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► Outreach activities

Strengthening cooperation between ECAC and regional organisation ACAO

Paris, 20 March — ECAC President Ingrid Cherfils and Acting Executive Secretary Patricia Reverdy met with Director General of the Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO) Abdennebi Manar on the sidelines of the 2nd ICAO European and North Atlantic (EUR/NAT) meeting of Directors General in Paris. The two parties discussed their ongoing cooperation and enhancing support between the sister regional organisations.



ACAO Director General Abdennebi Manar with ECAC President Ingrid Cherfils

Kuwait, 24 March — Exchanges between ECAC and ACAO continued later in the month when Ms Cherfils and Ms Reverdy visited Kuwait to meet with Chairman of

the General Assembly of ACAO and President of Civil Aviation of Kuwait, Sheikh Salman Sabah Al-Saleh Al-Homoud Al-Sabah, who was accompanied by Abdennebi Manar (pictured right).

The discussions focused on existing and future cooperation between the two regional organisations and events to be jointly organised in the coming years. Ahead of the 40th Session of the ICAO Assembly, the two parties exchanged information on their respective priorities in the areas of safety, security, facilitation, the environment and economic matters, and the forthcoming elections of the ICAO Council and the ICAO Council President.

Cooperation highlighted by ECAC President at ICAO EUR/NAT meeting of Directors General

Paris, 19-20 March — The importance of close cooperation and synergies between



ECAC and the ICAO EUR/NAT Regional Office were among the key messages highlighted by ECAC President Ingrid Cherfils in her address at the second ICAO EUR/NAT meeting of Directors General of Civil Aviation in Paris on 19-20 March. In particular, Ms Cherfils underlined how enhancing complementarity between the two organisations, guided by the principles of good governance, could be the best means to manage the forecast aviation growth and mitigate threats to the sector. The ICAO EUR/NAT Regional Director will participate in the next ECAC Directors General meeting in May. ■

► Coordinating Committee

Focus on ICAO Assembly preparations at Coordinating Committee meeting

Paris, 27 March — On 27 March, members of the Coordinating Committee gathered in Paris for their 184th meeting. With the 40th ICAO Assembly fast approaching (24 September – 4 October 2019), preparations for this major event were a key focus of the day. Based on proposals received from the various European coordination groups, the Coordinating Committee reviewed the European priorities for the Assembly and the related working papers.

The meeting also looked at external relations initiatives, such as the status of ongoing discussions with EASA and ACI EUROPE.

Other issues considered included updates on the ECAC Common Evaluation Process (CEP) of security equipment and the CASE Project, and topics for future ECAC events, among which the ECAC/EU Dialogue with the air transport industry scheduled to be held in 2020.

Coordinating Committee hosts United States delegation in Paris

Paris, 28 March — The following day, the members of the ECAC Coordinating Committee met with a delegation from the United States authorities (pictured below). Led by Hugo Yon, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Affairs, Department of State, the nine-strong US delegation comprised representatives of the Department of Transportation, the



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Federal Aviation Administration and the Transportation Security Administration.

The main objective of this 23rd meeting between European and US counterparts was to continue their regular exchange of views on topics of common interest, including on environmental issues, with discussions on the implementation of CORSIA and the latest developments related to supersonic aircraft.

With the 40th Assembly coming up in the autumn, ICAO-related matters were high on the agenda this year, with both delegations sharing their respective priorities in various domains, such as aviation security and safety, and their views on the ICAO Council elections.

The next formal meeting between the Coordinating Committee and the United States authorities will take place in 2021 in Washington DC. ■

► Environment

EAEG/AIRMOD members gather at Airbus in Toulouse

Toulouse 12-13 March — AIRMOD, ECAC's European Aviation and Environment Working Group sub-group on aircraft noise modelling (*pictured below*), met at Airbus's premises in Toulouse on 12 and 13 March. The meeting focused on the delivery of the 2019 Work Programme, which comprises noise modelling improvement actions agreed in 2018.

As part of developing a methodology for line-of-sight blockage (LOS_B), a comparison of two models (FLULA2 and NORTIM) that already implement LOS_B was presented at the meeting.

The group also examined progress on the ongoing review of ECAC Doc 29 Vol 2, Appendix B on flight performance calculations, and considered a pro-posed methodology for derated take-off modelling, a topic which generated substantial discussion.

The participants also heard a presentation on a proposed methodology for recalculating measured noise levels using flight data.

