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► Directors General

Directors General focus on European preparations for 40th ICAO Assembly at Paris meeting

Paris, 6-7 May — Directors General gathered in Paris for their first meeting of the year, joined by observers EASA, the European Commission, the ICAO EUR/NAT Regional Office and JAA TO. The meeting was honoured to welcome Secretary General of the African Civil Aviation Commission, Tefera Mekonnen, invited to share his organisation's developments in view of the upcoming ICAO Assembly. Addressing delegates, Mr Mekonnen emphasised AFCAC's commitment to strengthening the cooperation and mutual understanding with ECAC and its Member States. He spoke of his appreciation of the ECAC/AFCAC collaboration on the CASE Project, which provides invaluable support to AFCAC's Member States on capacity building programmes in the aviation security field.

With the 40th ICAO Assembly taking place in September and October, a significant share of the meeting's discussions focused on the status of preparation of European papers for the Assembly. Directors General endorsed six papers: five in the safety and ATM domains and one on environment. For the first time, Directors General were joined in their discussions by industry representatives from ASD, ACI EUROPE and IATA, who shared their organisations' priorities for the Assembly.

Annemarie Smith Floch, representative of Ireland and the ABIS Group on the ICAO Council, updated the meeting on recent developments in ICAO, including on the main outcomes of the 216th ICAO Council Session. Armand Petrescu, Director General for Civil Aviation of Romania, the current holder of the EU Presidency, presented an overview of the presidency's accomplishments to date and priorities until the end of its mandate on 30 June. Pekka Henttu, Director General for Civil Aviation, Finland, provided a report on the work of the Wise Persons Group on the future of the Single European Sky, while the European Commission briefed the meeting on the latest activities in the European Commission, focusing in particular on external relations developments.

In the safety and ATM domains, EUROCONTROL and EASA shared their organisations' recent developments. Eamonn Brennan, EUROCONTROL Director General, in particular highlighted EUROCONTROL's re-appointment as Network Manager until 2030 and the recent release of the Airspace Architecture study prepared in collaboration with SESAR, which defines how Europe's airspace architecture should look in the medium- to long-term (2025-2035) and what practical steps would need to be taken to make it a reality. He also spoke of

New appointments:

- Dan Mickethwaite (Director General for Civil Aviation, United Kingdom) elected as third Vice-President of the Coordinating Committee.
- Luis Ribeiro (Director General for Civil Aviation, Portugal) and Johann Friedrich Colmsan (Director General for Civil Aviation, Germany) elected as members of the Coordinating Committee.
- Christine Mucina-Bauer (Austria) appointed as deputy chair of the Economic Working Group.
- Krislen Keri (DGCA Albania) appointed as deputy chair of the Network of Chief Economists.

the strong coordination and engagement with industry in Europe and the joint work programme between EUROCONTROL and EASA. EASA Executive Director Patrick Ky focused his intervention on providing an overview of the measures taken following the Lion Air and Ethiopian Airlines Boeing 737-800 MAX accidents.

Preparations for the August Special meeting of Directors General in Malaga, the 12th ECAC Forum in December on the theme of sustainable environment, and the autumn 2020 ECAC/EU Dialogue with the air transport industry also featured on the agenda. ■



► Outreach activities

ECAC President meets with ICAO Council members

Montreal, 27-29 May — ECAC President Ingrid Cherfils and Acting Executive Secretary Patricia Reverdy had the pleasure to meet with Council members during their recent mission to Montreal. The visit provided an excellent opportunity to discuss the evolution of ECAC as well as the priorities for the 40th ICAO Assembly. Talks were also held with President of the ICAO Council, Dr Olumuyima Benard Aliu, and ICAO Secretary General, Dr Fang Liu, who shared their views and advice. The ECAC President will continue the discussions with ICAO in the months to come, ahead of the Special meeting of Directors General at the end of August.

ECAC joins Directors General from the Arab States at ACAO Extraordinary General Assembly

Rabat, 2-3 May — ECAC President Ingrid Cherfils attended the Extraordinary General Assembly of its sister organisation, the Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO), in Morocco at the beginning of May.

In her keynote address, Ms Cherfils highlighted the impressive progress seen in the air transport sector in the Arab States, though underlining that both regions are, and will be, faced with common challenges.

