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UAE AIRSPACE RESTRUCTURING PROJECT Phase 3 - (UAE ARP3)

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‘Putting things into perspective’

The Aviation timeline in the UAE

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Abu Dhabi International Airport

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Dubai International Airport



2016 Passenger Traffic – 83,654,250

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Sharjah International Airport

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Fujairah International Airport

Ras Al Khaimah International Airport



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1996

The General Civil Aviation Authority was created by Federal Cabinet Decree



Since 1996 many new projects and innovations have been introduced such as modernization of the Sheikh Zayed Air Navigation Center and the promotion of continual development of strategy and the regulatory framework to facilitate the growth of the civil aviation industry within the UAE.

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The UAE Airspace Restructure Project Phase 3 UAE ARP3 Overview

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ARP3 is the culmination of years of collaboration across all aviation stakeholders within and beyond the UAE.

On December 7th 2017 the UAE will implement one of the largest airspace changes the Middle East has seen.

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UAE ARP3 is the final phase of the UAE Airspace Restructuring Project and constitutes the ‘Integration and Implementation’ of conceptual airspace designs developed through both Phases 1 and 2 of the project.

The implementation will enable:

- Increase UAE Airspace capacity to meet the forecasted air traffic demand for 2020.
- Increased access to all UAE airports.
- Improved efficiency for both aviation system customers and Air Navigation Service Providers.
- Reduction in the environmental impact of the increasing traffic, through the provision of more effective ATM operations.

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What are the main design elements?

- Optimisation of available airspace
- Enhancement of unidirectional route network
- Improvement of network efficiency and flexibility
- Incorporation of lateral separation between routes whenever feasible
- All UAE airports have been linked to the En-Route network

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How many changes are taking place within UAE ARP3?

- Introduction of 30 new Routes
- Allocation of 407 new 5LNC and Alphanumeric Waypoints
- Incorporation of over 200 Instrument Flight Procedures (IFPs)
- Airspace boundary changes for both Dubai and Abu Dhabi CTAs
- Introduction of new En-route and CTA Sectorisations and amendments to the current design
- Requirement for over 250 Air Traffic Controllers to be trained on UAE ARP3
- 1000+ changes related to 312 new/modified route segments
- Upload of 1741 route segments related to 115 new SIDs and 111 new STARs (OMAA, OMAD, OMAL, OMDB, OMDW, OMSJ, OMFJ, OMRK)

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What are the facts and figures involved in making UAE ARP3 a reality?

- Project Implementation Duration – 18 months
- Number of project Deliverables - 50
- Number of Workshops / Meetings – over 200
- Man hours – over 120,000 hours
- Number of UAE Air Navigation Service Providers involved – 6
- Number of Emirates of U.A.E involved - 5
- Number of Aviation Stakeholder organizations actively involved - 26
- Number of Project Representatives – over 150

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Which key stakeholders are actively engaged within UAE ARP3?

- Enav
- Helios
- GCAA
- dans
- ADA/GAL
- Ras Al Khaimah DCA/Airport
- Sharjah DCA/Airport
- Fujairah DCA/Airport
- Dubai Airports Authority
- GCAA Air Navigation and Aerodrome
- Kingdom of Bahrain Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications
- Civil Aviation Organisation of Islamic Republic of Iran
- Public Authority for Civil Aviation (PACA) - Bahrain
- THINK Research
- National Center of Meteorology & Seismology (NCMS)
- Department of Municipal Affairs and Transport (DMAT)
- Emirates Airlines
- FlyDubai
- Etihad Airways
- Air Arabia
- UAE Military
- SkyDive Dubai
- ICAO
- IATA
- General Civil Aviation Authority – Saudi

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UAE's new air traffic management system to ease congestion in crowded skies

Battling the congested roads of the UAE is one thing. But tackling the crowded skies of the country's airspace is an even bigger challenge.

From December, though, flying through major airline hubs like Abu Dhabi and Dubai should become easier.

The end of the year will see the introduction of a new air traffic management system that uses the latest technology to safely manage the fast growing numbers of passenger jets passing through the region.

Described as: "one of the largest airspace changes the region has ever seen", the UAE Airspace Restructuring Project (ARP) connects global navigation satellites directly to computerised on board aircraft systems.

It replaces traditional aircraft navigation systems, which are largely based on land beacons which guide aircraft along specific routes using way-points.

