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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.

This last quarter of 2022 saw the Project continue to deliver on its ambitious programme. We are continuing to expand the Project team, to engage with new Partner States and with industry partners, and now finally to develop plans for delivery of the Project's activities in Asia.

A total of 13 activities were delivered from September to December, including two large-scale, in-country workshops, two webinars and nine bilateral in-country activities. This brings the overall count of activities delivered to 62 since the inception of the project, with plans for an expanded programme of activities in 2023.

The Project team is proud to have conducted activities in three new Partner States: Sierra Leone, Guinea Bissau, and Cameroon. The first activities in all three States were delivered by aviation security experts drawn from ECAC Member States, and the Project is grateful for their invaluable support in the pursuit of our common goal of strengthening the capacity of our Partner States to combat the threat of terrorism.

As well as activity delivery, the Project Team has held coordination meetings with various stakeholders and partners. Of especial importance, on 19 September, the Project Manager and I attended the CASE II Steering Group Meeting in Brussels, co-chaired by myself and a representative of the European Commission, to update our partners at the EU and the stakeholders of the Project on the progress of the Project's implementation as well as to inform them of the planned trajectory for the coming year.

As already mentioned, this period also saw a boost to the team itself with the arrival of three new team members on 1 October to fill the positions of Aviation Security Specialist, Financial Administrative Assistant, and Administrative Assistant. We are very glad to have them on board and look forward to their contributions to making the project a success.

It has been a busy but fulfilling autumn and early winter, and the Project Team looks forward to the New Year's challenges and opportunities.



Mark Rodmell

CASE II Project Director

Activities

Workshops

This autumn, the CASE II Project organised the first two in-country interregional and regional workshops since the Project's inception. Until now, the travel restrictions arising from the COVID-19 pandemic had made in-country events on this scale an impossibility, and so the three regional workshops organised in 2021 were all remote.

Now that most such restrictions have been lifted, the Project team is thrilled to be working with regional partners and Partner States to organise these in-person activities and to bring together security experts from across the beneficiary regions for a meaningful dialogue on aviation security; one of the core objectives of the Project.

Innovation and Cybersecurity, Marrakesh, Morocco, 7-9 September



Conference Group Photo - 07 September 2022

This workshop was jointly organised by the Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO), the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC), ECAC-CASE II and TSA to bring 110 participants together from 46 Partner States to discuss various topics in the domain of *Innovation and Cybersecurity* in Aviation Security.

This was the first collaboration between AFCAC, ACAO, and ECAC for CASE II and special thanks are due to the representatives of the three organisations for making it a success and a solid foundation for future collaborations.

Among the topics discussed by the experts, were:

- ◇ The advantages of countering threats to aviation brought by regularly updating and optimising security technology;
- ◇ Using the period of reduced activity during the COVID-19 pandemic to introduce and integrate new screening systems into airports;
- ◇ How to mitigate cybersecurity risks in civil aviation;
- ◇ Cyber threats and risks in Air Navigation Systems; and
- ◇ The necessity for, and best practices in, training of staff to increase readiness and vigilance against cyber-threats.

Testing and Certification of Security Equipment, Kigali, Rwanda, 23-24 November



Group Picture – 23 November 2022

The CASE II Project's fourth workshop collaboration with AFCAC and the second in-country workshop saw the delivery of a regional workshop on the topic of the *Testing and Certification of Security Equipment* hosted by the Rwanda Civil Aviation Authority in Kigali. One hundred and one participants from 47 AFCAC

Member States attended the workshop and engaged with 12 speakers drawn from AFCAC and ECAC Member States, as well as one speaker from the United States TSA. The dialogue was constructive and the Project has received consistently positive feedback from the participants.

The main areas of focus for this workshop were:

- ◇ Development of the technical specifications and performance standards for security equipment;
- ◇ Best practices in the procurement, maintenance, and inspection of security equipment;
- ◇ Best practices for testing and on-site acceptance of aviation security equipment; and
- ◇ Latest developments in screening technologies.

Bilateral Activities

In addition to the regional workshops, this end-of year period also saw eleven bilateral activities, both online and in-country, undertaken between September and December, with a total of 181 participants from ten Partner States. Here below is a breakdown by topic:

- ◇ *Best Practices in Covert Testing*: one webinar and one in-country activity (both in Bahrain)
- ◇ *Best Practices for National Auditors*: two in-country activities (Sierra Leone and Guinea Bissau)
- ◇ *Best Practices in Risk Assessment*: one in country activity (Namibia)
- ◇ *Best Practices in Security Equipment*: one remote activity (Uganda)
- ◇ *Training in Vulnerability Assessment for Landside Security*: three in-country activities (Bahrain, Botswana, Ghana)

- ◇ *Counter-MANPADS Mentoring*: two in-country activities (Democratic Republic of the Congo and Cameroon)

Of the eleven activities delivered, five were particularly noteworthy and are described below.

Each of these activities is associated with specific benefits and results, both for the beneficiary countries and for the visibility of the Project, and the feedback received has been encouragingly positive.

Best Practices for National Auditors, Level 1

19-23 September 2022
Freetown, Sierra Leone

This was the first activity to be delivered to Sierra Leone, and it came at a time when the authorities responsible for civil aviation security were preparing for the implementation of new security facilities at Lungi International Airport.

This meant that an activity focused on updating the auditing processes and methods for monitoring security-related measures was very timely.

As evidence of the success of the activity, the Sierra Leone Civil Aviation Authority has expressed the desire to receive additional support in the CASE II Project framework over

the coming months, and planning is underway to deliver further capacity-building training to them.



