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Conference background

WFP Aviation and against the backdrop of strengthening capacity building within Civil Aviation Authorities, foster close relations among air operators and enhance overall cooperation in the humanitarian aviation sector we organized the 9th Global Humanitarian Aviation Conference & Exhibition (9th GHAC) under the high patronage of the Portuguese Parliament and the Municipality of Lisbon, on the third day the conference hosted the 2nd Humanitarian Aviation Summit that targets all WFP Aviation service providers including WFP registered and contracted operators in addition to those in the registration process ..

Since its launch in 2009, GHAC has become a major event on the humanitarian aviation calendar. The conference invited elite aviation experts, decision-makers and senior managers to discuss a broad spectrum of aviation concerns and emerging trends in the sector. Previous editions of the GHAC have been organized in the United Arab Emirates, Mexico, Jordan, Morocco, Switzerland and Spain.

Conference Location and timing

Ritz – Four Seasons, Lisbon Portugal

11-13 October 2017



"The everlasting dream of putting an end to world poverty and zero hunger is slowly becoming an established reality. This is a granted possibility if our continuous support to humanitarian efforts does not falter and only increases in both quality and magnitude."
Rosa Pinto

Attendees

The number of attendees has reached more than 250 attendees, from all over the globe. The opening ceremony was attended by members of the Portuguese parliament, Portuguese Secretary of State of Industry and the United Arab Emirates Ambassador. We had under one roof international organizations representatives such as ICAO, FAA, EASA, FSF among many others, Civil Aviation Authorities local and international, operators (large, medium and small), regulators, and auditors.

From the registration list the conference was attended by delegates from more than 45 different countries representing more than 150 organizations.

Conference collaboration and support:

The conference was held under the high patronage of the Portuguese Parliament and the Municipality of Lisbon and in collaboration with the International Civil Aviation Organizations (ICAO), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), Flight Safety Foundation (FSF), United Arab Emirates General Civil Aviation Authority (UAE-GCAA), Portugal and Lisbon tourism.

Conference budget, air tickets and all other expenses were fully covered by numerous supporters as the United Arab Emirates General Civil Aviation Authority (UAE-GCAA), Pratt and Whitney, Tap Air Portugal, Abakan Air, Chapman Freeborn, Rus aviation, Leonardo Helicopters, AMI, UTAir, Pilotos do Mundo, Tourism of Lisbon and Portugal, GHS, 748, GM Helicopters, Flyawesome, Embraer, Guardian Helicopters and through our exhibitors'



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Networking and ideas sharing opportunities

The conference offered a very fertile networking ground with its prime opportunity in the “exhibition village” connecting civil aviation authorities, humanitarian agencies, service providers and professionals across all areas of the industry.

All 22 exhibitors expressed their gratitude, they also mentioned that exhibiting at this conference has exceeded their expectations and they were very happy with the setup and the assistance offered. They were able to present some of their work and network with the audience freely.





Conference opening Ceremony

The conference master of ceremony was the famous Portuguese news anchorwoman Ms. Rosa Ponto. Ms. Pinto highlighted the necessity of joining the world unified goal, to end global hunger in our life time, through her opening speech and we quote *“We have the love of humanity in our hearts. So, let us use this power to unite and fight for a new world of reasons for a world with zero hunger in our life time.”*



During the opening ceremony, the MC noted that Lisbon, understands what a disaster can do as it suffered its major event that shaped “modern” Lisbon which was the earthquake of 1755 that destroyed 2/3 of the city which then recovered and was rebuilt from the ancient city to the modern city now and this was a derived reason to have such humanitarian conference in the city.

Various videos were played that delivered a clear message about disasters effect on communities and the importance of joining forces during the humanitarian operations to offer a helping hand to those suffering the dread of adversity.

Children from Ressano Garcia School from the Josefa de Óbidos School District performed 3 live songs to represent the unity of human race and the necessity to join to look beyond our difference yet benefit from our diversity.



