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Editorial

Welcome to CASE II News, the newsletter of the CASE II Project funded by the European Union and implemented by ECAC.

During this very busy autumnal and early winter period, the CASE II Project delivered a total of 22 activities for the benefit of 416 participants from 63 Partner States across all three target regions. Of these 63, the Project Team is pleased to announce eight which have benefitted from in-country activities for the first time during this period: the Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya, Mauritania, Somalia, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe. The Project Team thanks each for their commitment to reinforcing aviation security.

The diversity of Partner States is reflected by that of the activities delivered. In addition to 14 bilateral in-country training activities, which form the core of the Project's implementation, three multilateral training activities took place, fostering closer relations between aviation security professionals in the target regions. To this same end, though on a larger scale, the Project Team organised one regional workshop in Central Asia and co-organised two interregional workshops with the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) and the Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO). These workshops brought together a total of 229 participants from 60 Partner States in Africa, Central Asia and the Middle East to these three events. Finally, following a pilot activity in Indonesia, the CASE II Project has continued to cooperate with Airports Council International (ACI) World to deliver two more APEX-in- Security Reviews in Africa and Asia.

Within the Project Team, the six-month secondment of an aviation security expert from the Gambia came to an end in December and the Team was pleased to welcome a secondee from the *Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile* of the Kingdom of Morocco on 1 December for a period of six months.

A total of 68 activities have been delivered in 2023, compared with 63 from the inception until the end of 2022. For this achievement, the Project Team is very grateful to its Partner States for their interest and dedication, to ECAC Member States for their technical support of the Project's activities, and to the European Commission for its role in funding the Project's activities. The Project now takes this energy and momentum into its last year of implementation and wishes its partners a safe end of year period in 2023 and a productive start to 2024.

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Activities

During this quarter, 22 activities were delivered to a total of 416 participants from 63 Partner States. In addition to one regional workshop, two interregional workshops, 14 bilateral and three multilateral in-country training activities took place. In addition, two Airport Excellence in Security Program (APEX) Security Reviews were organised by ACI under the framework of the CASE II Project.

Below is a breakdown of these 17 in-country training activities by topic:

- *Training in Security Equipment Inspection:* three in-country activities (Angola, Zambia, and Zimbabwe)
- *Initial Training for National Auditors:* six in-country activities (Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Jordan, Kenya, Somalia, and Tanzania, these last two States took part in a multilateral training)

- *Advanced Training for National Auditors:* one in-country activity (Botswana)
- *Training for National Auditors, Cargo:* one in-country activity for two Partner States (Zambia and Zimbabwe)
- *Training in Risk Assessment:* three in-country activities (Djibouti, Kyrgyzstan, Sierra Leone)
- *Training in Security Culture:* one in-country activity (Sierra Leone)
- *Training for Landside Security Assessors:* two in-country activities (Kyrgyzstan and Mauritania)

The three workshops and three of the in-country training activities during this period stood out as milestones in the Project's implementation and are described below in greater detail.

Interregional Workshop on Unmanned Aircraft Systems

4 - 5 October 2023
Tangier, Morocco

Co-organised by ECAC, AFCAC, ACAO and the US Transportation Security Administration (TSA), this first activity welcomed a record number of 108 participants from 51 AFCAC and ACAO Partner States to the two-day event, hosted by the *Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile* of the Kingdom of Morocco.

Covering a broad range of topics relating to Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), the workshop provided a forum for discussing the risks posed and opportunities presented to civil aviation by drones, the regulatory frameworks that are being developed to govern their use, and latest innovations in drone technology.

The opening ceremony was presided over by the Director of Tangier Ibn Battouta Airport and opened by the Director General of ACAO, the Africa and Middle East Regional Director of the TSA, the Programme Manager of the Foreign Policy Instruments of the European Union with special responsibility for the CASE II Project, the CASE II Project Manager and the AFCAC Security and

Facilitation Expert. This was followed by a high-level dialogue between representatives of ACAO, AFCAC, the International Civil Aviation Organization, and the TSA, who discussed the necessity of integrating new UAS technology into the aviation eco-system.

Over seven sessions, 20 speakers animated the proceedings and exchanged with participants drawn from the aviation industry, ECAC Member States (France and the Netherlands), AFCAC, and ACAO Member State civil aviation authorities, and regional and international aviation organisations.

The CASE II Project Team would like to thank all co-organisers, speakers, and participants who contributed to its productivity and success.



