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CAPSCA Programme Updates for the MID Region

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The Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA)



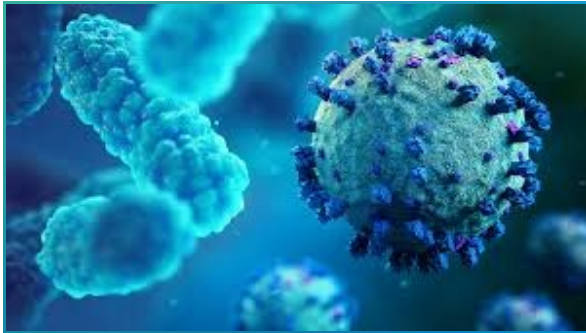
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Recent CAPSCA Meetings, Conferences, and Workshops (2023–2025)



- *10th CAPSCA Europe & Middle East (EUR/MID) Meeting – Feb 2023 (Bahrain)*
- *9th CAPSCA Africa Regional Meeting – Jun 2023 (Mombasa, Kenya)*
- *CAPSCA Africa Virtual Sessions – Aug 2023*
- *CAPSCA EUR Focal Points Workshop – Nov 2023 (Paris, France)*
- *16th CAPSCA Asia-Pacific Meeting – Nov 2023 (Bangkok, Thailand)*
- *8th CAPSCA Americas Meeting – Feb 2024 (Mexico City, Mexico)*
- *CAPSCA EUR/MID Joint Interregional Meetings: Building on the Bahrain meeting, ICAO EURNAT and MID Offices held an 11th joint CAPSCA meeting on 25–26 April 2024 in Cologne, Germany*





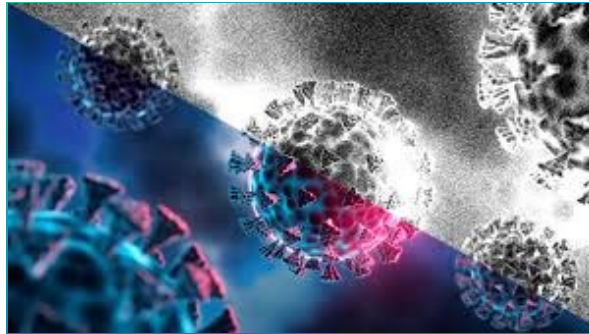
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Pandemic Preparedness and Response Strategy Updates



- *Enhancing pandemic preparedness in civil aviation has been a core focus of CAPSCA's work through 2023–2025. ICAO has outlined a multi-phase pandemic response strategy for aviation, moving from the emergency phase into **resilience-building for the future**.*





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- *A major lesson from COVID-19 is the need for **risk-based, harmonized approaches** rather than ad-hoc travel bans. Accordingly, CAPSCA encourages States to **adopt a data-driven approach** to health measures: perform regular risk assessments using comparable indicators, consult public health authorities, and only impose travel restrictions if clearly warranted by risk levels.*



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- *One concrete strategy has been to formalize Public Health Emergency contingency planning at all levels of aviation. CAPSCA now urges every State to establish a **National Aviation Public Health Emergency Preparedness Plan**, as well as **specific Airport-level Public Health Emergency Plans** for all designated international airports.*



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- ***Multi-sector coordination** is another pillar of the strategy. CAPSCA recognizes that managing a communicable disease threat at an airport is a joint responsibility: primarily the **public health authorities** and **airport operators** at the point of entry must work hand-in-hand*



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- *Technology and innovation* are being leveraged to support pandemic response in aviation as well. CAPSCA forums have explored the use of **digital platforms for health information**, such as systems for verifying passengers' test/vaccination certificates or sharing health declarations electronically. The idea of a globally interoperable digital health certificate was backed by industry partners during CAPSCA meetings



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ICAO Facilitation Conference 2025 : CAPSCA Outcomes



- *A dedicated session on public health preparedness was held during the ICAO Facilitation Conference 2025 (FALC 2025) in Doha. This session (Session 12 of the conference) focused on “**Maintaining Health and Sustaining Safe International Air Transport during Public Health Emergencies of International Concern.**”*



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ICAO Facilitation Conference 2025 : CAPSCA Outcomes



- *FALC 2025 session 12 addressed:*
 - *Progress in CAPSCA implementation globally*
 - *New tools and policy documents under development (e.g., PANS-Health procedures)*
 - *Examples of national public health preparedness plans in civil aviation*
 - *Coordination between civil aviation and health authorities at national and airport levels*
- *The conference concluded with the adoption of the **Doha Declaration**, which formally included commitments aligning with CAPSCA's goals, such as **requiring all States to develop National Aviation Public Health Emergency Preparedness Plans.***



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CASPCA current Updates



- ***CAPSCA Programme Coverage***

- *85% of ICAO Member States now participate in CAPSCA — the highest engagement level to date.*

- ***Public Health Session with CAPSCA Leadership***

- *ICAO and WHO jointly hosted a high-level panel, with updates from ICAO's Chief of Aviation Medicine and national CAPSCA representatives.*

- ***Development of New Guidance: PANS-Health***

- *ICAO is developing “PANS-Health” (Procedures for Air Navigation Services – Health) to standardize global health emergency procedures across aviation operations.*



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CASPCA current Updates



- ***Doha Declaration Commitments***

- *States committed to:*

- *Developing **national aviation pandemic preparedness plans***
- *Strengthening cross-sector collaboration with health authorities*
- *Implementing WHO International Health Regulations (2005) in aviation contexts*



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CASPCA current Updates



- ***Recent and Emerging Threats Cited***

- *Recent outbreaks (e.g., Marburg, mpox, Lassa fever) were referenced to emphasize the continuing importance of CAPSCA beyond COVID-19.*

- ***Implementation Focus Going Forward***

- *ICAO leadership emphasized transitioning from “planning to implementation,” ensuring States execute CAPSCA guidelines and are audit-ready.*



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Upcoming Interregional EURNAT-MID CAPSCA/12 Meeting:

- Looking ahead, the **12th CAPSCA EUR/MID meeting is scheduled for 19 - 20 May 2025 in Cairo, Egypt**, indicating the program's continued momentum into 2025 : [LINK to the Meeting Invitation](#)



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Thank You