In this globalised state of play, Ms Cherfils supported ACAO's efforts to intensify cooperation and partnerships in order to promote the establishment of global standards and facilitate their implementation. She emphasised the key role regional organisations could play, driven by the mutual interests of their Member States, in harmonising policies and practices.

Member States of both organisations, as well as their African (AFCAC) and Latin American (LACAC) counterparts, will meet again in September in Montreal at ICAO's 40th Assembly.



Ingrid Cherfils with Chairman of the ACAO General Assembly, Salman Sabah Al-Salem Al-Hamoud Al-Sabah (right) and ACAO Director General Abdulnabi Manar (left), at the ACAO Extraordinary General Assembly, Rabat

Air transport liberalisation focus of 4th ICAO Air Transport Symposium

Incheon, 8-10 May — ECAC contributed to the ICAO Air Transport Symposium and Conference on International Air Transport Cooperation 2019, co-hosted with the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT) of the Republic of Korea.

Opening the event, Kim Hyun-mee, Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, spoke of the tremendous air transport growth in Korea. She was joined in the opening session by ICAO Council President Olumuyima Benard Aliu and Guyana's minister responsible for aviation in the Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Annette Ferguson.

Held every three years, the 2019 edition of the conference focused on air transport liberalisation, assessing the current state of play and exploring the issues of safeguards, cross-border investments, regulatory convergence and the impact of levies.



Gabrielle Hubler, ECAC's Communications Officer, participated in a session examining regional experiences of liberalisation, with contributions from Australia, Canada, Chile and Guyana and perspectives from the International Transport Forum and Air Busan. Ms Hubler presented the European approach to liberalisation since the deregulation of its domestic market in the 1990s. She emphasised the need to reform ownership and control restrictions in order to promote the development of air services agreements on a liberal basis. ■

► Security

European members and observers contribute to the 30th ICAO Aviation Security Panel in Montreal

Montreal, 13-17 May — ECAC Acting Executive Secretary Patricia Reverdy joined members and observers at the 30th ICAO Aviation Security Panel meeting held at ICAO headquarters. The panel was chaired for the first time by Sonia Hifdi from the French *Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile*.

The panel agreed on several amendments to ICAO Annex 17 (including vulnerability assessments, information sharing between States and stakeholders, training programmes and certification systems, access control, background checks, staff screening), which will be presented to the June

Session of the ICAO Council as amendment 17 to Annex 17. The use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems to attack civil aviation facilities was recognised as a growing risk, and the panel called on States to share mitigation approaches and detection solutions.

The panel also reiterated the importance of achieving the global aspirational effective implementation targets defined in the ICAO Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP) consistent with the No Country Left Behind initiative, and of continuing to encourage all Member States to take a

proactive approach to implement GASeP priority actions.



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New Zealand joins ECAC Behaviour Detection Study Group

ECAC is pleased to welcome New Zealand in an observer status to its Behaviour Detection Study Group. Under the Cooperation Agreement signed between ECAC and the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand, both organisations seek to strengthen, promote and develop their cooperation in the field of civil aviation security on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

On joining the group, Chris Ford, Deputy Director Aviation Infrastructure and Personnel at the CAA said, "We appreciate and acknowledge the important guidance and support made available to New Zealand thus far via its involvement to date in the group. The relationship with ECAC in the field of aviation security is one that is immensely valued by New Zealand."

Best practices training for national auditors in Malta

Luqa, 20-24 May — The 47th edition of the Best Practices for National Auditors - Level 1 course, organised in cooperation with the Aviation Security Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs and National Security of Malta, took place in Luqa at the end of May. Experts from Czechia, Germany, Malta and Spain participated in the course. This activity, which features classroom sessions, practical exercises, on-site coaching and debriefing, has been designed to strengthen the auditing skills of appropriate authority representatives and other national auditors tasked with conducting quality control activities in the Member State.

Gino Pavia, Assistant Head of Aviation Security at the Maltese Ministry for Home Affairs and

National Security, said: "As a recent recruit in aviation security, I found this course very helpful, first and foremost in understanding the role and authority of a national auditor in aviation security. The course content covered a wide range of important topics, which in my opinion are crucial for a beginner. It helped me gain a better understanding of the meaning of security measures subjected to compliance monitoring activities and of the need for a standardised approach to compliance monitoring, and allowed me to become more familiar with compliance monitoring techniques, skills and procedures."