The new system is known as Performance Based Navigation, and is described by the General Civil Aviation Authority as "world's first airspace structure" to use this technology, which allows for much greater flexibility in flight plans, and maximises the use of existing air space.

Such is the complexity of the project that the GCAA calculates it has taken over 120,000 man hours, or the equivalent of nearly 15 years, to develop.

It has also required the retraining of 250 air-traffic controllers using simulators, and the co-operation of multiple aviation authorities and airlines, including the Sheikh Zayed Air Navigation Centre, Dubai Air Navigation Services, Abu Dhabi Airports Company and Abu Dhabi Department of Transport.

When the new system goes live on December 7, the results should be good for both passengers and the environment. The GCAA estimates that the fuel savings in the first year alone will be US\$15 million, and equal to a reduction of 100,000 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

Saif Al Suwaidi, the GCAA Director General, called the changes a: "historic moment in UAE aviation history" adding: "The implementation of the UAE ARP has demonstrated our capability to safely meet the capacity requirements for the forecasted 2020 air traffic demand and beyond".

Experts agree that improvements to air traffic control in the region are desperately needed.

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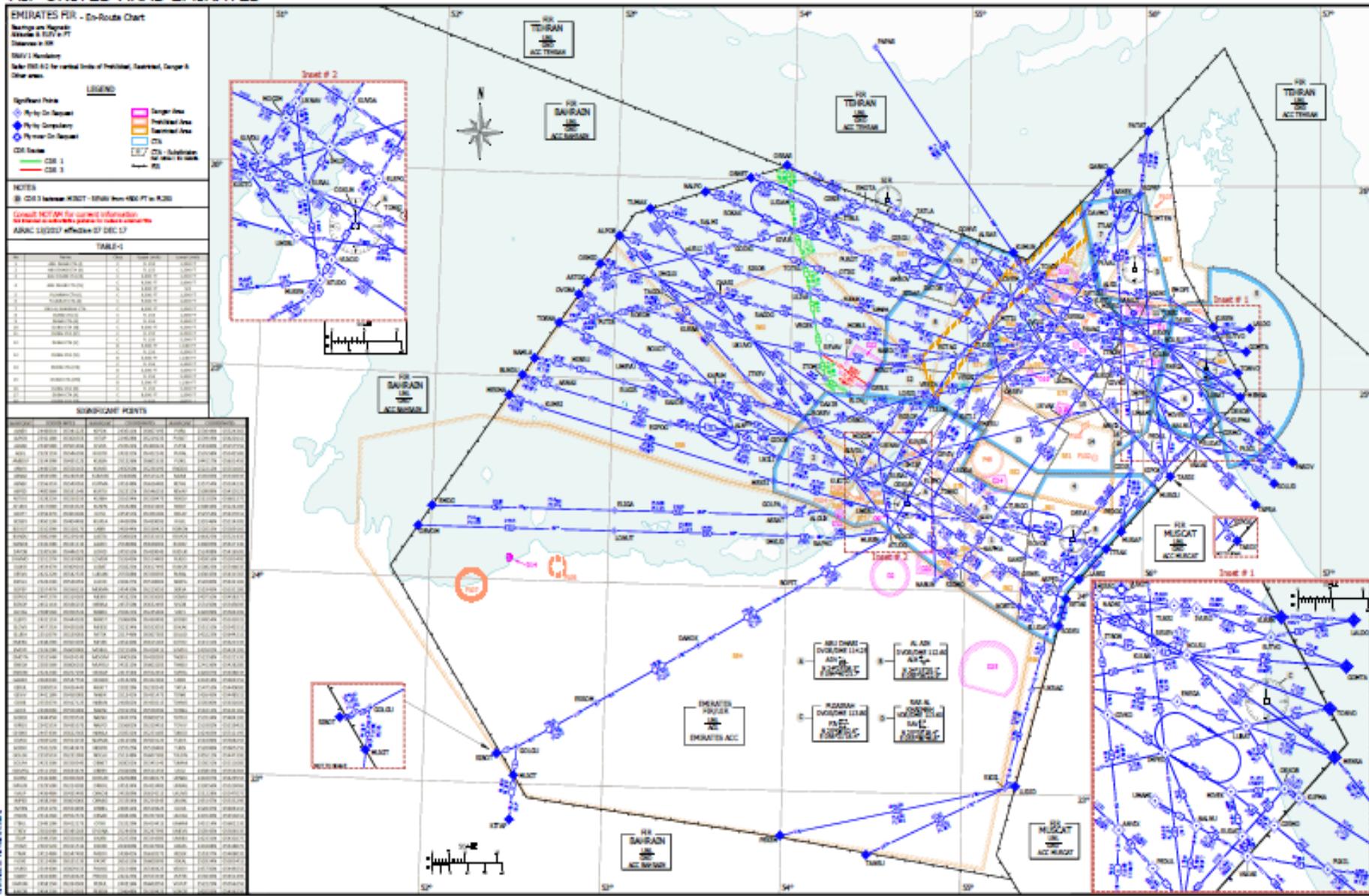
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UAE ARP3 Safety Sub Group (SSG)
Managing Effective Safety Collaboration

