

### ICAO MID Office Newsletter

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#### ICAO Assembly elects new Council for three-year term, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and UAE gets re-elected.

The 39th Session of the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization completed the election of its new Council. The 36-member Council is the governing body of the Organization and is elected for a three-year term.

The election process was divided into three parts, with the following States elected:

#### PART I - States of chief importance in Air Transport

Australia\*, Brazil\*, Canada\*, China\*, France\*, Germany\*, Italy\*, Japan\*, Russian Federation\*, United Kingdom\*, and the United States\*.

PART II - States which make the largest contribution to the provision of facilities for international civil air navigation Argentina\*, Colombia, Egypt\*, India\*, Ireland, Mexico\*, Nigeria\*, Saudi Arabia\*, Singapore\*, South Africa\*, Spain\* and Sweden.

#### PART III - States ensuring geographic representation

Algeria, Cabo Verde, Congo, Cuba, Ecuador, Kenya\*, Malaysia\*, Panama, Republic of Korea\*, Turkey, **United Arab Emirates**\*, United Republic of Tanzania\*, and Uruguay.

\*Indicates re-election.

Congratulation to Egypt, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates for being re-elected.















#### ICAO Assembly achieves historic consensus on sustainable future for global civil aviation



ICAO's Member States concluded the UN aviation agency's landmark 39th Assembly today, delivering an historic agreement on a new global market-based measure (GMBM) to offset CO2 emissions from international flights and a comprehensive roadmap for the sustainable future of international aviation.

"Aviation can now claim its 'Paris moment'," declared ICAO Council President Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu, "Air transport is not only the world's first major industry sector to adopt a global approach to international emissions reduction, but very importantly States representing more than 83% of international flight operations have volunteered to participate in the GMBM from its earliest stages in 2021."

"The GMBM will serve as an important new tool to complement the wide-ranging emissions reduction progress already being achieved under aviation's basket of measures," noted ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu in her Assembly closing remarks, "namely through technological innovation, modernized procedures, and the ever-expanding use of sustainable alternative fuels." Significant and far-reaching 39th Assembly progress was achieved across all of ICAO's five Strategic Objectives for Aviation Safety, Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency, Aviation Security and Facilitation, the Economic Development of Air Transport, and Environmental Protection.

ICAO Member States delivered very clear endorsements for the targets and approaches being pursued globally under ICAO's comprehensive strategic plans, and supported the need for it to provide similar leadership at the global level in the form of two new Global Plans now to be developed for Aviation Security and Air Transport Economic Development.

They also showed their clear appreciation and support for ICAO's recent reprioritization on assistance and capacity-building under

its No Country Left Behind strategy, aided by more intensive global partnerships and resource mobilization.

Other decisions of note included agreement to amend the Chicago Convention to increase the number of States on ICAO's Governing Council and its supporting Air Navigation Commission.

"The Council President and I have been very encouraged to see such a high level of interest from Member States and industry in the work of ICAO, recognizing and supporting our leading role in global aviation," Dr. Liu concluded. "This Assembly has benefitted from the participation of more than 2,200 delegates from 185 Members States, non-Member States and 56 observer delegations – the highest number we have ever hosted – and we have achieved 30% more work than at any previous event of this kind."

ICAO Assemblies are conducted once every three years, The agency's 40th set to take place during its 75th Anniversary in 2019.

ICAO 39th Assembly





### ICAO 2016 ENVIRONMENT REPORT

DISCOVER THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED
OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS BY
ICAO AND ITS ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS

 $Multiple \ agreements \ realized \ for \ new \ aviation \ partnerships \ as \ ICAO \ concludes \ highly \ successful \ 2016 \ World$ 

**Aviation Forum** 

The second ICAO World Aviation Forum concluded on numerous positive notes at the UN aviation agency's Montréal Headquarters, bringing together over 800 senior government, air transport industry, UN, finance, development, and other leaders and forging progress on new aviation partnerships for sustainable development.

