

Information for MAS & IFATCA Reps

IFATCA Newsletter September 2022

Dear friends,

Dear colleagues,

Please find below the IFATCA Newsletter for September 2022 sent by the EB.

If your MA is willing to bid for 2024 IFATCA Annual Conference, find the details below. The deadline for sending in your proposal is 15th October 2022.

The content also includes the introduction to all the training courses and professional supporting documents provided by IFATCA, plus the information for all the IFATCA Regional Meetings around the world.

We hope it will meet your expectations - Please subscribe as required.

We are looking forward to meeting you soon at the ERM2022

Stay safe, healthy, HAPPY and confident.

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ICAO State Letters

ICAO State Letters supplies information which may or may not require action.					
NUMBER	SUBJECT	DATE	IFATCA RESPONSE DUE BY	LAST DATE/IFATCA RESPONSE	
2022/91 click here	Forty-first Session of the Assembly, Montréal, 27 September to 7 October 2022	14/09/2022	No Response Due		
2022/88 click here	Establishment of the Trust Framework Panel (TFP)	15/09/2022	No Response Due		
2022/75 click here	Adoption of Amendment 48 to Annex 6, Part I	29/07/2022	No Response Due	18/11/2022	
2022/70 click here	Proposed new Annex 6, Part IV, and consequential amendments to Annexes 1, 2 and 8 related to Internationally Scheduled aircraft systems (RPAS) operations in controlled airspace/aerodromes arising from the eighteenth meeting of the Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems Panel (RPASP/18)	23/08/2022	07/02/2023	23/02/2023	
2022/68 click here	Proposals for the amendment of PANS-ATM (Doc 4444) concerning surveillance minima based on an ATS surveillance system arising from the third meeting of the Separation and Airspace Safety Panel (SASP/3)	07/07/2022	20/12/2022	07/01/2023	
2022/62 click here	Forty-first Session of the Assembly, Montréal, 27 September to 7 October 2022	20/05/2022	Done	31/08/2022	
2022/61 click here	Proposals for the amendment of Annex 16, Volume IV, concerning Standards and Recommended Practices relating to environmental protection – Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSAI)	25/07/2022	07/10/2022	19/10/2022	
2022/60 click here	Proposals for the amendment of Annex 16, Volume III, concerning Standards and Recommended Practices relating to environmental protection – aircraft engine emissions	21/07/2022	07/10/2022	19/10/2022	
2022/59 click here	Proposals for the amendment of Annex 16, Volume II concerning Standards and Recommended Practices relating to environmental protection – aircraft engine emissions	19/07/2022	07/10/2022	19/10/2022	
2022/58 click here	Proposals for the amendment of Annex 16, Volume I concerning Standards and Recommended Practices relating to environmental protection – aircraft noise	19/07/2022	07/10/2022	19/10/2022	
2022/47 click here	Proposals for the amendment of Annexes 11, 12 and PANS-ATM (Doc 4444) concerning the Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System (GADSS), remote air traffic services (ATS) and special procedures for in-flight weather contingencies	27/04/2022	13/10/2022	27/10/2022	
2022/24 click here	Proposals for the amendment of Annex 12 arising from the twenty-seventh meeting of the International Civil Aviation Organization/International Maritime Organization (ICAO/IMO) Joint Working Group on Harmonization of Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (JWG-SAR/27)	21/04/2022	07/10/2022	27/10/2022	

ICAO Electronic Bulletins

ICAO Electronic Bulletins merely supplies information and do not require action.

NUMBER	TITLE	DATE
EB 2022/39 click here	Publication of Final Reports under the Universal Safety Oversight Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA)	2022-09-07
EB 2022/38 click here	Council President Certificates in Aviation Safety	2022-09-09
EB 2022/37 click here	Appointment Decision to D-1 Post	2022-08-30

Africa & Middle East Region (AFM)

Ground To Air - September 2022 - Issue 16

ATNS

Ubuntu and heritage are intertwined. In the South African context, Ubuntu is seen as a combination of about 18 countries, stopped working on Friday during a dispute over working conditions and pay, defying court rulings and government bans barring them from doing so.

