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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 the four-month period from July to October, the Project Team has maintained its usual busy rhythm of implementation, having organised 24 activities for the benefit of 54 Partner States across Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Among these 24 activities, the five multilateral activities delivered by the Project Team are worth noting. These joint activities extend the reach of the Project to meet the needs of Partner States which could not otherwise benefit from CASE II activities while also fostering the creation of an aviation security network throughout the target regions. As this is one of the specific objectives of the Project's implementation, the Project Team is very pleased to see the number of multilateral training steadily rise.

The interregional workshop jointly organised with the Arab Civil Aviation Organization and the African Civil Aviation Commission on the topic of "Innovation and Cybersecurity" also contributed to strengthening the network between security experts. The third interregional seminar on this important and evolving topic in aviation security, we thank the co-organisers, the 28 speakers, and the 113 participants from across the target regions for their contributions to making the workshop a productive exchange of ideas and experiences.

During this period, the Project cooperated with the ECAC Capacity Building Programme to facilitate the participation of the Republic of Armenia in two activities: Best Practices in Cargo Inspectors and the National Auditor's Exchange Programme. Two experts from the General Department of Civil Aviation attended each activity, which took place in Tallinn and Dublin, respectively.

This period has also seen the development and delivery of a new activity: "Coaching in Quality Control". Developed by the Project Team, the pilot for this activity was delivered in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan in July. Further details may be found in the dedicated article later in this newsletter.

We are happy to soon welcome a secondee from the Cameroon Civil Aviation Authority who will be joining the Project Team for a period of six months. We look forward to the secondee's support in developing and fine-tuning activities as well as in delivering a busy winter schedule of activities.

With eight further activities confirmed until the end of the year, I would like to thank the colleagues and partners that make the CASE II Project's work possible and would equally like to thank Partner States and the participants in each of its activities for their engaged commitment to building their capacity in aviation security.

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Activities

From July to October, a diverse array of 24 activities were delivered for the benefit of 330 participants from 54 Partner States. This included 15 bilateral in-country training activities, five multilateral in-country training activities, and one interregional workshop. Below is a breakdown by category of activity:

- *Training in Covert Testing*: one multilateral activity (Angola, Cabo Verde)
- *Training in Security Equipment Inspection*: one bilateral (Tanzania) and one multilateral activity (Angola, Cabo Verde, Mozambique, São Tomé and Príncipe)
- *Training in Insider Risk Management*: one bilateral activity (Seychelles)
- *Initial Training for National Auditors*: (one for the benefit of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan, and one for Uganda and South Sudan)
- *Advanced Training for National Auditors*: three bilateral activities (Djibouti, Jordan, Seychelles) and one multilateral activity (Tanzania and Somalia)
- *Training for National Auditors, Cargo*: one bilateral activity (DRC) and one multilateral activity (including Armenia)
- *Training in Risk Assessment*: one bilateral activity (Equatorial Guinea)
- *Training in Security Culture*: two bilateral activities (Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea)
- *Coaching in Quality Control*: one bilateral activity (Kyrgyzstan)
- *Training for Landside Security Assessors*: two bilateral (both in Morocco) and one multilateral activity (Angola, Cabo Verde, Mozambique, São Tomé and Príncipe)
- *National Auditor's Exchange Programme*: one activity for the benefit of two experts from Armenia. This activity was jointly organised with the ECAC Capacity Building Programme.
- *Best Practices for Cargo Inspectors*: one activity for the benefit of two experts from Armenia. This activity was jointly organised with the ECAC Capacity Building Programme.
- One interregional workshop, on the topic of 'Cybersecurity and Innovation for the benefit of ACAO and AFCAC Member States.

In addition, three APEX in Security Reviews (Kota Kinabalu International Airport, Blaise Diagne International Airport, Velana International Airport) were delivered by ACI under the framework of the CASE Project.

Seven activities particularly stood out among the others as milestones in the Project's implementation and are further described below.

Initial Training for National Auditors

3 - 7 July 2024

Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

The CASE II Project's work with Central Asian Partner States continued during this period with a multilateral activity for the benefit of national auditors from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Turkmenistan.

This was the first activity hosted by the Transport and Communications Agency under the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan (*Turkmenhowayollary* Agency) and 13 participants gathered in Ashgabat for the five-day training. The training sessions were led by one expert from the CASE II Project Team and an expert released by the State Civil Aviation Agency of Kyrgyzstan.

The exchange which took place was both productive and open, with participants sharing experiences and techniques in auditing with one another in the spirit of multilateral cooperation. The enthusiasm

of the participants was remarked upon in the closing ceremony by the Deputy Director of the *Turkmenhowayollary* Agency, who expressed the wish for further such multilateral training courses in the near future.

The CASE II Project Team would like to extend its thanks to the Appropriate Authorities of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Turkmenistan for their proactive cooperation and their engaged participation.



The expert from the State Civil Aviation Agency of Kyrgyzstan in an in-classroom session.