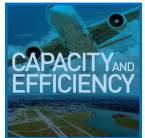


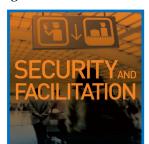
The high-level participants reaffirmed the critical importance of safe, secure and efficient air transport operations to the sustainable socio-economic development of cities, States, and regions, while exploring new means of creating momentum for greater cooperation to optimize these benefits.

"As we embark on this year's Forum, we must remind ourselves of the enormous transformational power of aviation to improve the lives of people everywhere," highlighted ICAO Council President Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu in his keynote address. "Air transport connects States to regional and global markets, which in turn enhances travel, tourism and trade. It is the most efficient, and at times the only viable means to deliver humanitarian aid during crises, and for landlocked and small-island developing States especially, it represents a veritable lifeline, a critical aerial bridge to the rest of the world."

"Over these last two Forums we have established a solid global consensus on what needs to be done," she stressed, "but for future iterations I believe ICAO should explore evolving the IWAF model to a high-level dialogue on a more business oriented basis. ICAO would have a key role in helping States in the development of business cases, the evaluation of associated returns on investment, and on how project objectives align with global and regional planning targets." highlighted ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu In her closing remarks.











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**AVIATION PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** 













### Sudan and South Sudan forge agreement on roadmap to safer and more efficient air navigation services

Sudan and South Sudan signed a high-level agreement which will assist South Sudan in taking greater responsibility for the air navigation services obligations over its territory.

The new arrangement, agreed at ICAO Headquarters in Montréal during the UN agency's 39th Assembly, was signed by Sudan's Director General of Civil Aviation, Mr. Ahmed Satti Abdelrahman Bajouri, and South Sudan's Acting Civil Aviation Chief Executive Officer in presence of South Sudan's Minister for Transport the Honourable John Luk Jok.

The agreement, facilitated by the ICAO Eastern and Southern African and the Middle East Regional Offices and officials from the Organization's Air Navigation Bureau, allows both States to address critical communications and surveillance requirements, and covers the installation of new air navigation infrastructure in South Sudan.

"This agreement helps to highlight how air transport cooperation continues to bring nations and peoples together to their common benefit," commented ICAO Council President Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu. He and ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu were present for the ceremony along with attending Sudanese, South Sudanese and ICAO senior officials.

A preliminary transition plan to be monitored by ICAO was also agreed to establish a new Flight Information Region (FIR) under the operational responsibility of South Sudan. Also to be established is a South Sudan-Sudan Implementation Monitoring Team (SSIMT) that will be composed of representatives from the two States, adjacent States, specialists from ICAO Regional Offices and the International Air Transport Association (IATA).



#### MID States Working Papers presented during ICAO 39th Assembly

During the 39th Assembly 2 working papers based on the outcome of Riyadh GMA were presented by the Council .

#### WP/351

The paper informs the Assembly of the adoption of the Riyadh Declaration on Aviation Security and Facilitation in the Arab Civil Aviation Commission (ACAC) and the ICAO Middle East (MID) Regions, and requests that appropriate action be taken to implement its provisions.

The paper invited to the assembly to note the adoption of the Riyadh Declaration on Aviation Security and Facilitation; urge States in the ACAC and ICAO MID Regions to implement the Declaration as a matter of priority; encourage organizations named in the Declaration and all civil aviation development partners to support its implementation through the contribution of resources; and request that ICAO, in coordination with ACAC, promote implementation of the Declaration during the 2017-2019 triennium, and report to the 40th Session of the ICAO Assembly on progress made in relation thereto.

#### WP/392

The paper presents the recommendations emanating from the Global Ministerial Aviation Summit held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from 29 to 31 August 2016, related to the regional projects in air navigation and safety.