Ground-To-Air



According to scholars associated with the philosophy, Ubuntu has its origins in the African languages found across the continent. In Nguni languages, it means "the quality of being human; it is often personified in the saying "Ubuntu ngumtu ngabanye abantu", which means, "a person is a person through other people". This incomparable proverbial African statement contextualises a world view that Africans see themselves as living through the existence and good of others.

Africa air traffic control strike grounds flights across region

REUTERS

DAKAR, Sept 23 (Reuters) – An air traffic control strike grounded flights in and out of West and Central Africa on Friday, causing chaos for passengers travelling to Europe, the United States and inside the continent.

Staff at the Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA), which regulates air traffic control in 18 countries, stopped working on Friday during a dispute over working conditions and pay, defying court rulings and government bans barring them from doing so.

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Africa ATC strike - important update

OPS GROUP

As of 1200Z of 24 September, the ASECNA strike action itself has ended. Per the controllers union, ops normal now. Arrested controllers have been freed, suspended controllers reinstated. However, caution should still be taken by crews as their grievances remain unresolved - both sides are now entering further negotiations for 10 days.

With so many FIRs, ACCs, and Terminal areas involved, the strike action has caused chaos in parts of African airspace. The heavy handed response by ASECNA, which included arresting striking controllers, has created a very hostile atmosphere for ATC. This creates potential for lapses in judgement and safety concerns, even with the strike action over.

The major concern yesterday was the replacement of licensed controllers with military and other non-qualified staff, without any Notam or notification. Coordination between different units was unreliable, and many ATC centres were confused as to what the situation was.

For now, ops normal to some degree again - but all crews should still take great care until things settle down.

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Safety Bulletin

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IFALPA has received reports about an emerging situation in the African region affecting FIRs: DAKAR DOMESTIC, DAKAR OCEANIC, BAKMAKO, DJAKARA, NIAMEY, ADJAJA, LOME and BRAZAVILLE. Other ASECNA areas may also be affected.

A dangerous situation is developing related to the African ATC strike. According to reports received by IFALPA, it appears that a number of controllers have been replaced with unqualified and unlicensed people.

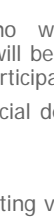
Crews should exercise extreme caution when operating in these FIRs and should consider avoiding the area.

Operational procedures are provided in AIP Supplement NR 109/A/22GO, attached to this Safety Bulletin. Particular attention should be given to section 4.2 – Pilots Operating Procedures.

Member Associations operating in the area are encouraged to share this information with their operators and monitor developments.

Further information is provided by: ASECNA: <https://asecna.org/aero> and OpsGroup: <https://ops.group/blog/african-atc-strike-risk/>

Safety Bulletin: ATC Strike in ASECNA FIRs



Safety Bulletin - Update

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NOTE

This Safety Bulletin is an update to the information contained within both 22SAB14 Notice of Strike by ASECNA ATC, and 22SAB14 Notice of Strike by ASECNA FIRs.

IFALPA has received information, primarily via a (French language) Press Release from USYCAA (Union des Syndicats des Contrôleurs Aériens de la COURSEAL), attached below, that the current strike will be suspended for 10 days. Please read the courtesy translation of the Press Release via the link below.

Safety Bulletin: ATC Strike in ASECNA FIRs Suspended for 10 Days



Asia Pacific Region (ASP)

ONE MONTH count down to 2022 APRM

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Dear Directors,

TEAM PATCA for IFATCA 2022 APRM (Asia Pacific Regional Meeting)

Just ONE MONTH to go before we kick off the long-awaited in-person Regional Meeting in Mactan-Cebu.

The APRM COC (organization committee) AND all the ATCs from the Philippines are READY to welcome you all to the sun, the beach, the beauty of the country, and the hospitality of the people !!!!!

and not to be forgotten ... THE APRM with rich content.

Register NOW or it will be too late.