Issues of significance identified at the meeting included:

- the need to continue to engage on helicopter noise modelling to ensure uniform modelling across the European Union and minimise the cost of data provision for helicopter noise; and
- the need to maintain engagement with the CAEP process for the Doc 9911 and Doc 29 review to ensure alignment in future noise modelling work.



► EMTO

EMTO looks at ECAC working groups' performance and future risk register

Paris, 5 March — The ECAC Medium-Term Objectives Task Force (EMTO) met in Paris at the beginning of March to prepare for the Coordinating Committee meeting on 27 March. The meeting reviewed the performance of ECAC's working groups during the 2016-2018 triennium in all the organisation's domains (safety, security, facilitation, environment, economic and legal matters). Work continued on developing an ECAC risk register that will identify potential risks to the organisation, and mitigation measures to respond to them. EMTO will pursue this task at its next meetings in 2019. ■

ECAC participation in ICAO CORSIA regional seminar in Helsinki

Helsinki, 26-27 March — Thirty-six countries, mainly from Europe, were represented at the second in a series of five ICAO regional workshops on CORSIA to be organised in March and April this year. The event comprised presentations in plenary and exercises in small groups, with the support of facilitators principally from the ECAC/EU CORSIA pool of advisors.

The purpose of the workshop was to share information on CORSIA-related Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs). A particular focus was on the monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) of CO₂ emissions from international aviation so that all involved parties have a full understanding of the MRV requirements and their related responsibilities with a view to their compliance with the provisions of the CORSIA SARPs.

The workshop included feedback from the first phase of the ICAO ACT-CORSIA (Assistance, Capacity building and Training) programme, and States were invited to take part in the second phase, which will be launched in mid-May 2019 just ahead of the ICAO Symposium on Environment on 14-16 May.

Canada, France and Germany, as donor-States under the ACT-CORSIA programme, provided feedback from their capacity-building experience in this framework. This included an update on the follow-up activities undertaken by Germany with the seven ECAC States that participated in the ACT-CORSIA workshop in Istanbul in December 2018, organised by ECAC in cooperation with Germany and the ICAO EUR/NAT Regional Office.

The workshop also touched on the CORSIA Central Registry and the off-setting requirements under CORSIA. ■

► Security

Security experts attend workshop on explosive detection dogs

Paris, 13-14 March — A joint ECAC / CASE Project workshop on explosive detection dogs (EDD) was organised at ECAC's offices, bringing together 58 security experts from Europe and the CASE and EaP/CA Project Partner States. Issues explored at the workshop included European regulatory requirements for EDD, its capabilities and limitations and the quality control process.



ECAC asked the chair of the EDD Study Group and workshop moderator Darren Saunders, Research Scientist and Project Leader at the United Kingdom's Department for Transport, for his feedback on the event.

Why did you consider it a worthwhile initiative to organise a workshop on explosive detection dogs?

Darren Saunders: The workshop aimed to assist States that are looking to develop or improve their EDD capabilities. It also offered an excellent opportunity to publicise the guidance documents the EDD Study Group has published and those which are close to publication. [Note: EDD guidance documents are made available to ECAC Member States only.]

What were the main topics covered by the workshop?

Darren Saunders: Over two days, we discussed issues related to training, certification, quality assurance, ways of deploying EDD and understanding the challenges of developing an EDD programme. These are the key elements all States should consider when developing or implementing an EDD programme at national level.

What did you like most about the workshop?

Darren Saunders: I particularly appreciated the speakers' enthusiasm, the quality of the questions asked and the open and relaxed feel amongst the group.

Some security experts claim that deployment of EDDs is a challenging and complicated process that can only be completed by the most advanced States. Do you agree with this opinion?

Darren Saunders: Indeed, it can be challenging to set up an EDD programme from scratch. I hope the main thing that was evident during the workshop was that a lot of Member States already have a developed EDD programme, and they are more than willing to share their experiences with others. If common best practice standards are adopted by all, developing an EDD programme should be less challenging.

ECAC organises basic aviation security training for experts

Paris, 26-27 March — Five participants from Austria, Germany, Lithuania and Turkey and two security experts currently seconded to the CASE Project from Niger and Ukraine (pictured below right) participated in the second Basic Aviation Security Training course organised by ECAC on 26-27 March.

This two-day activity, which features presentations, discussion and theoretical exercises, is specifically tailored for newly appointed experts involved in policy making. The training looks at how aviation security is organised at the international and European levels, the role of the Appropriate

Authorities, and the security measures that form the backbone of the system.