The paper invited The Assembly to direct the Council to take necessary measures towards the establishment of a MID Implementation Plan (MIDIP) to foster cooperation of all stakeholders towards the development and implementation of initiatives and projects aimed at the enhancement of safety, capacity and efficiency of the air transport system in the Region as part of the ICAO No Country Left Behind (NCLB) initiative. The Plan would provide also a framework for the mobilization of resources to support effective implementation of these initiatives and projects. **Assembly Working Papers** 











### **MID States Bilateral Agreements – A39**















# GLOBAL AVIATION TRAINING TRAINAIR PLUS





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### **COURSE SCHEDULE** OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2016



#### 6th IFATSEA Africa Regional Meeting, Hammamet, Tunisia, 15 to 17 September 2016



Mr. Mohamed Smaoui, Deputy Regional Director of the ICAO MID Office represented ICAO at the 6th IFATSEA Africa Regional Meeting organized/hosted by the "Association Tunisienne des Electroniciens de la Navigation Aérienne" (ATENA), which is a member of the International Federation of Air Traffic Safety Electronics Associations (IFATSEA), under the auspices of the "Office de l'Aviation Civile et des Aeroports" (OACA) and the DGCA Tunisia/Ministry of Transport.

The meeting addressed mainly, the following subjects:

- Introduction to the new ATSEP Training Manual
- ATSEP in Safety Management System & its impact on Safe Sky
- ATSEPs training An essential factor to safe sky
- ATSEP responsibilities and training
- ATNS-ATA of South Africa experience
- The Just Culture An enabler to maintaining a safe sky.



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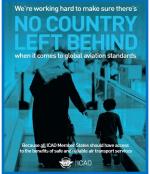
#### Lithium Battery Workshop, Abu Dhabi, UAE from 20-22 September 2016

The Lithium Battery Workshop The Lithium Battery Workshop was hosted by GCAA-UAE in Abu Dhabi, UAE (20-22 Sept 2016), with 60 Participants from 3 States and number of national organizations.

The objectives were to provide updates on the ICAO's SARPs related to the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods, Lithium Battery Risks, ICAO Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods.





















#### Joint ACAC/ICAO EUR/NAT Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) and Aviation System Block Upgrade (ASBU) Symposium 2016 (Algiers, Algeria, 4-6 September 2016)



The GANP and ASBU Symposium organized jointly by ACAC and the ICAO EUR/NAT Office was hosted by Algeria in Algiers from 4 to 6 September 2016. The Symposium was attended by a total of seventy six (76) participants from Six (06) States (Algeria, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Tunisia), six (06) Organizations (ACAC, CANSO, EUROCONTROL, ICAO, IFALPA and IFATCA) and four (04) Airlines (Air Algerie, Tassili Airlines, Royal Air Maroc and Air Express). The Symposium was supported by Mr. Mohamed REJEB from ACAC, Mr. Sven Halle and Mrs. Blandine Ferrier from the ICAO EUR/NAT Office, as well as Mr. Mohamed Smaoui from the ICAO MID Office.

The main objective of the Symposium was to expedite the ASBU Block 0 implementation in the ACAC Region with a focus on the North African States accredited to the ICAO EUR/NAT Office (Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia) by providing necessary assistance and fostering the involvement and collaboration of all concerned stakeholders.

The regional Air Navigation priorities and targets were discussed considering the airspace users' needs, the different regional technology/ infrastructure baselines, interoperability of air navigation systems, major traffic flows and cost-effectiveness. A specific training session on Environmental issues, in particular, State Action Plans for the reduction of CO2 emissions, was also part of the Symposium.

