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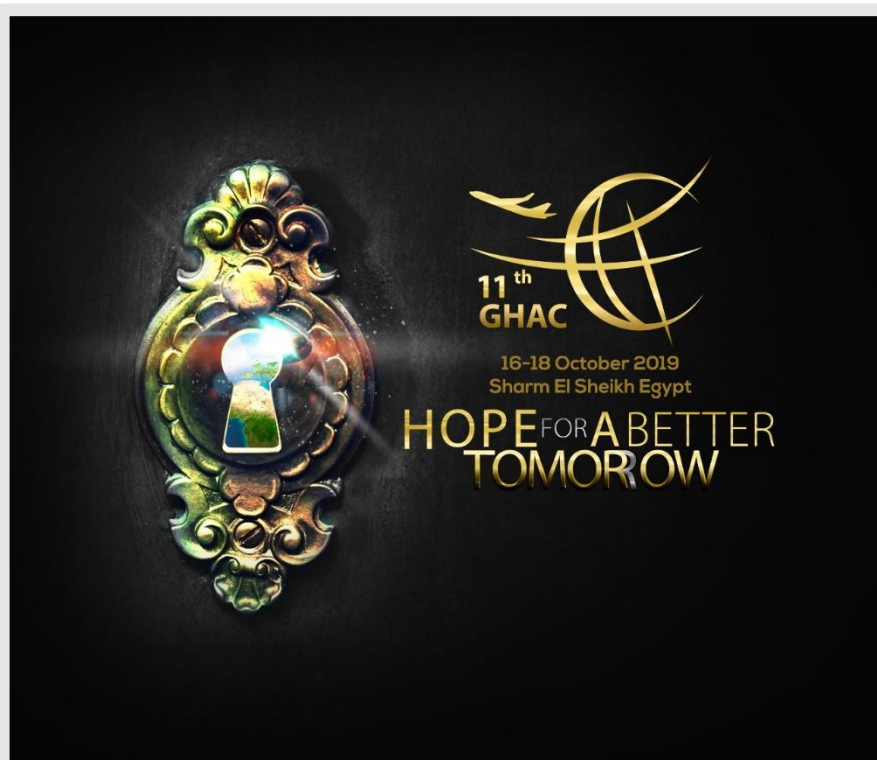
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Conference background

As a continuation to the entrust put in WFP in shouldering the promotion of humanitarian aviation in general and its safety in specific, and against the backdrop of capacity building and strengthening the relationship between all aviation stake holders (Operators, Regulators, International and national organizations) WFP organized the landmark 11th Global Humanitarian Aviation Conference & Exhibition (11th GHAC) under the high patronage of his Excellency Lieutenant general Younes El Masry the Egyptian Minister of Civil Aviation in collaboration with the Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority, the United Arab Emirates General Civil Aviation Authority, ICAO , Australian CASA, FSF, IATA among many other national and international organizations.

This year's marked the 11th Anniversary of the conference and 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 where it was held in various countries and continents to discover new aviation grounds for the humanitarian operations as it was held in Asia, Africa, Europe and South America



Conference Location and timing

Steigenberger Alcazar / Nabq Bay, Sharm El Sheikh Egypt



Attendees

The number of attendees has reached more than 200 attendees, from all over the globe. The conference was attended by delegates and representatives from the Ministry of Civil Aviation Authority, UAE Sharjah DCA, the regional office of ICAO among many organizations' representatives such as ICAO, FSF, 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 40 different countries exceeding the representation of 100 organizations.





Conference collaboration and support

The conference was held under the high patronage of his Excellency Lieutenant general Younes El Masry the Egyptian Minister of Civil Aviation in collaboration with the Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority, the United Arab Emirates General Civil Aviation Authority, ICAO , EASA, FSF, IATA among many other national and international organizations

Conference budget, air tickets and all other expenses were fully covered by numerous supporters as Egypt Air (The official carrier for the 10th GHAC) The United Arab Emirates General Civil Aviation Authority (UAE-GCAA), Pratt and Whitney, Abakan Air, Chapman Freeborn, Fly awesome / NAC, Airtec, 748, GM Helicopters, UTAIR, ALS, PAS and through our exhibitors’.