«The Basic Aviation Security Training provided me with a comprehensive overview of the development and current state of aviation security. The training gives valuable information on not only the security measures, but also the overarching big picture,» said Josef Köberl, Aviation Security Auditor and Quality Manager attending the course from the Austrian Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology.

European coordination on aviation security continues

Brussels, 21 March — Discussions continued within the European Coordination Group on Aviation Security on preparations for the next ICAO Assembly. European priorities will focus on the implementation of the ICAO Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP) and meeting the targets included in the Plan; the mitigation of insider threats and the role of security culture; and the evolution of the ICAO Regional Universal Security Audit Programme Continuous Monitoring Approach (USAP-CMA). The outcomes of the ICAO AVSEC Panel in Montreal on 13-17 May 2019 will be decisive in helping ECAC Member States refine their priorities and finalise working papers. ■

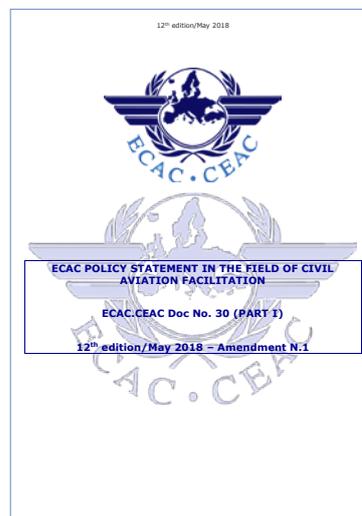


► Facilitation

Facilitation Sub-group on Immigration

Paris, 7 March — Members of ECAC's Facilitation Sub-Group on Immigration held their 47th meeting at ECAC's offices to discuss progress on the tasks in the 2019 Work Programme and ongoing immigration issues. The group examined the draft chapter on Passenger Data Exchange Systems which is to be included in ECAC Doc 30, Part I, discussed the organisation of surveys on immigration-related matters, and reflected on facilitation priorities for the 40th ICAO Assembly.

Member States and observer organisations reported on their recent achievements and priorities. Their input covered the use of biometrics and Automated Border Control (ABC) initiatives, implementation of the EU Passenger Name Record (PNR) Directive, and the potential impact of Brexit on immigration and passenger flow at airports.



Facilitation Working Group

Paris, 21 March — At the 57th Facilitation Working Group meeting in Paris, the members examined the work of the two sub-groups on passengers with reduced mobility (PRMs) and immigration matters. The meeting agreed to conduct a new series of surveys on issues of interest to both sub-groups – in particular on Advance Passenger Information (API) / passenger name record (PNR) issues, biometrics and Automated Border Control (ABC) systems, air carrier liability, and the status of implementation of the ICAO Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families Plan.

The presentation by Teena Patel and Steven Waterman (United Kingdom) on the recent developments in the United Kingdom and its future

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border and immigration system, and the briefing by Nuria Feroso (IATA) on recent updates on API, PNR and Smart Borders led to lively discussions on the benefits and challenges associated with the implementation of Smart Borders.

The meeting also drew attention to the upcoming ICAO 7th Meeting of the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA-EUR/07), which will take place in Helsinki from 10 to 12 April.

Preparations begin for European coordination on facilitation matters for 40th ICAO Assembly

Paris, 22 March — The next day, the first meeting of the European Coordination Group on Facilitation Matters was held at ECAC's offices. This group will lead the European preparations in the facilitation domain for the 40th ICAO Assembly.

The meeting agreed that assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families as well as matters surrounding the collection, sharing and protection of passenger name record (PNR) data were issues that should be prioritised. Other topics examined included human trafficking and immigration matters. ■

► CASE Project

Follow-up on counter-MANPADS activity in Benin

Cotonou, 4-8 March — Having received phase I of the CASE Project activity on the assessment and mitigation of the MANPADS (man-portable air-defence systems) threat in April 2018, the Benin authorities benefited from phase II from 4 to 8 March. As for the first phase, the activity was delivered by a team of French experts led by the French Directorate General of Civil Aviation.

The objective of this follow-up mission was to look at what the national authorities had done to implement the training and techniques provided during the kick-off mission. In particular, it looked at the identification of potential launch sites and assessment of their vulnerabilities based on the specific features of each site.

The activity was opened by the Director General of the Benin National Civil Aviation Agency (ANAC), Karl Legba. Given the cross-domain nature of mitigating the MANPADS threat, 25 participants from ten separate entities took part in the activity. Subject to ANAC's agreement, a third and final mission will be organised to review the national and local mitigation measures designed to reduce the residual risk.