Training Task Force experts meet in Bucharest

Bucharest, 9-10 May — Members of the ECAC Training Task Force gathered in Romania for the group's 41st meeting, at the invitation of the Romanian Civil Aviation Authority. The meeting made significant progress on the tasks in its 2019 Work Programme, finalising a number of working papers to be presented to the upcoming meeting of the Security Forum on:

- screener work motivation - key theories and best practices;
- principles and implementation of quality control on training;
- model syllabus for the training of persons implementing security controls (other than screening) for air carrier mail and materials, in-flight supplies and airport supplies; and
- key competencies to be gained during train-the-trainer courses.

Cyber security experts review guidance material

Helsinki, 23-24 May — The ECAC Study Group on Cyber Security in Civil Aviation met in Finland on 23 and 24 May to continue work on updating cyber security guidance material. Particular attention was paid to harmonising the cyber security terms used in the material, some of which have different definitions depending on whether they refer to the IT or the civil aviation sectors.

The meeting drafted some initial recommendations for manufacturers and operators on how to "cyber-secure" security equipment, and discussed how to report cyber events and incidents in order to comply with the numerous different regulatory frameworks.

Portugal hosts ECAC Security Forum in Lisbon

Lisbon, 28-29 May — The 27th meeting of the ECAC Security Forum, held in Portugal, gathered 38 experts from 20 ECAC Member States, the United States and organisations (pictured below).

The importance of threat and risk assessment in relation to the emerging threat posed by Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) was discussed at length. The meeting emphasised the need for cooperation between States and for possible response protocols against a range of potential attack scenarios, as well as the need to test and use technology-oriented solutions and to further develop regulations and standards.

Presenting their work priorities for 2019, participants highlighted: challenges related to implementing new enhanced background checks and vetting, cyber security, security culture, challenges related to RPAS, insider threat, explosive detection dog certification, landside security, in-flight supplies and the deployment of new screening technology.

The results and lessons learnt following the trials and installation of explosive detection systems for cabin baggage technology across Europe and globally were noted, and the meeting discussed the advantages, challenges, policy development and implementation process in relation to the use of this technology.

Participants acknowledged the valuable work being carried out by all the ECAC task forces and security groups, and in particular the Guidance Material Task Force and the Training Task Force, and thanked the members and chairs for their valuable input. ■

Lisbon, participants in Security Forum



► Safety

50th meeting of ECAC's air accident and incident investigation expert group

Derby, 21 May — Over 60 experts from ECAC Member States, Singapore, the United States, observer organisations and stakeholders attended the 50th meeting of ECAC's Group of Experts on Air Accident and Incident Investigation (ACC). The group gathered at the invitation of the United Kingdom Air Accidents Investigation Branch (AAIB) and Rolls-Royce at the Rolls-Royce Training and Development Centre in Derby.

Participants reviewed accident and serious incident occurrences for 2018 and several members highlighted occurrences of particular interest that had resulted in safety recommendations. The meeting was also briefed on the main outcomes of the ICAO Accident Investigation Panel held in Montreal (AIGP/5, 29 April – 2 May 2019).

The United States and the United Kingdom representatives gave presentations on the

legal aspects of investigations, offering two different perspectives on information sharing. In addition, the group heard presentations on the safety recommendations issued following the Eurocopter EC225 Super Puma (LN-OJF) accident and on self-familiarisation on new aircraft models, both by the Norwegian Accident Investigation Board. Rolls-Royce presented an outlook on the future of electric flights.

Observer organisations EASA, the European Commission, EUROCONTROL and ICAO provided updates on recent events and current

priorities and activities. The chief inspector of the United Kingdom AAIB gave a general overview of Brexit and its implications for accident investigations, the recently established cooperative council between the investigation bodies for all modes of transport, and an annual review of investigations in the United Kingdom.

The meeting was followed on 22-23 May by an ESASI (European Society of Air Safety Investigators) workshop entitled "Safety Investigation throughout the Aircraft Life Cycle – Design for Safety". ■



► Economic matters

Meeting of the ECAC Network of Chief Economists in Paris

Paris, 14 May — ECAC's Network of Chief Economists held its fourth meeting in Paris on 14 May. The meeting discussed the results of the survey on airport charges and levies conducted in 2018 and explored how to move forward on this topic, identifying actions to better understand the various topics relating to airport charges.

