

► A word from the Project Coordinator

The period since the last issue of the CASE Newsletter (No. 6, 8 October 2018) has been packed with activities and achievements for the Project; to such an extent that we have decided, from this issue onwards, to devote greater focus to a more select group of these.

Field activities remain the core purpose of the Project: 21 operational activities (including 5 organised on a subregional basis) and 4 regional workshops have taken place over the past months. Some of these were completely new, as they stemmed from the second amendment to the Project's content, which came into effect on 5 December 2018.

Also in December 2018, the first two civil aviation security experts to be seconded to the Project team took up their positions – Ms Mouniratou Tchado Issoufou from the National Civil Aviation Agency of Niger and Mr Artem Melnyk from the State Aviation Administration of Ukraine – and several activities reflected in this issue have benefited from their contributions.

While delivering on-site activities as intensively as possible, the Project team also constantly aims to improve the efficiency of CASE activities. This was the purpose of the CASE Project's Technical Seminar, which took place in Brussels on 18 and 19 February 2019 and involved

representatives from Partner States, their related regional and subregional organisations, and ECAC Member States, for a brainstorming on the Project's achievements and how to strengthen its impact even further. If you did not attend and would like to learn more, you can refer to the press release jointly published by the European Commission and ECAC: <https://www.ecac-ceac.org/case-news>.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter!

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COACHING AND TRAINING

► Landside security vulnerability assessor training for Partner States

Cotonou, 11-14 December 2018



Training landside security vulnerability assessors is an activity that was introduced by the first amendment to the CASE Project in February 2018. The training enables designated experts from Partner States to attend a similar course to those that are regularly offered to experts from ECAC Member States.

The first CASE Project training course was organised jointly with the West African

Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), and took place in Benin, whose authorities offered to host it. The six participants came from the WAEMU States of Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Togo, as well as from the host country.

Run by two ECAC-certified assessors (one from the CASE Project team and the other from the French *Direction générale de l'Aviation civile*), the training included a half-day hands-on exercise at Cotonou Cadjehoun International Airport to provide a practical approach in complement to the theoretical classroom learning.

In accordance with the wishes of WAEMU, the course ended with a series of tests that all six participants passed. They were therefore certified by WAEMU as landside security vulnerability assessors and were awarded WAEMU certificates during the

CASE Project Technical Seminar, which was attended by a delegation from WAEMU led by Commissioner Paul Koffi Koffi.



▶ Best Practices for National Auditors (BPNA) training continues apace

Abidjan, 1-5 October 2018, BPNA1
Abidjan, 8-12 October 2018, BPNA1
Accra, 22-26 October 2018, BPNA1
Amman, 20-22 November 2018, BPNA2
Tunis, 7-11 January 2019, BPNA1
Tunis, 28 Jan - 1 Feb 2019, BPNA1
Libreville, 4-8 February 2019, BPNA1
Tunis, 20-22 Feb 2019, BPNA – Cargo
Lomé, 27 Feb - 1 Mar, BPNA – Cargo
Brazzaville, 1-3 April 2019, BPNA2
Cotonou, 22-26 April 2019, BPNA1
Accra, 24-26 April 2019, BPNA – Cargo



In total, since early October 2018, seven BPNA – Level 1, two BPNA – Level 2 and three BPNA – Cargo sessions have been carried out as part of the Project's training component.

According to a now-established practice, which better responds to the high level of demand and allows different Partner States to share the expertise of instructors selected by the Project, a third of these sessions were carried out on a subregional basis, thereby benefiting other States as well as the host country: Algeria, Morocco, the Republic of the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Senegal.

For four new Partner States (Algeria, Gabon, Morocco and Tunisia), these sessions marked their first participation in the Project on a national or subregional basis, beyond the regional workshops that some have already attended.

Finally, at the request of the Appropriate Authorities, the sessions organised in the Republic of the Congo (BPNA2) and Benin (BPNA1) were each followed by a national certification activity.



▶ Coaching activity delivered in Botswana

Gaborone, 25-28 February 2019

This on-site activity was delivered by CASE Project team experts to eight national inspectors of the Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana (CAAB). After receiving a subregional CASE Project BPNA1 training course, the CAAB had stated its interest to further benefit from the coaching of its auditors.