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On the 19th of April 2017 in response to a unified request by the UAE Air Navigation Service Provider (ANSP) Safety representatives, approval was granted by the Project Steering Group (PSG) to form a Safety Sub Group to report through the Project Management Team with strong communication lines to continue with the Project Technical Teams.

This concept of operation was deemed necessary by the safety representatives to ensure that a more focused safety element of the project could be managed more effectively with oversight being provided by the Project Management Team if required.

The Safety Sub Group was convened on the 18th of May 2017 to determine the objectives, functions and communication lines of the SSG. These outputs are represented in the Terms of Reference.

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The SSG Objective

The objective of the **ARP Safety Sub Group (SSG)** is to strengthen the communication and coordination between the **Project Technical Team (PTT)** and the **Project Management Team (PMT)** to ensure safety oversight and safety management activities are addressed in a timely and efficient manner.

The SSG will continue to manage in conjunction with the PTT current and future safety related challenges, and develop recommendations for the improvement of safety for the ARP.

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SSG Functions

- Identify issues relevant to current and future ATS safety-related challenges pre/post ARP, and actively develop and recommend proposals for solutions;
- Identify and analyse common hazards and risks, and develop mitigating strategies;
- Provide and share data, information, statistics, trends, actions and activities relating to ARP safety activities;
- Identify, propose and promote best practices with regard to the effectiveness of the ARP implementation in line with all organisations Safety Management Systems;
- Prepare recommendation reports for submission by the Chairman to appropriate decision making bodies.

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Membership

Chairman

- Abu Dhabi Airports, Air Navigation Services, Safety Manager

Deputy Chairman

- General Civil Aviation Authority Sheikh Zayed Air Navigation Centre, Senior Safety and Standards Officer

ANSP's Safety Representatives

- Dubai Air Navigation Services
- General Civil Aviation Authority Sheikh Zayed Air Navigation Centre
- Abu Dhabi Airports Air Navigation Services
- Government of Sharjah Department of Civil Aviation
- Government of Ras Al Khaimah Department of Civil Aviation
- Fujairah International Airport

GCAA Regulatory Representatives

- GCAA ANA Principal Inspectors

Project Vendors

ENAV / HELIOS / EGIS AVIA Safety and project representatives

Optional Members (When deemed necessary by the Chairman or as determined by the Project Management)

- Key Airline Stakeholders
- Key Airport Stakeholders



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UAE ARP3 Lessons Learned – Safety

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UAE ARP3 Lessons Learned – Safety

- The role of Safety needs to be clearly identified at the early stages of the project to ensure oversight activities commence from the inception of the program;
- Clearly established communication lines are critical to managing the program safely and efficiently;
- Managerial support was fundamental to successful execution of the safety oversight activities;
- Centralised document control and standardised templating are key to ensuring consistent dissemination, storage and management of significant volumes of reference materials;
- Cognisance of any limitations (governance/resources etc.) within any of the participating organisations Safety Management Systems.

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The Safety Challenges Ahead

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- Safety monitoring, feedback and mitigation activities will be a fundamental component of the ARP3 Post Transition period;
- Monitoring ‘adhoc’ ARP Network or operational procedural changes to ensure safety oversight and change management processes are adhered to;
- Ensuring that the ‘Lessons Learned’ from all phases of the project are documented clearly and made readily available for future Federal initiatives on this scale;
- To maintain the successful collaborative safety framework that has been established to manage the ongoing safety challenges ahead.

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