Since the beginning of the CASE Project, five Partner States have received counter-MANPADS activities, accounting for a total of nine on-site missions.

Follow-up activity on cargo security in Kenya

Nairobi, 26-29 March — At the request of the Kenyan Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA), the CASE Project delivered a mentoring activity on cargo security regulations and implementing procedures in Nairobi.

Over four days, five national inspectors from the Civil Aviation Authority, supported for the legal aspects by the Chief Legal Officer, worked with CASE Project aviation security technical specialist Luis Moço. The aim of the activity was to update the national cargo regulations to align them with the EU regulations in the field, and to consolidate the cargo security procedures in force in Kenya in order to foster easy access, uniform interpretation and consistent implementation by all cargo-regulated entities operating in the country.

As a result of the activity, two documents were drafted: an update of the National Secure Freight Programme, which led in turn to a new version of the National Cargo and Mail Security Programme; and an update of the approval process of known consignors. ■

► EaP/CA Project

Best practices training for national auditors in Ukraine

Kiev, 18-22 March — The third Best Practices for National Auditors - Level 1 training course was organised in Ukraine for the benefit of EaP/CA Partner States. Ten security experts from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Ukraine attended the course.

Over five days, participants (*pictured below*) reviewed best practices in auditing techniques and European requirements in key areas of aviation security, including access control, passenger and cabin baggage screening and hold baggage security.

"The BPNA/1 course has allowed me to gain useful knowledge on how to plan and conduct audits and inspections, as well as how to draft meaningful reports and recommendations for rectification measures," said Mirzaian Kashkariev, a national auditor attending the course from the Ministry of Roads and Transport in Kyrgyzstan.

Our sincere thanks go to the State Aviation Administration of Ukraine, which offered the facilities, facilitated the organisation of on-site exercises and provided English-Russian translation to ensure the best learning conditions for participants.



Mentoring activity for experts from Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan

Paris, 11-12 March — In the framework of the EaP/CA Project, ECAC organised a mentoring activity for experts from Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan in Paris on 11-12 March. The aim of the activity was to review the States' aviation security legal frameworks and provide proposals to amend and develop their regulatory requirements, taking into consideration ECAC Doc 30 and ICAO SARPs. The activity also focused on reviewing National Civil Aviation Security Programmes and National Civil Aviation Quality Control Programmes. ■



► News from the ECAC Secretariat

ECAC is delighted to welcome two new staff members:

Mara Keller joined the Secretariat on 18 March as Air Transport Officer. Prior to joining ECAC, Mara worked for six years in economic development at the ICAO Secretariat in Montreal. Before joining ICAO, she worked in governance and programme management at Lufthansa Technik, and previously completed a traineeship at EASA. In the Secretariat, Mara will be supporting ECAC's activities and groups in the fields of economics, facilitation, legal issues and Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems. Mara looks forward to working with ECAC Member States and, after many Canadian winters, to springtime in Paris!



Gaël Weidmann joined the security team on 1 April as Aviation Security Technical Officer. Gaël will be managing the ECAC Common Evaluation Process (CEP) of security equipment as well as other security-related activities, including the Technical Task Force, the Cyber Security Study Group and the Explosive Detection Dogs Study Group. After working in the medical industry, Gaël worked at the French Directorate General of Civil Aviation for seven years as head of the security lab and as international cooperation technical expert for the Security and Defence Department. ■



What's on in April?

- 3 ECAC/EASA meeting, Cologne
- 4 EaP/CA Project Technical Board Meeting, Cologne
- 9 6th meeting of the European Safety and Air Navigation Coordination Group (ESANCG/6), Brussels
- 9-11 Pre-opening survey of Lelystad Airport, Netherlands
- 10 12th meeting of the European Aviation and Environment Working Group (EAEG/12), Brussels
- 10-12 3rd Best Practices on Covert Testing (BPCT/3), Warsaw
- 16-18 CASE Project Regional Workshop on Landside Security, Praia
- 22-26 CASE Project Best Practices for National Auditors - Level 1, Cotonou
- 23-25 EaP/CA Project mentoring activity on national aviation security programmes, Tajikistan
- 24-26 CASE Project Best Practices for National Auditors - Cargo Training, Accra
- 24 41st meeting of the Common Evaluation Process (CEP) Management Group (CEP-MG/41), Paris
- 25 Special meeting on the implementation of the Common Evaluation Process (CEP) of security equipment, Paris
- 26-27 CASE Project certification of national auditors, Cotonou
- 29-30 47th meeting of the Guidance Material Task Force (GMTF/47), Paris



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