The programme of the Summit, presentations and Summary of Discussion are available at: www.acac.org.ma and www.icao.int/

### CASP MID

THE COOPERATIVE AVIATION SECURITY PROGRAMME







ICAO SECURITY AND FACILITATION

# RASGMID

**MIDANPIRG** 

#### CASP-MID Expert Working Group (EWG) 7 (Egypt, Cairo, 20-21) September 2016)

The Cooperative Aviation Security Programme, Middle East meeting was attended by; KSA, Jordan, Kuwait, Turkey, AVSEC Liaison Officer UK, and AVSEC Attaché TSA MENA and the Objectives were:

- Agree on the needed assistance for member States
- Agree on the focus on OTJ training and Expertise exchange in addition to the traditional courses and workshops
- Providing options for the relocation of CASP-MID Coordinator









#### A GLOBAL MARKET-BASED MEASURE FOR INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW IT CAN ADD TO AVIATION'S POSITIVE RESPONSES TO THE EMISSIONS CHALLENGE















### ATAF 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, Tunis, Tunisia, 22-23 October 2016

Mr. Mohamed Smaoui, Deputy Regional Director of the ICAO MID Office represented ICAO at the 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of ATAF (Association des Transporteurs Aériens Francophones) hosted by Tunisair, under the auspices of the Ministry of Transport-Tunisia. The presentations and discussions covered, mainly, the following:

- Risk management, Safety, security, cargo and aeromedical issues.
- ASECNA air navigation charges policy/strategy.
- Roundtable/discussion panel on training. DRD, Cairo provided a presentation on behalf of GAT and promoted the ICAO
   Training policy and the TRAINAIR Plus Programme.
- Revitalization strategy of the tourism industry in Tunisia.
- Cooperation between ICAO and OIF. DRD, Cairo provided a presentation on behalf of ATB highlighting the history of the
  initiative, its objectives and the future steps (signature of necessary documents, i.e. MOU, Roadmap, etc).

#### United Nations Country Team UNCT Workshop-Luxor, Egypt- 25-27 October 2016



Mr. Mohamed Rahma ICAO MID Office Regional Director attended the UNCT workshop held in Luxor from 25 to 27 October 2016 by UNDP Egypt for all UN organization working in Egypt to prepare the draft Country Analysis that will be presented to the Egyptian government on UN recommendations for national development.

The workshop was attended by: Mr. El-Mostafa Benlamlih UN Resident Coordinator in Egypt, All UN heads of agencies. Mr. Hossam Abudagga Lead Operation officer of World Bank in Egypt, H.E. Mohamed Badr; Governor of Luxor and Gen. Hisham Al Husseiny Manager of Luxor Airport.

Several important discussions were held in the workshop including:

- The draft Country Analysis of Egypt to be presented to the Egyptian Government. Mr. Rahma requested the addition of the Civil Aviation field to the report.
- Mr. Rahma heighted the issue of aviation security in the region and especially in Egypt which hinders the flow of tourism to the country (tourism constitutes 12% of the national GDP).
- He explored the possibilities of financing Aviation projects in Egypt (World Bank & African Development bank representatives were present at the meeting).
- Mr. Rahma met with Gen. Hisham Al Hussein, the manager of Luxor airport to discuss Luxor Airport Certification and coordinating the planned assistance mission to the airport in December 2016.
- Mr. Rahma discussed as well Mr. El Mostafa Benlamlih the UN Resident Coordinator for Egypt, recent activities in the region especially the issue of aviation security and the need to work under the UN umbrella to approach EU and other donner countries to extend their assistance to build capacities in the MID Region.













### ICAO/WCO Cargo Security and Facilitation Workshop Rabat- Morocco 17-20 October 2016

The Workshop provided the participants with the opportunity to share experiences and identify synergies in customs and civil aviation security processes with the aim of further improving the facilitation of air cargo, the workshop attended by : Algeria, Bahrain, Jordan, KSA, Morocco, Palestine, Qatar, Sudan, Tunisia, UAE, ICAO, WCO, IATA, UPU.

The main topics that discussed in the workshop were:

- Structure and organization for involved organizations, association, and union
- Regulations and Best practices
- Importance of Corporation and Information Sharing between concerned entities
- Risk Management



### Runway and Ground Safety Working Group, Cairo, Egypt from 19-22 September 2016

The Third meeting of the Runway and Ground Safety Working Group (RGS WG/3) was held in the Meeting Room of the ICAO Middle East (MID) Regional Office, Cairo, Egypt, 19-22 September 2016.