Networking and ideas sharing opportunities

The conference offered a very productive 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 16 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.

Exhibitors



Conference Opening Ceremony

The conference master of ceremony was an anchor woman at a TV channel in Middle East Ms. Dima Barqawi. She highlighted that the journey of every flight Taken is the defining action to change somebody's life the betterment of what it can become, and we quote:

" Aviation is more than 100 years old but it's still brand new when it comes to drawing a smile on a face that lost all...."

During the opening ceremony the MC has strongly encouraged us to choose to succeed in giving confidence and aspiration for new opportunities, choose to have a horizon filled with hope to provide the children with their bear rights so they sleep tonight with a satisfied heart and replenished soul, because they know with complete assurance that help is finally coming through the believers in humanity who are willing to risk everything for the sake of safeguarding the lives of many.

Following the WFP Executive Director message, the MC comforted all attended that the everlasting dream of putting an end to world poverty and achieving zero hunger is slowly becoming an established reality which is a granted possibility, if our continuous support to humanitarian efforts does not falter and only increase in both quality and magnitude

She noted that through this platform, WFP is sending a message that resonates through the earth, that even though the task is hard. We shall never give up, as peace and well fare demand constant collective actions.

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



2015 marked the announcement of dedicating the month of October to Women in Humanitarian Aviation in appreciation and valuing the role of women, their leadership and outstanding contributions to the nations and community services in various fields especially in humanitarian aviation

An inspirational icon representing women in aviation was invited Ms Maria Grigore the TRACECA National Secretary of Romania - Ministry of Transport Romania whom was called on stage and she delivered her valuable speech and was awarded a symbolic recognition to value the women role in humanitarian aviation.



Conference Main Topics

Topic 1: Disaster Response Preparations

Objectives: Planning for a large-scale response to a disaster that cannot be predicted is an incredibly difficult thing. The need for structured process and discipline has to be balanced against the need for improvisation and adaptability. The panelists will discuss how government institutions, relief organizations and private enterprises transform their aviation operations to become part of a cohesive large-scale disaster response

Speakers: *Philippe Martu, Chris Weeks, Maria Grigore, Gregory Pece, Abdelrahman Fawzy, Graig Munro, Daniel Juzi*

Topic 2: Innovation in Humanitarian Aviation

Objectives: Utilizing innovative technologies in supporting Humanitarian operations

Speakers: *Ovais Ahmed, Catalin Radu, Jo Gillespie, Geert Loopik, Ismael Zakary, Catalin Popa*

Topic 3: Competency Based Training and Assessment

Objectives: After the amendments to PANS Training ICAO has implemented and will continue to implement the competency-based training and assessment (CBTA) method for flight crew training for initial as well as for recurrent trainings

Speakers: *Wayne Morgan, Roger Crosthwaite, Ole Fisker, Carl Haslem, Gerda Pardatscher*

Topic 4: How to make humanitarian operations safer

Objectives: Safety and security management systems application enforcement in harsh working environment

Speakers: *Solomon Gizaw, Nicklas Dahlstorm, Mario Siberian, Philippe de Saint-Georges, Ahmed Hersi*



One – One meetings

During the conference seniors from WFP Aviation, Safety and contracts, UNDOS 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 in addition to meetings with Civil Aviation Authorities and discussing the safety promotion event for the year of 2020 and various collaboration efforts that can be conducted to enhance aviation and its safety at the areas of operation.



Networking Dinner

The dinner was held at the same hotel where the conference congregated. It offered a very fertile environment to network and provided a very welcoming atmosphere with local cultural entertainment which was provided by the hotel free of charge as a welcoming gesture.

