



CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY IN AFRICA AND THE ARABIAN PENINSULA (CASE)

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European Commission and European Civil Aviation Conference co-host Technical Seminar to consider three years of implementation of the CASE Project.

Brussels, 18-19 February 2019 – For the first time, the European Commission's Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO), and the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC), brought together Directors General, Directors for Security and Facilitation and aviation security experts from 26 States to reflect on the results of three years of cooperation through the EU-funded and ECAC-implemented Civil Aviation Security in Africa and the Arabian Peninsula (CASE) Project.

Participants included 17 CASE Partner States that have benefited from the Project's national activities and 9 ECAC Member States that have provided technical experts to conduct those field activities. The seminar was also attended by key stakeholders that have closely cooperated with ECAC on the Project (ICAO, AFCAC, ACAO, WAEMU, IATA and ACI), and featured the active involvement of EU institutions, including the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE) and the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME) of the Commission, as well as the European External Action Service (EEAS).

A total of 53 participants took part in the discussions, which aimed to examine the most significant lessons learned from the Project's implementation, to highlight the good practices developed, and identify areas for further strengthening the Project's efficiency. To that end, six workshop sessions took place on the first day, dedicated to exploring key issues such as the Project's methodology, the scope, the efficiency and sustainability of its operational activities, as well as its synergy with similar capacity-building initiatives.

The conclusions of these sessions were presented in plenary on day two, and the relevance and feasibility of the proposed actions considered collectively. The final recommendations will serve to further increase the impact and effectiveness of the CASE Project in its final year, before it comes to a close in 2020.

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NOTE TO EDITORS

The CASE Project is a capacity-building initiative dedicated to reinforcing aviation security in Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. It is funded by the European Union via the European Commission's Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO), which awarded the implementation of the project to the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) in 2015.

The Project's operations started in June 2016 and, to-date, 50 on-site activities have been delivered on a national or sub-regional basis to respond to those needs identified as priorities by its Partner States. Currently, 590 aviation security experts from 28 Partner States have been the recipients of the Project's operational activities, thereby benefiting from technical support contributed by specialist experts from both ECAC Member States and other CASE Partner States. In addition, 410 experts from 29 additional Partner States have participated in 13 regional workshops, affording them the opportunity to broaden their understanding of key emerging issues in aviation security, while sharing experience with their counterparts from the civil aviation authorities of neighbouring States. The CASE Project's operations will continue until its termination date on 30 April 2020.