Participants, speakers, and organisers

Initial Training for National Auditors

9 - 13 October 2023

Malabo, Equatorial Guinea

Equatorial Guinea was the first Partner State during this period to host an in-country training for the first time, having attended three in-person workshops, two remote workshops, and one webinar prior.



Participants and the external expert from the ANACIM

Two experts, one from the Project Team and one from the *Agence Nationale de l'Aviation Civile et de la Météorologie* (ANACIM) of Senegal, delivered the training to a group of seven participants from the *Autoridad Aéronautica de Guinea Equatorial* (AAGE) in Malabo.

Participation was lively, leading to productive exchanges between the instructors and the participants. Indeed, the participants agreed in their feedback that all topics had been covered and that the training would certainly lead to follow-up actions reinforcing security auditing processes in Equatorial Guinea.

The Project Team would like to extend its thanks to AAGE for hosting and participating in this activity and looks forward to the opportunity of deepening this new partnership.

Training for Landside Security Assessors

17 - 19 October 2023

Nouakchott, Mauritania

The first activity was delivered in Mauritania, the second Partner State to benefit from an in-country training activity for the first time this period.

One expert from the CASE II Team and one released by the *Haute Autorité des Aéroports du Sénégal* (HAAS) delivered the training to a group of participants representing the key stakeholders in landside security in Mauritania: the *Agence Nationale de l'Aviation Civile* (ANAC), the *Gendarmerie Nationale*, and the Nouakchott-Oumtounsy International Airport operator.

These participants were, moreover, drawn from multiple airports throughout Mauritania, ensuring nation- wide impact on the way landside security is overseen.

In a combination of practical and theoretical exercises, the training provided a platform for a fruitful exchange of experiences.

The closing speech was delivered by the Aviation Security Coordinator of the ANAC, who had participated in the activity and who thanked the experts, the EU-funded CASE II Project, and ECAC on behalf of the Mauritanian authorities for an engaging, informative, and impactful activity.



Participants with the instructors from CASE II and HAAS

Regional Workshop on Emerging Threats

2 - 3 November 2023
Astana, Kazakhstan

Building on the strong relations established throughout this year with Partner States in Central Asia, the CASE II Project organised a regional workshop for the benefit of the civil aviation authorities of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan and 32 participants from these four Partner States were hosted in Astana by the Aviation Administration of Kazakhstan (AAK).

The proceedings were jointly opened with a high-level dialogue on emerging threats to aviation between the Deputy Director General of the AAK, the Head of Cooperation of the Delegation of the EU to the Republic of Kazakhstan, and the Director of the Security and Facilitation Bureau of the Portuguese *Agencia Nacional de Aviação Civil*.

In the seven sessions that followed, 13 speakers drawn from Partner States and ECAC Member State civil aviation authorities developed this theme by discussing some of the most serious threats facing civil aviation today. Topics included cybersecurity, insider risk, drones, external threats to the airport

area (e.g. MANPADS), High Risk Flight Zones, capacity-building and regional cooperation in countering threats, and a working group session on the threats posed by chemical, biological, radiological substances. The workshop was conducted with simultaneous English and Russian translation, ensuring that all participants could engage productively with the speakers.

The CASE II Project Team would like to extend its thanks to the civil aviation authorities of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Portugal, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom for releasing experts for this very fruitful workshop. The Team would like to extend special thanks to Kazakhstan for releasing experts as well as hosting this event.



Participants and speakers at the opening ceremony

Interregional Workshop on Threat Assessment and Risk Management

14 - 15 November 2023
Doha, Qatar

This workshop was the third to be delivered during this trimester and was an interregional effort, co-organised by ECAC, AFCAC, and ACAO. 89 participants from 45 AFCAC and ACAO Member States attended the two-day event in Doha under the auspices of the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority.

The workshop was opened jointly by the President of the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority, the Director



Participants, speakers, and organisers

General of ACAO, the CASE II Project Manager and the Aviation Security and Facilitation Expert of AFCAC. In the following six sessions, which included an open debate and a panel discussion, topics covered existing and emerging threats to civil aviation, national case studies in the implementation of risk assessment techniques, good practices in mitigating landside and insider risks, and risk assessment-based security oversight of the aviation industry.

Seventeen speakers contributed their expertise and experience to the sessions, debate, and panel discussions. They were drawn from the civil aviation authorities of ECAC, ACAO, and AFCAC Member States, and from Partner State law enforcement agencies, airport operators, and aviation industry stakeholders.

