

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

FAI Regional Vice President – Middle East and North Africa

FAI President,

FAI Executive Board members,

FAI Secretary General,

FAI Air Sport Commission Presidents and delegates of 113th FAI General Conference.

First and foremost, I would like to take this opportunity to thank FAI for giving me the trust and opportunity to serve FAI for the region of Middle East and North Africa.

[My reports are as follows:](#)

Total Countries: 19

Active Member: 14

Prospect Members: 5

[Active Members](#)

- 1- ALGERIA (FEDERATION ALGÉRIENNE DES SPORTS AÉRIENS)
- 2- BAHRAIN (BAHRAIN AIR SPORTS FEDERATION)
- 3- EGYPT (AERO CLUB OF EGYPT)
- 4- IRAN (KANOONE HAVANAVARDIYE IRAN)
- 5- IRAQI (IRAQI AERO FEDERATION)
- 6- ISRAEL (AERO CLUB OF ISRAEL)
- 7- SAUDI ARABIA (SAUDI AVIATION CLUB)
- 8- KUWAIT (KUWAIT SINCE CLUB)
- 9- LIBYAN (LIBYAN AIRSPORTS FEDERATION)
- 10- MOROCO (FEDERATION ROYALE MAROCAINE DE L'AVIATION
LEGERE ET SPORTIVE)

- 11- PALSTINE (PALESTINE AIR SPORTS FEDERATION)
- 12- QATAR (QATAR AIR SPORTS COMMITTEE)
- 13- UAE (EMIRATES AEROSPORTS FEDERATION)
- 14- OMAN (OMAN NATIONAL FREEFALL TEAM)

Prospect Members: 5

1- Lebanon:

They are Part of AOPA and interested to be get a membership but they need to know more, so we have a meeting on next December.

2- Jordan

They are facing budget issue so they might be back to FAI once this resolved.

3- Syria

Nor Further Development.

4- Tunisia

No further Development.

5- Yemen

No further Development.

Challenges & Recommended Solutions for the MENA Region:

- In some of the MENA countries, air sports is limited due to the unavailability of airspace and for security concerns.
 - To provide support with NACs and their national civil aviation authorities to support air sports activities each of their respective countries.

- The lack of the promotion of air sports in the MENA region
 - To increase the awareness of air sports by encouraging participation in FAI events and attending meetings of the various FAI Committees.

- Not a sufficient number of competitions taking place in the MENA region.
 - Work with the NAC's to propose more competitions and to actively patriciate their pilots in the FAI World

Air Games.

Planned Activities:

- Kuwait General Aviation Airshow in 2020.
- Saudi Arabia Biggest Middle East General Aviation Show which will be conducted on 17 January 2020.
- To begin the organization of the Mena Flying Rally in 2020.
- To visit to Lebanon to encourage its membership to the FAI.

Strategy:

In Mena, Recreational air Sports activity have existed for quite short time. This mainly due to lack of support and cooperation from their government particularly sport Administration. My strategy to overcome this includes:

- a) Approaching Civil Aviation Authority for support and cooperation.
- b) Encouraged them to form air sport national body and join FAI.
- c) Follow up and assist NAC to develop Competitions in their countries.

Air Sports to be Promoted in the MENA Region:

- Drones
- Hot Air Balloon
- Gliding
- General Aviation

Regards,

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