For MA (Member Association) delegates who will attend IN PERSON, please do the online registration <https://www.patca.ph/aprm-2022-registration> and reserve your accommodation with conference rate (email to: ph.patca1962@gmail.com)

For MA (Member Association) delegates who will NOT attend IN PERSON, please email to: ph.patca1962@gmail.com and let us know who will be the main delegates for the meeting, we will arrange the link to ZOOM meeting for you to be able to participate in the meeting just like the other MA delegates.

For members of all the MAS who are not the official delegates but would like to follow the program of the APRM,

STAY TUNED.

We will announce the link for you to view the meeting via LIVE STREAMING.

Check the information on 2022 APRM here: <https://www.patca.ph/aprm2022>

For any inquiries, shoot ph.patca1962@gmail.com

The TEAM is here for all your questions !!!

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European Region (EUR)

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IFATCA NPA 2021-14 comments

Hi there, you can find attached comments prepared and submitted by IFATCA on NPA 2021-14 "Development of acceptable means of compliance and guidance material to support the U-space

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ATM expert, ATIS Department, ATM Directorate

ACC, APP, TWR ATCO & BULATCA administrative secretary

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(IWEN-NET Login required)

Single European Sky: new traffic light system assesses environmental performance of air navigation services



Air Traffic Management (ATM) in nine EU Member States has improved, in environmental terms, while it has declined or remained stable in 10, according to a report by the Independent Performance Review Body (IPRB) for the Single European Sky (SES). Search for available translations of the preceding. For the first time, the report uses a traffic light system to indicate environmental performance.

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Save the Date - EASA Annual Safety Conference

EASA

Please be informed that this year's EASA Annual Safety Conference is scheduled to take place in Prague as an in-person event, on 30 November and 1 December 2022. For the first time, the Conference will focus on Airports, in particular on airport safety & environmental sustainability through innovation and will be organised with the Czech Presidency of the EU Council.

A wide range of high-level representatives from EU institutions, national competent authorities, airport operators, air navigation service providers, aircraft operators, manufacturers as well as ground handling service providers, will come together to share their experience, exchange strategic views and to discuss on latest innovative solutions contributing to airport safety & environmental sustainability.

The panels will focus on:

- Innovative tools for collaborative decision making between airports, airlines and ground handlers,
- How to enable runway safety through innovations,
- Innovations in ground handling, including ideas for more automation and application of new technologies,
- Vertiports, the infrastructure for new urban air mobility, and
- Airports as key enablers and facilitators of ever greener aircraft operations.

EASA invites regulators, strategic leaders, operational managers, and aviation specialists to join the panellists in regular for productive discussions on airport safety & environmental sustainability through innovation.

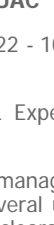
We look forward to meeting you at the conference.

Kind regards,

EASA Stakeholder Management

European Union Aviation Safety Agency

Safety Bulletin: ATC Strike in ASECNA FIRs Suspended for 10 Days



EUROCONTROL Aviation Learning Centre webinars and events

EUROCONTROL

Dear Webinar attendees,

We are pleased to invite you to the webinar which will take place next week.

Traffic Prediction Improvements (TPI) at MUAC

- Date and time : Wednesday 28/09/2022 - 10:00
- Duration : 90 minutes
- Presenters : Seddik Belkoura - ML Expert @EUROCONTROL; Herbert Naessens @EUROCONTROL

The objective of Air traffic flow and capacity management is to find an optimal balance between ATC demand (flights in sector) and ATC capacity. Several uncertainties hamper the accuracy of predicted flight trajectories, such as future air traffic controller clearances that will cause the flight to deviate from the original flight plan. By using modern AI algorithms these deviations can be predicted. MUAC launched the initial version of TPI in 2018, starting in the Brussels sector where a large military area was affecting flight sector planning. The tool has proved successful, leading to improved sector occupancy predictions for flights between specific city-pairs.

Since then, MUAC has incrementally improved the algorithm and added surveillance data to develop the algorithm into more of a real-time solution. Existing trajectory prediction methods already adapt the prediction based on flight history and performance, and perform reasonably well horizontally. Nevertheless, machine learning can still improve upon them. Furthermore, a second AI algorithm was introduced to predict departure delay, another major source of uncertainty.