Interregional Workshop: Innovation and Cybersecurity

17 - 19 July 2024
Casablanca, Morocco

In cooperation with the Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO) and the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC), the CASE II Project organised a third interregional in-country workshop on the topic of Innovation and Cybersecurity.

Hosted by the *Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile* (DGAC) of Morocco in Casablanca,



Participants in the workshop's conference hall.

113 participants from 50 Partner States across Africa and the Middle East attended the three-day proceedings, which were animated by 28 speakers and contributors.

Opened by the Acting Director General of Civil Aviation of the DGAC, the comprehensive discussions which took place during the workshop explored historical examples of compromised systems, present and emerging threats, and the means by which cyber security could be reinforced and expanded in the future.

The Project Team wishes to extend its thanks to the DGAC of Morocco for hosting this event, to the speakers from ECAC, AFCAC, and ACAO Member States and beyond who shared their experience and knowledge, and to the participants for their contributions and active engagement throughout the workshop.

If you wish to have more information regarding this event, please visit the following website:

<https://cybersecurity.acao.org.ma/> and
<https://case2-project.org/>

Coaching in Quality Control

22 - 26 July 2024
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

This pilot activity which had been developed by the Aviation Security Specialist of the CASE II Project. Its objective is to offer a thorough assessment of current quality control activities by external, independent experts. The assessment covers such areas as the preparations ahead of an audit or an inspection, the conduct of those activities on site and the effectiveness of follow-up activities at the level of the state and of the operators (evaluating and reviewing the implementation of a corrective action plan).

This pilot was delivered for the benefit of a diverse range of aviation security professionals drawn from the State Civil Aviation Agency of Kyrgyzstan, the Airport Operator of Manas International Airport, and representatives of airlines. Not only was there a good diversity of organisations present, but participants from several levels of seniority were also in attendance, ensuring the impact at all levels of this training.

Two external experts joined the CASE II Project

Aviation Security Specialist, both released by the State Civil Aviation Authority of Azerbaijan. Their valuable contributions to the quality of the training are highly appreciated by the CASE II Project Team and were moreover recognised by the Partner State in feedback received following the activity.

The CASE II Project would especially like to thank the State Civil Aviation Agency of Kyrgyzstan for its willingness to host this pilot and looks forward to further delivering this activity for the benefit of other Partner States in the near future.



Participants during a practical exercise.

Training in Risk Assessment & Training in Security Culture

23 - 27 September 2024
Malabo, Equatorial Guinea

These back-to-back and complementary activities are the third and fourth activities, respectively, to be delivered in Equatorial Guinea for the benefit of participants from the *Agência Aeronáutica da Guiné Equatorial* (AAGE).



Group photo with the participants and instructors

Delivered by one Aviation Security Expert from the CASE II Team and one expert released by the *Agence Nationale de l'Aviation Civile et de la Météorologie* of Senegal, the training activities led to open and constructive discussions.

Following the practical exercises and in-class trainings, all participants in both activities stated their intention to adopt and implement the techniques and practices for assessing and mitigating risk and for establishing and spreading a security culture, respectively.

The CASE II Project extends its thanks to the participants for their engagement and active participation, as well as to the AAGE for its positive feedback and continuing commitment to building its capacity to mitigate threats to civil aviation in Equatorial Guinea.

Advanced Training for National Auditors

14 - 16 October 2024
Amman, Jordan

The CASE II continued its series of training activities for national auditors in Jordan. Having delivered "Initial Training for National Auditors" in November of 2023 for the benefit of inspectors from the Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC), among other organisations.

This refresher training course took place in Queen Alia International Airport and, in addition to classroom training, included several practical exercises at the airport- to practice the techniques discussed in the classroom and answer questions linked to their application.

The activity brought together participants from CARC, the Directorate for Airport Security and Protection, and Airport Operators from across the Kingdom of Jordan.

The diversity of participants and organisations

represented in the CARC's selection will be highly beneficial to the impact the activity will have on security auditing techniques employed in the Kingdom of Jordan.

Finally, the Project Team would like to thank all participants and stakeholders for their commitment and looks forward to delivering more activities for the benefit of the Kingdom of Jordan in the remaining year of the Project's implementation.



The instructor with participants following the activity.

ACI APEX in Security Review

20 - 24 October 2024
Malé, Maldives

This Security Review was the last one delivered by ACI under the terms of the Cooperation Arrangement signed between ECAC and Airports Council International (ACI) World on 27 June 2023.

Through this Cooperation Agreement, the CASE II Project has financed the delivery of ACI World's APEX in Security Reviews to airports which are ACI members located in CASE II Partner States. In the course of these reviews, participating airports have benefitted from the review of security and quality control procedures conducted by experts drawn from ACI World's global network of experienced aviation security professionals.

This particular security review was conducted for the benefit of Velana International Airport in the Maldives and ACI's team of six experts..

The representatives of Velana International Airport were keen on participating and their engagement in improving the security of their airport and civil aviation in the Maldives more generally.