Speeches from the conference patronage and collaborators where presented that showed the importance of such conferences.



In 2015, it was announced that the month of October is dedicated to Women in Humanitarian Aviation when all organizations worldwide were encouraged to participate and celebrate the month. This year all women attending were called upon the stage to be recognized for their relentless efforts.



Contribution Recognition:

A contribution recognition frame was handed over to GHAC main collaborators, during the opening ceremony as an appreciation for their contribution to the success of the conference.



Conference Main Topics

TOPIC 1: SAFETY IN HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS

Aim:

To highlight the necessity of developing Resilience in high threat environments and the CAA's role in managing risk in such environment.

Speakers:

Bill Voss, Massimo Mazzole, Miguel Marin, Bob Sheffield, Phil Graves, Carey Edwards

Desired outcome:

The desired outcome of the session is to present key elements that the CAA, air operators and stakeholders can improve and build capacity for operations carried out in remote locations.

TOPIC 2: INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGIES IN HUMANITARIAN AVIATION

Aim:

To present alternative technologies such as RPAS (drones) and Airships in humanitarian aviation

Speakers:

Jo Gillespie, Gregory Gottlieb, Clive Scot, Juan Carlos, Geert van Loopik, Andy Barton, Thomas Anthony, Brian Baurer, Nicklas Dahlstrom

Desired outcome:

The desired outcome of the session is to raise awareness on alternative methods and innovative technology that can be implemented to improve safety in humanitarian operations.

TOPIC 3: BUSINESS & OPERATIONAL ASPECT IN HUMANITARIAN AVIATION

Aim:

To discuss the business challenges for Humanitarian organizations and air operators involved in Humanitarian Air Operations.

Speakers:

Eric Perdison, Costa Vouros, Ricardo Maia de Loureiro, David Anderson, James Fee, Ovais Ahmed, Gregory Pece, Lacey Pitman

Desired outcome:

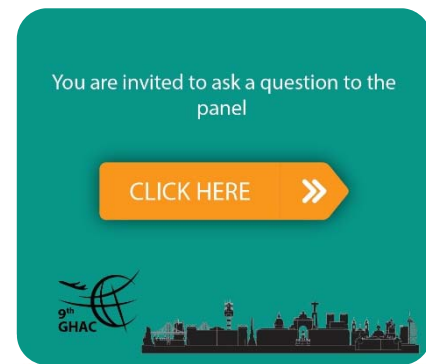
The desired outcome of the session is to better understand business challenges and propose solutions from stake holders directly engaged in Humanitarian Operations.

Panel Discussion:

Attendees were able to network and contribute ideas through the panel discussions that were open right after the presentations.

Each Attendee received an electronic form that allowed them to communicate their questions which then was presented to the speakers and to the delegates through the screens.

Due to time constraint not all questions were directed but moderator has tried to capture most.



Global attendance:

The conference was attended by delegates from all around the world, and was supported by local and international entities.

Many releases and coverage were published where some can be found under the links below:

<http://wam.ae/en/details/1395302639321>

<http://medavia.com/news/medavia-9th-global-humanitarian-aviation-conference-exhibition/>

<http://www.airshipsarabia.aero/single-post/2017/09/30/Airships-Arabia-to-Exhibit-Present-at-the-9th-Global-Humanitarian-Aviation-Conference-11th-13th-October-Lisbon-Portugal>

<https://www.cgerisk.com/event/global-humanitarian-aviation-conference-exhibition-lisbon/>



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UAE Ambassador to Portugal speaks at Global Humanitarian Aviation Conference

LISBON, 17th October, 2017 (WAM) -- Representing the UAE, Mousa Al Khaja, the country's Ambassador to Portugal, has taken part in the opening ceremony of the 9th Global Humanitarian Aviation Conference and Exhibition which was held in Lisbon from October 11th to 13th.