REGISTER HERE

Our webinars are open for registration

Feel free to share with your colleagues!

Learn more (click link above)

EUROCONTROL Innovation Hub Update - September 2022

EUROCONTROL

Highlights

- New SESAR 3 JU executive director visits Brétigny
- Discussing collaboration with DSN's Innovation Directorate
- Partnering with leading universities: Institut Mines-Télécom visits EIH
- New call for operational challenges as part of our user-driven Innovation programme
- Using machine learning & big data to increase runway capacity
- Join us in Brétigny for the first Environmental Impact Assessment Forum
- Aviation Data Corridor innovation project handed over for industrialisation
- New simulations kick off at EIH
- Providing opportunities for young researchers at the 10th FAA-EUROCONTROL ICRAT conference
- Our drone experts showcase EUROCONTROL's work at three events in Italy

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Other Information

Ground and Tower practices need to be safely integrated

SKY diary

On 14 November 2019, an aircraft was instructed to stop its takeoff whilst still at low speed when the controller saw smoke appearing in the engine area. The aircraft was stopped on the runway. The controller had been cleared to enter the active runway by the ground controller without any coordination with the tower controller and that only the monitoring of surface movement radar and the external environment visually had removed the risk of a more serious consequence arising from the incursion. The airport operator's snow response plan was not specific to their airport and consequently of limited practical value.

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Career Opportunity - Technical Officer

IFALPA

To meet the ongoing challenges and demands in the technical and safety departments and to provide the highest level of support and technical assistance to the IFATCA Executive Board has decided to solicit applications for the position of TECHNICAL OFFICER.

We are searching for suitable candidates to fill this position as soon as possible. Please respond with your curriculum vitae and forward widely to your contacts in the aviation community and beyond.

The deadline for applications is 30 September 2022.

Advertisement includes all directions for application.

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Aviation Policy News #203

reason FOUNDATION

In this issue:

- Reforming the passenger facility charge
- Secondary cockpit barriers back on the agenda
- Denver post-mortem reveals flawed terminal P3 process
- New York airspace still a mess
- News Notes
- Quotable Quotes

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Boeing and Wisk Unveil Concept of Operations for Urban Air Mobility

BOEING

Boeing and its joint venture partner Wisk released a roadmap for transitioning to a future where automated and uncrewed aircraft can safely carry passengers and cargo in urban and suburban areas. The concept of operations lays out the technology, regulatory and social recommendations needed to deploy Urban Air Mobility (UAM) in the United States and integrate it into the national airspace system.

"We're working to enable a future of aerospace that is safe, sustainable and at scale. Uncrewed operations will be fundamental to realizing that vision, and we have to exceed the current safety standards for the air transportation system," said Brian Yulko, Boeing Vice President and Chief Engineer of Sustainability & Future Mobility.

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Weekly Security Items 21-September-2022

SAE INTERNATIONAL

Sent by: SAE Staff Representative: Dorothy Lloyd, Standards Specialist, Aerospace Standards

The articles have been curated by an independent team of subject matter experts to raise awareness of contemporary cyber-physical security issues with systems, software and hardware assurance.

Topics:

- Events - Online
- Events - In-person
- Request for comments
- Patches/Advisories
- Podcasts/Videos
- Reports - Industry
- White House
- MS Team's Security
- Fishpig
- GhostSec
- Articles of Interest

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That Was The Week That Was 12-16 September 2022

Aviation Advocacy

Form an orderly queue

Have you ever thought about the word queue? It is a sort of visual onomatopoeia. In other words, it looks like what it describes. Queue looks like a queue. You have the first letter, the Q, which frankly is all you need, and then there are four more letters, patiently standing in a row behind it.

What is it about queue? Why are we so fascinated? Much of the English-speaking world, and sadly much of the non-English speaking world, has been obsessed about this matter, seems to have obsessed about a particular queue, the The Queue, all week. It beggars belief that it has not been called Quey McQueuseface yet. Still, there it is, visible on every television in the world. There are reports that even if you cannot see it from the moon, you can see the moon from the queue.