Reviewing the outcome and follow-up actions from the ECAC workshop on PRM (persons with reduced mobility) charges held in Brussels in February in cooperation with ACI EUROPE, the group also provided input for a new survey on this topic. ■

► EaP/CA Project

Mentoring activity in Armenia

Yerevan, 21-23 May — ECAC organised a mentoring activity for representatives of the Civil Aviation Committee of Armenia in Yerevan, within the framework of the EaP/CA Project. The objective of the activity was to review Armenia's aviation security legal framework and provide proposals to amend and develop the regulatory requirements, taking into consideration ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices and ECAC Doc 30 Recommendations. The activity focused on reviewing the National Civil Aviation Security Programme, the National Civil Aviation Security Training Programme and the National Civil Aviation Quality Control Programme. ■

► CASE Project

Best practices for national auditors continues in May

The CASE Project continues to provide training with a strong practical component for national auditors, with the objective of strengthening the skills and competencies of the professionals in charge of quality assurance for aviation security in Partner States. Accordingly, the month of May saw the delivery of three Best Practices for National Auditors (BPNA) training courses, all on a subregional basis, and benefiting nine Partner States overall:

Praia, 7-9 May: BPNA – level 2 for auditors from Cabo Verde, Mozambique and São Tomé e Príncipe (pictured bottom right)

Lusaka, 13-17 May: BPNA – level 1 for auditors from Zambia, Angola and Zimbabwe (pictured top right)

Entebbe, 21-23 May: BPNA – level 2 for auditors from Uganda, Botswana and Eswatini.



CASE attends ICAO AFI Aviation Week in Uganda

Kampala, 16-17 May — Antoine Zannotti, CASE Project Coordinator, participated in two events organised by ICAO as part of the 6th Africa and Indian Ocean (AFI) Aviation Week held in Uganda between 14 and 17 May.

The focus of the fourth AFI Aviation Security and Facilitation Symposium, held on 16 May, was to assess the challenges in implementing the targets set for the African continent in the fields of security (such as the Windhoek Declaration) and facilitation (including the African passport and the Public Key Directory). The symposium also discussed the level and mitigation of emerging threats in Africa, covering topics such as land-side security, cyber security, insider threat and drones. The conclusions of the symposium will feed into the African States' collective stance for the upcoming ICAO Assembly.

The following day, at the eighth meeting of the Steering Committee of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa, of which ECAC is an observer, Mr Zannotti presented the CASE Project's most recent developments.

Workshop on security culture for Portuguese-speaking Partner States

São Tomé, 20-21 May — The CASE Project delivered its second workshop with Portuguese as the working language, in São Tomé e Príncipe, to an audience of 27 experts from Angola, Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and the host State. Osvaldo Abreu, São Tomé e Príncipe's Minister of Public Works, Infrastructures, Natural Resources and Environment, opened the event, which was organised in partnership with Portugal's National Civil Aviation Authority (ANAC).

Speakers from ANAC, the Partner States in attendance and the industry (TAP Air Portugal, Portway) presented, and discussed with participants, the challenges, experiences and best practices in implementing security culture in their respective organisations. ■

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► News from the Secretariat

Kirsi Tervola-Joutsen from the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency Traficom has joined the ECAC Secretariat for a six-month secondment in the facilitation field. Kirsi has seven years' experience working with EU passenger rights and is specialised in the rights of passengers with reduced mobility (PRMs). Before joining Traficom, she worked for SAS Ground Handling. During her secondment, Kirsi will be in charge of a PRM pilot programme that aims at supporting ECAC Member States in monitoring the implementation of ECAC Doc 30 recommendations on the transport of persons with disabilities and persons with reduced mobility. *"I am really happy to be working at ECAC and especially on this project. I hope many Member States will join the forthcoming PRM pilot programme!"* ■



What's on in June?

- 4-5 73rd meeting of the Technical Task Force (TTF/73), Rome
- 11-13 Best Practices on Security Equipment – Level 1 training course, Amsterdam
- 13 5th CASE Steering Group meeting, Brussels
- 13-14 23rd meeting of the Behaviour Detection Study Group (BDSG/23), Paris
- 17-21 CASE Project Best Practices for National Auditors – Level 1, Luanda
- 19-20 17th annual meeting of ECAC auditors, Paris
- 20 8th meeting of the European Safety and Air Navigation Coordination Group (ESANCG/8), Brussels
- 25-26 CASE Project Workshop on Risk Management, Manama
- 26-27 27th meeting of the Explosive Detection Dogs Study Group (EDD/27), Paris