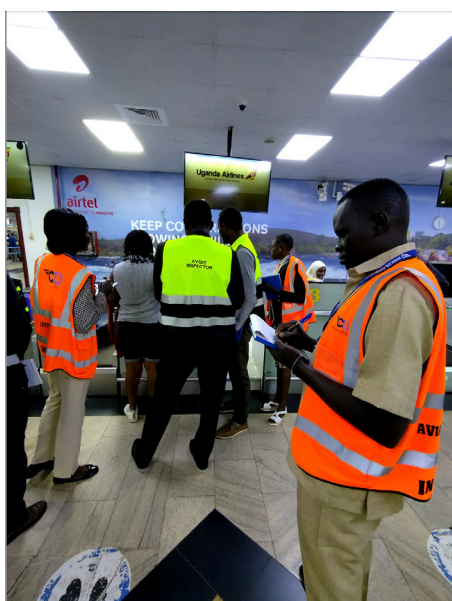
The Project Team would like to extend its appreciation to the team at ACI World and for the delivery of the six APEX in Security Reviews over the last year and a half for the benefit of airport operators in Partner States.



The CASE II Aviation Security Specialist with the team of ACI experts.

Initial Training for National Auditors

28 October - 1 November 2024
Entebbe, Uganda



Participants during a practical exercise in Entebbe International Airport

This event was a multilateral activity hosted by the Uganda Civil Aviation Authority (UCAA). It was attended by 12 aviation security auditors from both the UCAA and the South Sudan Civil Aviation Authority (SSCAA), who worked together with one Aviation Security Specialist from the CASE II Team and an external expert released by the Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana.

This is the first CASE II training activity in which participants from South Sudan have participated, and the Project Team is very pleased to be able to contribute to the professional development of its colleagues from the SSCAA. This is thanks to the facilitation of the UCAA, which kindly accepted to host five participants for this training activity in Entebbe.

Cooperation with the Portuguese ANAC



Group photo of the participants and the experts from the Portuguese ANAC in São Tomé

The CASE II Project has continuing to strengthen its robust partnership with the Portuguese Autoridade Nacional da Aviação Civil (ANAC) by supporting the delivery of multiple multilateral aviation security trainings to lusophone Partner States in Africa.

Experts from the Portuguese ANAC have delivered three activities in the past four months:

- "Training in Security Equipment Inspection" in São Tomé from 29 to 31 July 2024, for the benefit of the Appropriate Authorities of Angola, Cabo Verde, Mozambique, and São Tomé;
- "Training in Covert Testing" in Luanda from 24 to 27 September 2024 for the benefit of the Appropriate Authorities of Angola and Cabo Verde; and
- "Training for Landside Security Assessors" in São Vicente from 22 to 25 October 2024 for the benefit of participants from the Appropriate Authorities of Angola, Cabo Verde, Mozambique, and São Tomé.

A fourth training activity will take place in Maputo from 18 to 22 November 2024 for the benefit of the Appropriate Authorities of Angola, Cabo Verde, Mozambique, and São Tomé.

The Project Team would like to extend its sincere thanks to the Portuguese ANAC and its experts for supporting its work in the region and facilitating one of CASE II's specific objectives: to create an aviation security network among Partner States throughout the target regions. It is moreover noteworthy that the impact of these activities is increased by their delivery in Portuguese, facilitating the comprehension of lusophone participants.

The Project Team thanks its colleagues from the Portuguese ANAC and looks forward to continuing our mutual support in the months to come.



The participants and instructors during a practical exercise in Angola.

Secondment to the CASE II Project Team



The CASE II Project is pleased to announce the arrival on 1 November 2024 of a secondee from the Cameroon Civil Aviation Authority for a period of six months.

Mr Romial Cheribain Mbogning has been seconded to the CASE II Project to support the Project's work by delivering capacity building aviation security training alongside the CASE II Aviation Security Specialists and to contribute to the development of new training material for delivery.

Mr Mbogning is an aviation security professional with over seven years of service in the industry. He has held roles as a Security Screening Agent, Security Supervisor, Certified Aviation Security National Instructor, and Aviation Security Equipment Maintenance at the Cameroon Civil Aviation Authority (CCAA). His expertise spans threat detection, risk assessment, and security protocol implementation. As a certified instructor, he has trained and mentored security personnel, ensuring compliance with international aviation security standards. Mbogning is committed to enhancing aviation security.

The Project Team looks forward to Mr Mbogning's arrival and his contributions to the achievement of the Project's objectives.

Cooperation with ICAO

One Aviation Security Specialist of the CASE II Project will contribute as a speaker in an upcoming regional seminar on the topic of “Regional Awareness Seminar on Risk Assessment Processes” with a special focus on ICAO document 10084 on Risk Assessment Manual for Civil Aircraft Operations Over or Near Conflict Zones.

In particular, the Aviation Security Specialist will discuss the effective exchange of threat and risk related information at regional and international level.

The CASE II Project is pleased to be participating in this important regional discussion, having been highly active in delivering capacity building activities in the region in the last two years, and thanks ICAO for its invitation to contribute.



Participants in the seminar venue.