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

Workshops

The last day of the conference was supported by 3 workshops, where attendees were eager to attend as it recorded up to 35 attendees in some of the workshops

Workshop 1: What makes pilots qualified to fly in remote, hostile and poor infrastructure areas? By Ms. Gerda and Mr. Carl

The workshop covered many factors concerning pilots qualification to fly in hostile and remote locations in addition to trainings and online trainings

Workshop 2: Get Airport Ready For Disaster (GARD) by DHL

Get Airports Ready for Disaster (GARD) is an airport preparedness programme launched in 2009 by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Deutsche Post DHL Group (DPDHL) and funded by the government of Germany. The workshop briefed the attendees by high-level perspective on how to prepare airports and train the personnel in high risk countries for worst case scenarios

Workshop 3: BowTie Risk assessment training, theory and practice, by Geert van Loopik, Global Account Manager & Trainer, CGE

The workshop provided the attendees with an introduction to the bowtie methodology (one of many barrier risk models) which is increasingly popular approach to help manage risk and explained the various bowtie analysis components.

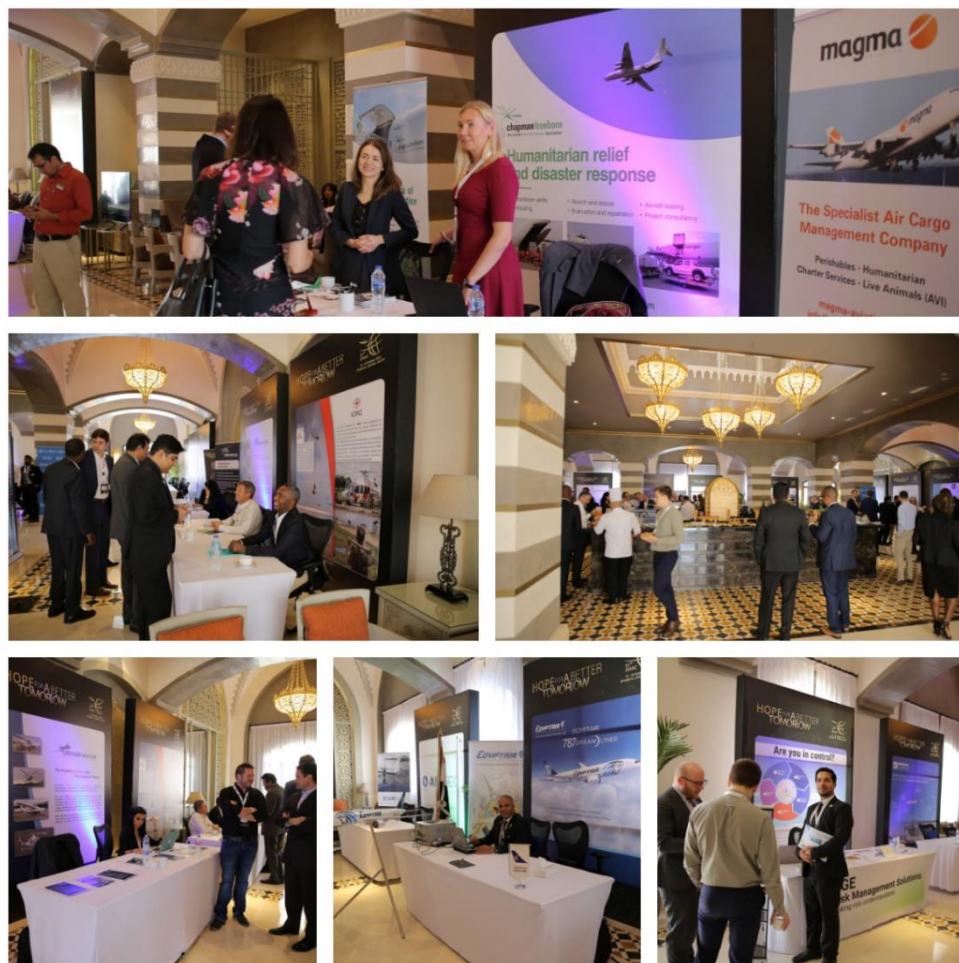


Challenges Faced

- Limited connecting flights to the conference location
- Strict governmental procedures leading to a shortage in vital conference resources (including Audio and Video among others)
- Communications delay due to cultural aspects
- Hotel's improper planning in setting up the Exhibition village resulted in changing the location to more appropriate one
- WiFi connectivity was poor limiting the online work facilitation

