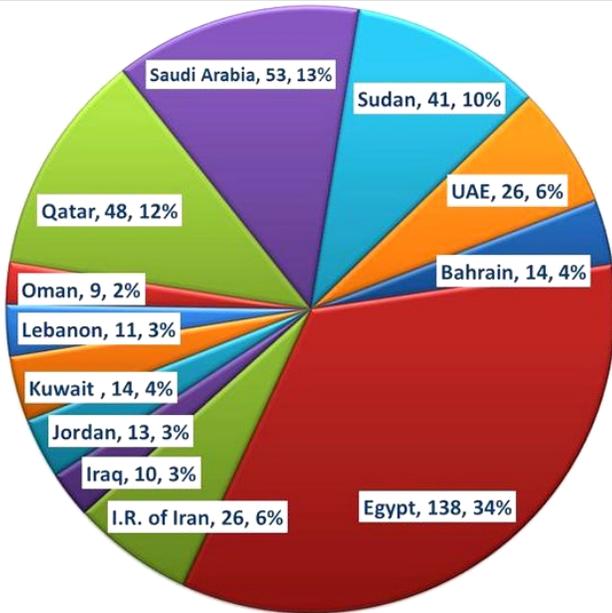
An ICAO Coordinated Validation Mission (ICVM) was conducted in Beirut, Lebanon, 9-13 May 2016, to verify actions taken by the State to resolve the Significant Safety Concern (SSC) related to the Air Operator Certification. Accordingly, based on the results of the ICVM and the outcome of the SSC Committee at ICAO-HQ, the SSC has been removed. Currently, there is no SSC in the MID Region.



FMG Coordination Meeting, 6-10 June Toulouse

The Coordination Meeting of the ICAO EANPG Frequency Management Group (FMG) was held from 8 to 10 June 2016 in Toulouse, France, hosted by the Direction de la technique et de l'innovation of the Direction des services de la navigation aérienne (DSNA) and Direction générale de l'Aviation civile (DGAC) of France. The meeting discussed the VDL sub-band reallocation and the agreed to the draft VDL allotment plan. The meeting also agreed on use of the second VDL Mode 4 channel 136.775 MHz for VDL Mode 2 in the EUR. Concerning the results of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Radio communication Conference (2015) (WRC-15), it was noted that in general the conference results conformed to the ICAO Position. With regards to Inter-regional coordination ICAO has started rolling out, for use by Regional Office, a special version of Frequency Finder. Initially, Frequency Finder is foreseen to be used by the ICAO EUR/NAT and MID Regional Offices. Use by the ICAO APAC, the ESAF and WACAF Regional Offices is expected to commence later this year, followed by the CAR and SAM Regional Offices .

MID Meetings Participants per State Jan-June 2016



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ICAO APAC/MID SWIM Workshop

ICAO APAC/MID SWIM Workshop was held in Bangkok, Thailand from 16-18 May 2016. 126 Participants from 22 States (5 MID States), Organizations and Industry attended the workshop.

The workshop was very useful in sharing SWIM principle, concept, status of implementation, practical implementation exercises and focusing on the Regional and National planning towards SWIM. [SWIM Presentations](#)



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