In his speech, the Ambassador highlighted a number of UAE-sponsored civil aviation safety campaigns, such as its sponsorship of the fourth aviation safety campaign in Kenya this year, which was organised in cooperation between the UAE General Civil Aviation Authority and the World Food Programme, as well as other upcoming cooperation projects in the field.

Al Khaja also reiterated the UAE's commitment to supporting all forms of international cooperation in various sectors.

WAM/Rasha Abubaker/Chris Moran

International Humanitarian Aviation Summit (IHAS):

This year was the 2nd International Humanitarian Aviation Summit targets all WFP Aviation service providers including WFP registered and contracted operators in addition to those in the registration process.

Provide open constructive dialogs for a better future of humanitarian aviation.

Results driven discussions through the bilateral meetings between service providers and key personnel in WFP Aviation.

The humanitarian aviation summit covered:

- Operational needs - WFP Aviation Operations
- Introduction of a new Air Charter Agreement
- WFP Aviation Agreements
- Overview of AVSEC challenges and way forward
- Feedback

One – One meetings

During the conference seniors from WFP Aviation, Safety & Quality conducted one to one meetings with many post holders from various operators and organizations to discuss their concerns ranging from contractual issues to safety observations.

Networking Dinner

The dinner was held at the same hotel where the conference congregated. It offered a very fertile environment to network among the conference attendees.

Through the conference the speakers, exhibitors and supporters received a symbolic recognition to mark their valued support to conference in specific and humanitarian aviation in total.



Challenges Faced

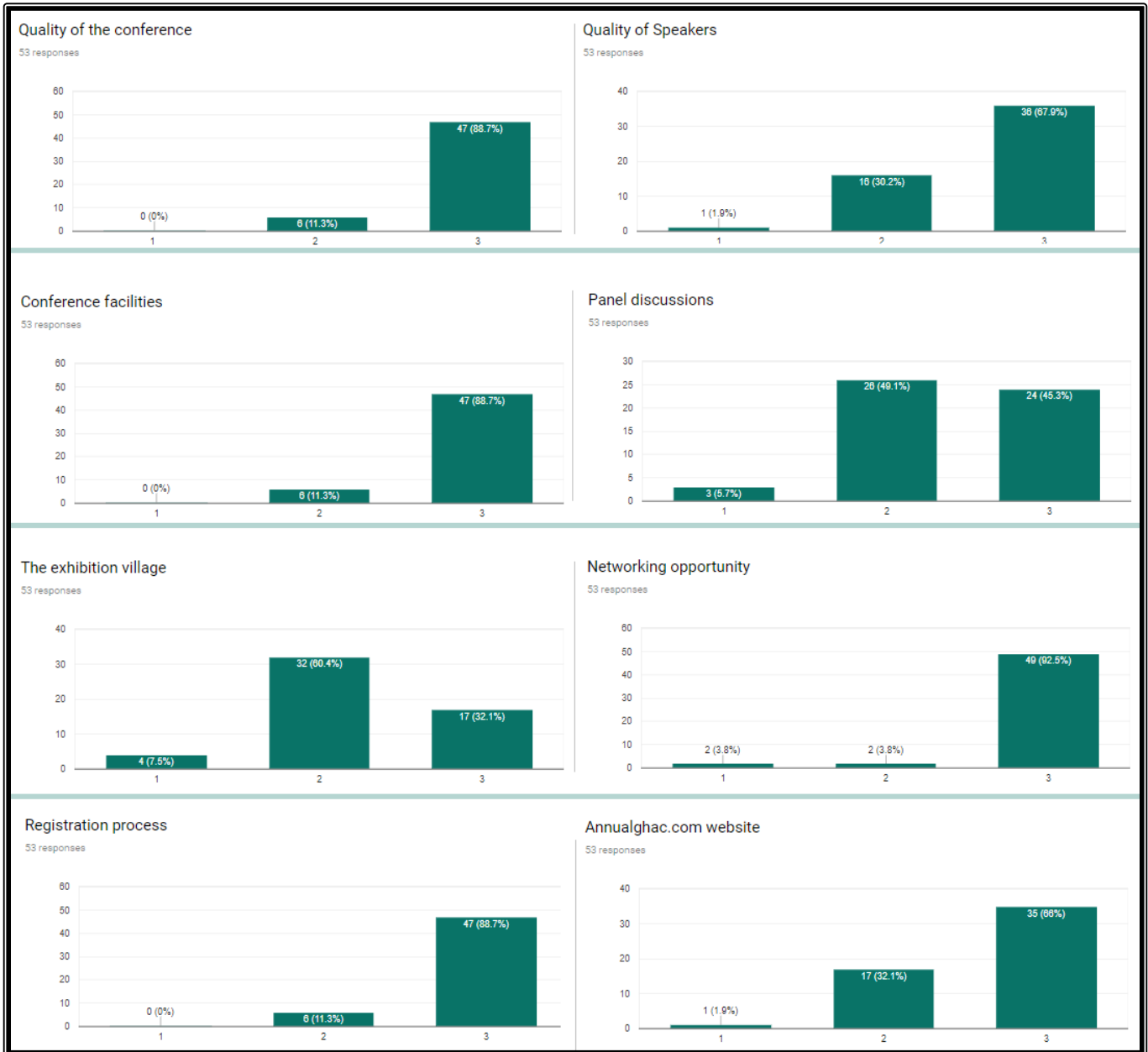
- Delay in having the required funds available
- Visa requirements and approvals
- Higher than expected number of participants