Lessons learned

- High speed internet connectivity
- Easier to reach location



Feedback Analysis

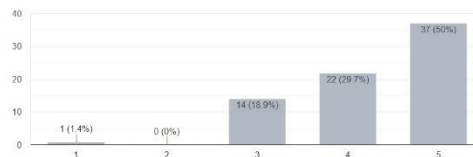
Quality of the conference

74 responses



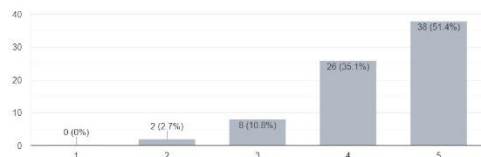
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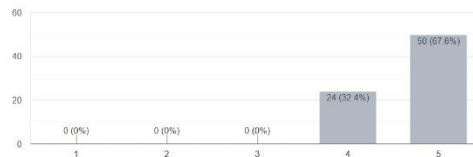
Quality of Speakers

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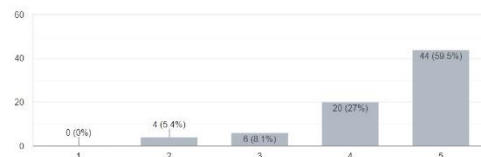
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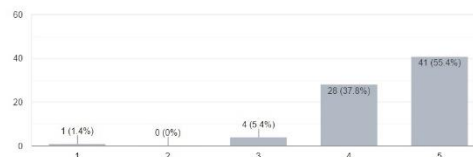
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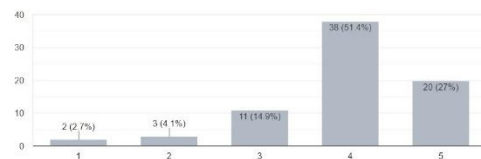
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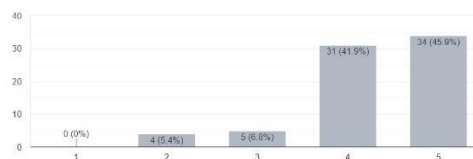
Panel discussions

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The exhibition village

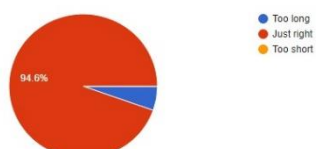
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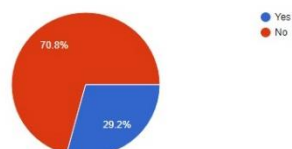
Length of conference

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Would you like to Exhibit at the next GHAC?

72 responses



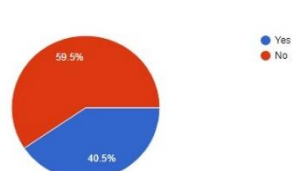
Would you like to attend the next GHAC?

71 responses



Would you like to support next GHAC? If yes please include your email address

74 responses



Testimonial

"GLAD TO HAVE ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE"
THANK YOU FOR GREAT PRESENTATIONS

Conclusion

According to attendee's opinions the conference was greatly appreciated and considered to be an astounding learning experience. 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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The conference covered a very wide range of humanitarian aviation challenges, and provided various possible solutions with suggestions to add:

- Humanitarian Aviation Environmental Impact
- Increase the number of interactive sessions
- Particulars on setting KPI, SPIs and operation continuity

Additionally, a major outcome of the conference is the importance of having a Global Humanitarian Aviation Organization to adopt the humanitarian aviation worldwide and look after its essentials.

In conclusion, the conference was a tremendous outreach to all aviation community with professional and personal value to all participants.

Appendix

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