The RGS WG was established to promote the runway and ground safety in the MID Region in line with the MID Region Safety Strategy and support the RASG-MID Steering Committee (RSC) and Regional Aviation Safety Team (MID-RAST) in the development, implementation, and monitoring of Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) related to the RGS Focus Area (FA). The meeting reviewed the progress made on the agreed SEIs and DIPs in the area of RGS and recommend future actions. In addition, the meeting agreed on a new SEI on Ground Handling Operation and Audit.

#### Runway Safety Go-Team Visit to Amman, Jordan from 5-8 September 2016



A Runway Safety Go-Team Visit was carried out to Queen Alia International Airport, Amman, Jordan from 5 to 8 September 2016, by the following RS Go-Team Members: Mr. Adel Ramlawi, ICAO MID, RO/AGA; Mr. Mohammad Al Dossari, GCAA, UAE; Ms. Angie Mostafa, ECAA, Egypt; Mr. Jehad Faqir, IATA MENA Region; Mr. Mohamed Yousef, GCAA, UAE; and Mr. Ahmed Arafa, ECAA, Egypt.

The main objective of the RS Go-Team visit was to provide necessary assistance to the civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC) of Jordan and the aerodrome operation team in establishment of Runway Safety Team (RST). In addition, CARC requested support in aerodrome certification.













### ECCAIRS Technical and End User Workshop in Doha- Qatar from 18-27 October 2016

MID Office conducted an ECCAIRS Technical and End User Workshop in Doha- Qatar from 18-27 October 2016 for the States of Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

The technical workshop was attended by 12 Participants. The workshop covered the Installation, Setup, Configuration and Management of the ECCAIRS system as well as basic user support tools.





#### **United Nations Day 2016**

Under the Auspices of H. E. Mr. Sameh Shoukry Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt and with the invitation of Mr. El-Mostafa Benlamlih United Nations Resident Coordinator in the Arab Republic of Egypt, Mr. Mohamed Rahma the Regional Director of the ICAO Middle East Office joined the UN reception at the "Egyptian Diplomatic Club".



#### **ICAO 39 Assembly Receptions**

Egypt, Saudi Arabia and UAE invited ICAO 39th assembly participants on Friday 30 September to receptions hosted by their delegations at the council. The receptions were a great opportunity for aviation stakeholders to meet and discuss aviation matters in a welcoming and cheerful environment.



















### MID Office visit to Qatar Aeronautical College & George Town University School of Foreign Service

MID Office ICT/ Marketing Regional Coordinator Mrs. Sonia El Sakka visited Qatar Aeronautical College and met HE Sheikh Jabor bin Hamad Al-Thani the director general of the college and discussed means of mutual cooperation and partnership between ICAO and the QAC.

Another visit was conducted to Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar where we met with the Chief Operations Officer of George Town university and had a tour of the university and discussed means of mutual cooperation.







# Alia Twal, First Officer who flies for Royal Jordanian Airlines

Alia is a trailblazer in her home country of Jordan. From an early age Twal found her true calling: she knew she would learn to fly and become a pilot.

"I was 16 years old when I decided I wanted to be a pilot," said by Alia. "We had a career

day in school and I chose to attend the aviation lecture. I never knew before that women were allowed to become pilots. I learned that there were already four women pilots in Jordan and one is still flying. That's the day I knew I would be nothing other than a pilot."

Twal, who has 3,500 hours on the Airbus 330, said that the women she knows faced challenges in becoming pilots, saying they had to fight for the right to fly. "But those women all have reached where they want to be by determination and a smart attitude. They have the same benefits of men and they are opening the path for other women to follow in their footsteps," she says.