Lessons learned

- The CAA Attendance should be planned far in advance as the visa process require time
- More energetic speakers and more relative topics to humanitarian operations.

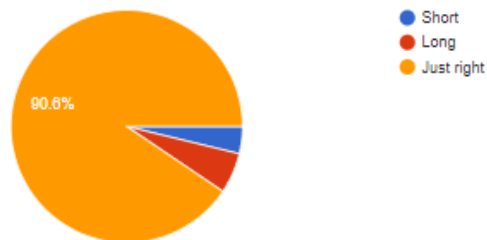


Feedback analysis



Length of conference

53 responses



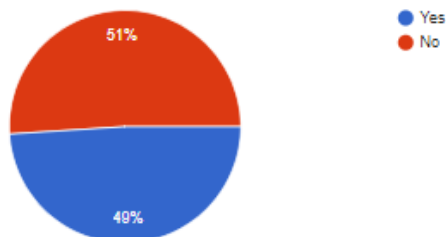
Would you like to attend the next GHAC?

52 responses



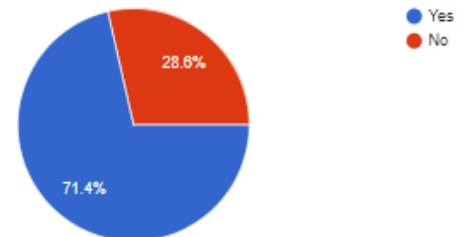
Would you like to Exhibit at the next GHAC?

49 responses



Would you like to support GHAC?

49 responses



Below are some of the comments gathered from the feedback form

- The 9th GHAC was my first time to assist and I think you to invite my country I wish all the best to the WFP
- World class event
- Great conference and interesting presentations. Friday meeting was great i.e. WFP and operators consider including WFP end-users in a similar meeting in future
- I thoroughly enjoyed Lisbon and there were some cost-effective accommodation options available. Travel connections were also very convenient.
- I thought that the relative simplicity of the conference dinner on the Wednesday night was much better than having to travel off-site.

Summary

According to attendees opinions, the conference was professionally organized, a great learning experience and worth attending. Many of the attendees felt that organizing such a huge, high class and important conference free-of-charge was great effort by the organizer to promote safety worldwide.

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Appendix

Conference presentations, event guide, daily digest and conference pictures were posted on the website: www.annualghac.com