For the purpose of this activity, the team of inspectors, three of whom acted as auditors and five as observers, conducted an aviation security audit at Sir Seretse

Khama International Airport, under the guidance of the CASE Project experts. This enabled the national inspectors to be coached while conducting an audit covering all areas of aviation, in particular: screening of passengers and cabin baggage; screening of persons other than passengers and items carried; screening of hold baggage; screening of cargo and mail and their subsequent protection after being screened; security equipment; aircraft security; and training.



The CASE Project experts participated in the team's

internal briefings, and accompanied the inspectors during their meetings with the airport operator's management and other involved entities, as well as during their interviews of different categories of staff and during the observation process. Based on these exercises, the CASE team provided practical advice and shared best practices in auditing techniques with the CAAB inspectors.

► Covert security tests in Namibia

Windhoek, 22-24 January 2019



At the request of the Namibia Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), a three-day training activity focused on covert testing

was delivered by experts from the CASE Project team. Fifteen security officials and inspectors selected from the NCAA, the airport operator, police and intelligence services, as well as a provider of in-flight supplies, participated in this activity, which was a combination of classroom training, in-class exercises and the organisation of actual tests on site in two separate

domains: screening of cargo and screening of passengers and cabin baggage.

All aspects related to the efficient implementation of covert tests were covered, from the role of covert testing in compliance-monitoring programmes, to the preparation of test items, the drafting of test protocols and the key factors in successfully planning, setting up and conducting tests.

MENTORING ACTIVITIES

► Follow-up to counter-ManPADS in Benin

Cotonou, 4-8 March 2019



Following the first phase in April 2018, authorities in Benin received the second stage of the CASE Project activity dedicated to the assessment and mitigation of the ManPADS threat (and other infantry weapons) from 4 to 8 March 2019. Both missions were delivered by a multi-agency team of French experts led by the *Direction générale de l'Aviation civile*.

The objective of this second mission was to review the work done by the authorities in implementing the training and techniques provided during the first mission.

The activity was opened by the Director General of the *Agence Nationale de l'Aviation Civile du Bénin* (the Appropriate Authority) and involved 25 participants from 10 entities, given the cross-domain nature of mitigating surface-to-air and surface-to-surface threats. These entities included - as is usual for this activity - the CAA, various law-enforcement agencies, the air force, the airport operator and air traffic control, as well as the navy and river police, given the location of the airport. Subject to the agreement of Benin's Appropriate Authority, a third and final mission will be organised in the future to

review the national and local mitigation measures designed to tackle the identified vulnerabilities and reduce any residual risks.



► Follow-up activity focusing on cargo security in Kenya

Nairobi, 26-29 March 2019

The Project's mentoring activity dedicated to cargo security regulations and implementing procedures was delivered on 26-29 March 2019 in Nairobi. It involved a group of five national inspectors from the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA), supported on legal issues by their Chief Legal Officer, who spent four days with an expert from the CASE Project team. They worked together to update national cargo regulations and align them with relevant EU regulations, as well as to consolidate the cargo security procedures in place in Kenya, so as to

foster uniform interpretation and consistent implementation by all regulated cargo entities operating in the country.

This support had been requested by the KCAA during the debriefing of the cargo security audit that was conducted by the CASE Project at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in November 2018 (see below).

The activity resulted in the drafting of two documents: an update of the National Secure Freight Programme, which led in

turn to a new version of the National Cargo and Mail Security Programme, and an update of the approval process for known consignors.



RISK MANAGEMENT

► Joint cargo security audit in Kenya

Nairobi, 5-9 November 2018

A joint cargo and mail security audit was delivered by a team of three auditors at Jomo Kenyatta international Airport in Nairobi, at the request of the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA), which required that the audit be conducted against EU regulations on cargo and mail security. As a consequence of the joint nature of this activity, one of the three auditors was a security inspector from the KCAA, while the two other members of the audit team came from the Netherlands (Royal Marechaussee) and the CASE Project team.

The post-audit briefing was presented to the KCAA's management and the operators involved, which included a number of handling agents, the four main airlines transporting cargo in Nairobi and the Postal Corporation of Kenya.