The CASE II Project Team wishes to express its gratitude to co-organisers, the speakers, and the participants, who ensured the success and productivity of this workshop.

Training in Risk Assessment

12 - 14 December 2023
Djibouti, Djibouti

Djibouti is among the Partner States which have benefitted from in-country training for the first time, with an activity on the topic of "Initial Training for National Auditors" which was delivered from 19 to 23 November. Delivered by an expert from the CASE II Project Team and one released by the Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile of Morocco.

The CASE II Project Team appreciates the commitment demonstrated by the Autorité de



Participants during a practical exercise

l'Aviation Civile de Djibouti (AAC) in inviting the Project Team back for a second activity in December.

Two experts delivered this activity on risk assessment. They met with a highly diverse group of security professionals drawn from the AAC, the Immigration and Border Police, the Gendarmerie des Transports Aériens, the agency for National Security in Djibouti, the operator of Djibouti Airport, and Air Djibouti, the national airline.

Not only did the inclusion of all the relevant stakeholders in airport and civil aviation security mean that the practices shared would have a broad impact, but it also fostered cooperation and communication between the various actors present.

The participants were enthusiastic in their engagement during the theoretical and practical exercises which compose the training and gave immediate positive feedback regarding the impact the training would have and the follow-up actions which it would inspire.

The CASE II Project Team looks forward to continuing to build its relationship with the AAC.

Cooperation with the Portuguese ANAC

The fruitful cooperation existing between the CASE II Project and the Portuguese *Agencia Nacional de Aviação Civil* (ANAC) has continued to flourish, with contributions to three activities during this period. Two activities on the topic of Training in Security Equipment Inspection have been delivered on behalf of the CASE II Project to Angola, from 9 to 11 October and 12 to 14 October, respectively.

In addition to these two training activities, the Director of the Security and Facilitation Bureau of

the ANAC contributed to the delivery of the regional workshop on the topic of "Emerging Threats", which took place in Kazakhstan on 2 to 3 November 2023.

Since the first in-country activity was delivered by the ANAC in the last trimester of 2022, 87 participants from five Partner States have benefitted from eight in-country activities. The CASE II Project Team is deeply appreciative of the partnership with the ANAC and looks forward to it continuing into the new year.



The Director of the Security and Facilitation Bureau of the Portuguese ANAC (right) at the regional workshop on emerging threats in Kazakhstan



Experts from the Portuguese ANAC and participants in an activity in Angola

ACI APEX Security Reviews

Following the signature on 27 June 2023 of a Cooperation Arrangement between ECAC and ACI World and the delivery of the pilot APEX in Security Review to Lombok International Airport in September, the CASE II Project has worked with ACI to deliver two further reviews during in the last three months.

The review of Ivato International Airport in Antananarivo, Madagascar took place from 13 to 17 November 2023. Four experts from ACI conducted five days of reviews alongside the airport staff, and was accompanied by one observer from the CASE II Project Team. Following the review, the CASE II Team received feedback from the airport operator, Ravinala Airports, expressing appreciation for the rigour and professionalism of the review and giving

assurances of the beneficial impact it will have on the security processes of Ivato International Airport.

The second review took place from 27 November to 1 December 2023 at Tan Son Nhat International Airport in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. One CASE II Project Team expert observed the five experts from ACI for the five-day activity and, while the final report for this activity is still under development, preliminary soundings indicated that the activity was both thorough and constructive.

The CASE II Project Team looks forward to more activities to be conducted in 2024 for the benefit of Partner States.



Staff of Ivato International Airport in Madagascar with the ACI auditors and the CASE II observing expert



The opening ceremony of the APEX Review in Ho Chi Minh City

News from the Project Team

The CASE II Project welcomed on 1 December 2023, Houda Atik, from the *Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile* of Morocco for a duration of six months.



Houda Atik, a State Engineer in Electronics and Telecommunications, quickly developed significant expertise and experience within the General Directorate of Civil Aviation in Morocco. She was responsible for various tasks, including regulation, international cooperation, certification, and approval of safety manuals.

As a national inspector for civil aviation security, she participated in oversight activities at different Moroccan airports. Additionally, as a national instructor for civil aviation security, she conducted training on security matters, developing and revising training materials.

In March 2023, she successfully completed the USAP-CMA auditor training with ICAO. Today, she is keen to share her experience, collaborating with aviation security specialists within CASE II Project Team to enhance capacity-building and contribute significantly to CASE II Project activities, aimed at promoting civil aviation security in Partner States.