Member State Expert and participants during the training

Training in Landside Vulnerability Assessment

20-23 October 2022
Manama, Bahrain

The training in Landside Vulnerability Assessment is aimed at training national auditors in the identification of vulnerabilities in the landside areas of an airport. The passenger terminal of Bahrain International Airport in Manama has a brand-new appearance following the beginnings of its operations in 2020.

The experts were therefore challenged to discuss the subject of landside security in the context of an airport designed and built according to all leading-edge technologies and requirements for safety, security, as well as quality of service. Given this background, the positive feedback from the participants was all the more satisfying.

Representatives of all organisations responsible for ensuring landside security shared a common conclusion that they had received knowledge and skills that revealed opportunities to optimise the performance of their tasks.



CASE II Expert and participants during a training session

The Project would like to thank the Bahrain CAA for its hospitality and looks forward to working again with them soon.

Counter-MANPADS Mentoring, Phase I

24 October-4 November 2022
Yaoundé, Cameroun

Delivered by the French DGCA (*Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile*) on behalf of the CASE II Project, this activity is the first to be delivered to Cameroon, which is the second "new" Partner State since September, that is, one engaging with the CASE II Project for the first time.

As the activity delivered was the first phase of three, there will be two follow-up activities planned for delivery over the next year and a half.

This activity is another example of effective and productive relations between the CASE II Project and ECAC's Member States.

Training in Landside Security Vulnerability Assessment

14-16 November 2022
Gaborone, Botswana

Thanks to the Botswana civil aviation authority, which nominated representatives from all agencies and organisations with a stake in the landside security of Sir Seretse Khama International Airport, the information and materials provided during the

activity received special recognition from all participants.

This was the third onsite activity provided to Botswana, and a diverse group of participants expressed positive opinions about the quality of assistance provided so far to Botswana.

In this regard, special thanks to ECAC and the European Union, for the technical support provided, was expressed by the Botswana Civil Aviation Administration.

Best Practices for National Auditors, Level 1

12-16 December 2022
Bissau, Guinea-Bissau

This was the first activity delivered to Guinea Bissau, making it the third new Partner State in this period. This activity is of particular note because it is the first fruit of a new collaboration

between the Portuguese Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and the CASE II Project.

Planning began in November with the Portuguese CAA to deliver capacity-building activities on behalf of the CASE II Project to the six Lusophone

States in Africa who have expressed interest in participating.

Planning began in November with the Portuguese Such partnerships are highly beneficial, for they enable a considerable widening of the Project's scope of action to deliver activities to non-English speaking countries.

The CASE II Team would like to thank the Portuguese CAA for its collaboration and looks forward to more such work in the near future.

Steering Group Meeting, 19 September

The CASE II Project Team organised the second Steering Group meeting since the Project's inception, co-chaired by ECAC and the European Commission.

Four international organisations (ACAO, AFCAC, CASSOA and the United Nations Office of Counterterrorism (UNOCT), two Member States

(Ireland and Portugal), two industry representatives (ACI and IATA) and some European Union Delegations attended this meeting.

The meeting provided the opportunity to present the achievements of the Project in the past year as well as the operational and strategic plans for the coming year.

Greater Engagement with Asia

Until now, travel restrictions relating to COVID-19 have stalled efforts to engage with potential Partner States in Asia, but the Project team begun coordination with three Central Asian Partner States. Requests for support have been received from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan and a preliminary planning meeting took place on 29 November with a representative of the Civil Aviation Administration of Kazakhstan.

In order to boost visibility in the third target region of the Project, the Project Director and one Member State (Portugal) presented details of the Project to the delegates at the Europe-Asia Pacific Aviation Security Forum, organised by ECAC and the Singapore Ministry of Transport, held in Singapore from 29-30 November. This formally kicked off CASE II's engagement with the Asia-Pacific region. This event will be followed up with a multilateral workshop, expected to be in Singapore in 2023.



CASE II Team



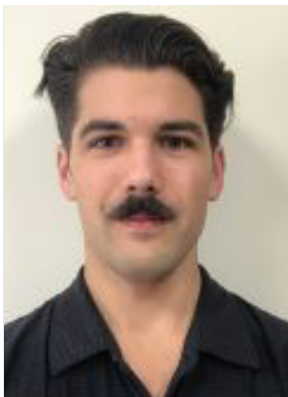
Charlotte Lund joined the CASE II team on 1 October 2022 bringing two degrees in communications and marketing and 16 years of experience in regulations, training, and education in aviation security to bear in her position as Aviation Security Specialist.

Before joining ECAC, Charlotte held a security specialist position for the Danish National Police, and she is keen to contribute to CASE II by applying her considerable experience to developing material for CASE II activities and delivering activities in Partner States.



Klejda Dervishaj joined the ECAC CASE II Project team on 1 October 2022 as a financial and administrative assistant after several years of professional experience in Albania in relevant roles in a financial institution and an international services company.

Klejda looks forward to bringing her previous professional experience and educational background to better serve the mission of the project and support the ongoing activities in Partner States in terms of organisation and coordination.



Julian Lovekin joined the team as an administrative assistant on 1 October. Originally from Toronto, Canada, Julian completed his undergraduate studies in history and English literature at McGill University in Montreal, and his postgraduate degree in International History at the London School of Economics. He is looking forward to contributing his administrative skills, gained over several positions, to the CASE II Project and the delivery of its aims and goals.