For us in aviation, queues are sooooo last summer. We were getting people match fit for queuing all summer. Did we get any credit for it? Did we hell. What the airports did not do was pin a drawing of a random royal to the front of their queues. A misce, clearly. That would have queuelled complaint.

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IWEN Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2022			
IFATCA (International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers' Associations)			
EASA (European Union Aviation Safety Agency)			
SESAR (Single European Sky ATM Research)			
EUROCAE (European Organisation for Civil Aviation Equipment)			
EUROCONTROL			
IEC (European Commission)			
EGHD (SES Expert Group on Human Dimension)			
ICB (Industry Consultation Body)			
IFALPA (International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations)			
ICAO Global			
ICAO European and North Atlantic (EUR/NAT) Office			
ICAO Asia and Pacific (APAC) Office			
ICAO Middle East (MID) Office			
ICAO South American (SAM) North American, Central American & Caribbean (NACC) Office			
ICAO Eastern and Southern African (ESAF) Western and Central Africa (WACAF) Office			
INATCA Events			
Other			
OCTOBER 2022			
ICAO Innovation Fair 2022, Montréal, Canada	24	26	
Forty-first Session of the Assembly, Montréal, Canada	27	7 Oct	
CANSO Event - Exploring Datalink in Latin America and Caribbean	16:00 - 18:00 CEST	29	29
NOVEMBER 2022			
EUROCONTROL Conference "Where to next for European Aviation?", Brussels, Belgium	4	4	
Civil-Military Stakeholder Committee meeting (CMSC/7), Brussels, Belgium [DATES UPDATED]	7	7	
1st SESAR 3 JU Annual Conference, Brussels, Belgium	12	12	
Critical Incident Stress Management in Europe: Building the future 10:00 - 17:30 CET	13	14	
Towards Sustainable Aviation Summit - TSAS2022 Toulouse (FRANCE)	18	20	
IFATCA 2022 Americas Regional Meeting, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic	18	20	
IFATCA 2022 Europe Regional Meeting, Brussels, Belgium	18	20	
IFATCA 2022 Africa & Middle East Regional Meeting, Mombasa, Kenya	20	22	
IFATCA 2022 Asia/Pacific Regional Meeting, Radisson Blu, Mactan-Cebu, Philippines	20	22	
DECEMBER 2022			
CANSO Event - Asia Pacific Conference 2022, Goa, India	1	3	
RPAS 2022, Montréal, Canada	7	9	
ATCA Global Conference and Exposition, Washington DC, USA	7	9	
75th Annual International Air Safety Summit 2022, Atlanta, Georgia, USA	7	9	
The World Controllers' Cup 2022, Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain	7	12	
ICAO Drone Enable Symposium 2022, Montréal, Canada	14	16	
Provisional Council (PCP58), Brussels, Belgium	24	24	
ICB General Meeting/03 14:00-17:00 (CEST)	29	29	
EASA Annual Safety Conference 2022, Hotel OREA Pyramida, Prague (Czechia) [LINK UPDATED]	30	1 Dec	
JANUARY 2023			
APDSC (ATM Procedures Development Sub Group)/85, EUROCONTROL, Brussels, Belgium & Webex 10:30 to 18:00 CEST	24	26	
MARCH 2023			
CANSO Event - Airspace World, Geneva	8	10	
APRIL 2023			
Civil-Military Stakeholder Committee meeting (CMSC/8), Brussels, Belgium [DATE UPDATED]	26	26	
APDSC (ATM Procedures Development Sub Group)/86, EUROCONTROL, Brussels, Belgium & Webex 09:30 to 17:30 CEST	25	27	
MAY 2023			
77th IFALPA Conference, Montréal, Canada	4	7	
JUNE 2023			
Provisional Council (PCP59), Brussels, Belgium	15	15	
OCTOBER 2023			
Civil-Military Stakeholder Committee meeting (CMSC/9), Brussels, Belgium	12	12	

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