Twal adds, "It's not about being a man or a woman but rather being good at what you do, I believe in a few years people will look at pilots as a profession not as a gender. If the plane can't identify who is flying it as male or female, why would people do it?"















#### **UAE** announces major aviation initiatives at ICAO General Assembly

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has announced three major aviation initiatives during a dinner reception it hosted as part of its participation in the 39th session of the General Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), being held in Montreal, Canada, from 27th September to 7th October, 2016.

The UAE General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) also hosted this event, to celebrate the UAE s heritage and culture on an international level.

Among the projects launched by the GCAA were the organization of the international exhibition on UAV 2018 (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles), which will feature latest industry trends and live demonstrations of innovative products, and the launch of the Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid international award for aviation, to recognize and celebrate the most influential figures and achievements in the industry. The awards ceremony for the six category award will be held every three years, to coincide with the meeting of the ICAO general assembly. The GCAA unveiled details about the international center for aviation consultancy and training, the new commercial arm of the GCAA and a credible, innovative partner which can contribute to the growth and development of the aviation sector across diverse areas, including aviation safety, security, air transport and institutional development.

Addressing the gathering of world civil aviation leaders and distinguished guests, Sultan bin Saeed Al Mansouri, UAE Minister of Economy and Chairman of GCAA, highlighted the importance of in-

novation, sustainability and co-operation to advance the civil aviation industry.





Speaking about the growing role of the UAE in the international civil aviation sector, Al Mansouri said, "We believe in our ability to create more—achievements if we conduct the appropriate—research, receive sound directives and enable talented young minds to avail more opportunities for growth and progress." "As the whole world is today monitoring the progress achieved by the—aviation sector, I would like to thank our partners for their presence, enthusiasm and strong commitment towards the sector," he added.

The event featured a virtual reality show, introducing the latest developments in the UAE civil aviation sector and a live UAV demonstration.

Delegates were also introduced to Emirati heritage, traditional Emirati food and folk dances.

UAE joined ICAO in 1972, nominated a candidate for a seat in the council in 2007, and was later nominated for consecutive terms in 2010 and 2013.



















### **Upcoming MID Events and Meetings**











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### Twelfth Symposium and Exhibition on ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP)

ICAO Headquarters, Montréal 15 - 17 November 2016

### ICAO Fuelling Aviation with Sustainable Alternative Energy Seminar

ICAO Headquarters, Montréal 8 – 9 February 2017

### ICAO African and Indian Ocean (AFI) RPAS Symposium

Abuja, Nigeria 3-4 April 2017

### ICAO Cyber Summit & Exhibition Making Sense of Cyber - Security, Safety and Resilience

United Arab Emirates 5 -6 April 2017

### ICAO/UNOOSA Aerospace Symposium (SPACE 2017)

Vienna, Austria 18 – 21 April 2017

### ICAO/ACI Wildlife Strike Hazard Reduction Symposium (WSHRS)

ICAO Headquarters, Montréal 16 – 18 May 2017

#### Seminar on Environment

Global Market-Based Measure MBM Implementation Issues

ICAO Headquarters, Montréal 23 – 25 May 2017

#### Second Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems Symposium (RPAS-SYMP/2)

ICAO Headquarters, Montréal 12 – 14 September 2017











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ICAO Air Transport Symposium (IATS2017)

Doha, Qatar October 2017 (TBD)

Thirteenth Symposium and Exhibition on ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP)

ICAO Headquarters, Montréal 24 – 26 October 2017

Sustainability and Enhancement of the Air Navigation System Performance

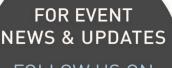
Second Global Air Navigation Industry Symposium (GANIS/2)

ICAO Headquarters, Montréal 20 – 24 November 2017

Safety and Air Navigation Implementation Symposium (SANIS)

ICAO Headquarters, Montréal 20 – 24 November 2017 Seminar on Green Airports

ICAO Headquarters, Montréal 27 November – 01 December 2017



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