► Vulnerability assessment on landside security in Côte d'Ivoire

Abidjan, 26-30 November 2018



As requested by the *Agence Nationale de l'Aviation Civile de Côte d'Ivoire* (ANAC), this assessment was conducted at Félix Houphouët Boigny International Airport by a team of three ECAC-certified assessors, who were joined by a national team member designated by ANAC.

Both the briefing (on 26 November 2018) and debriefing (on 30 November) were chaired on behalf of ANAC by Mr Koffi Bi Nekalo, as Acting Director General, and brought together managers and experts of entities involved in landside security. Consequently, not only ANAC, State law-

enforcement agencies and the airport operator, but also a number of organisations and companies working on the site of the airport in various domains, including air traffic control, catering, duty free, security and handling, attended the two meetings.

Finally, it should be noted that the national member of the assessment team participated in the CASE Project's training course for landside security vulnerability assessors one month later (see related article on page 1), and passed the WAEMU certification process.



WORKSHOPS

► Strong interest in CASE regional workshop on behaviour detection

Accra, 14-15 November 2018



ECAC and the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) jointly organised a workshop on behaviour detection which was held in Accra with strong support from the Ghanaian CAA, whose Director General, Mr Simon Allotey, delivered welcoming remarks. Fifty participants from twenty-three Partner States attended, underlining the strong interest in this technique among the Project's Partner States.

The roundtable discussion which took place at the beginning of the event highlighted that only one Partner State in attendance already had a behaviour detection programme in place. For that reason, the speakers for this activity all came from Europe (Ireland, the Netherlands and Spain) and the United States of America, rather than the African continent.

The presenters shared their knowledge and experience of the main issues required in the effective development and implementation of behaviour detection operations. These included: the selection and training of specialised officers, best practices for deployment, and evaluating the efficiency of behaviour

detection programmes.

The workshop was led by the current moderator of the ECAC Study Group on Behaviour Detection, Ms Carmen Feijoo Fernandez from the Spanish *Guardia Civil*.



► First joint ECAC-CASE events

Dublin, 11-12 December 2018

Paris, 13-14 March 2019

The objective of these joint activities is to bring together experts from CASE Partner and ECAC Member States, thereby allowing Partner State participants to benefit from the expertise of a larger panel of speakers, while giving European participants the opportunity to receive the input of African and Arabian experts.

This new practice was implemented in December 2018 and March 2019, both times focusing on one of the themes that had been newly introduced into the scope of the Project by its first amendment in



February 2018: insider threats, Explosive Detection Dogs (EDDs), security in airport design, behaviour detection and landside security.

At the invitation of the Irish Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, the first such workshop, which was dedicated to insider threats to aviation security, was held in Dublin on 11-12 December 2018, with support from the Irish Aviation Authority. The event brought together 75 participants, including 11 from as many different CASE Partner States. Three speakers from Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda also contributed to the event by presenting the experiences and best practices of their national authorities in security culture and the mitigation of insider threats.

The second of these workshops, which was organised in ECAC'S premises in Paris on 13-14 March 2019, focused on the



theme of EDDs. It involved 14 participants from 12 CASE Partner States, as well as 44 participants from ECAC Member States and the Eastern Partnership and Central Asia Project (another EU-funded initiative, the security component of which is being implemented by ECAC).

As part of the programme for this workshop, participants benefited from a presentation by an expert on EDDs from South Africa.

► Practical approach emphasised for workshop on landside security

Praia, 16-18 April 2019



Jointly organised with AFCAC, the first CASE workshop dedicated to the security of landside areas at airports took place in Praia, Cabo Verde. It was supported by the national Civil Aviation Authority, whose President welcomed the participants. This was the last of the new workshop themes that had been introduced into the scope of the Project in February 2018 (cf. Issue

n°5 of CASE News), to be successfully implemented.

The event brought together key speakers on the issue from the Appropriate Authorities of Côte d'Ivoire, the Netherlands, Senegal and Turkey, as well as from Brussels Airport and ECAC, who delivered presentations to an audience of

43 aviation security experts from 31 Partner States. The speakers also served as coaches for six small groups of participants during a practical exercise which was organised on the second afternoon at Nelson Mandela International Airport, and provided debriefings the following day. The objective was to give all participants a

sense of the practical dimensions of a vulnerability assessment, based on the presentations and discussions organised during the sessions preceding the exercise, and under the guidance of experienced vulnerability assessors.

