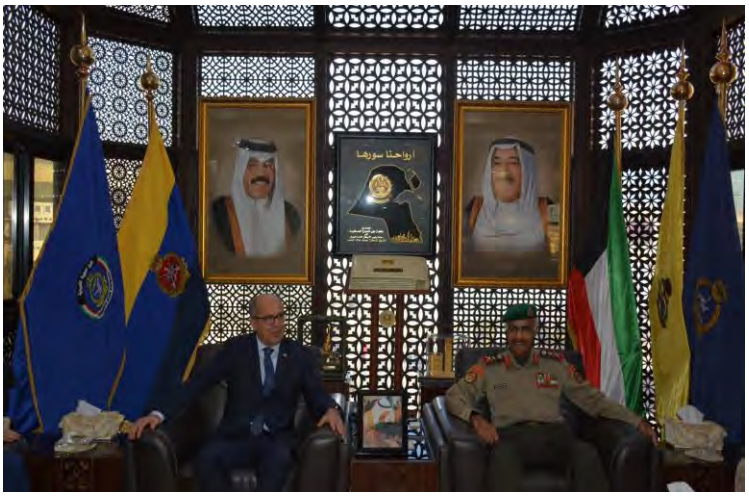
The Annual Activities of the Permanent Secretariat of the International Civil Defence Organization
2019

Mission to the State of Kuwait



The Visit of the SG to Kuwait

From 5th to 7th February 2019, ICDO Interim Secretary General Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi paid an official visit to the State of Kuwait to participate in the "Shamel 5" drill organized by Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD) in Arifjan. The drill was attended by H.H. Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Interior Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Anas Al-Saleh and other related governmental and private sectors.

Several leading figures were awarded the ICDO International Order for their cooperation and assistance to the Fire Service Directorate during the flooding events witnessed in Kuwait in the year 2018.

In conclusion, this mission was a changing point to the course of the bilateral relations as all parties acknowledged the immediate necessity for a more involving cooperation.

Mission to Republic of Korea

The Visit of the SG to the Republic of Korea

On the 25th of April 2019, Interim Secretary General, Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi, together with his team paid an official visit to the Republic of Korea. During the mission, Mr. Elketroussi met with several figures from the Korean government, most relevantly Vice Minister of Interior and Safety, Mr. Gye Myong Choi at the headquarters of the MOI of Korea, as well as the director general of the National Disaster Training Institute NDTI., Mr. Sung Ki- seok.

As a result, numerous points of common interest were discussed, including the topics related to training and humanitarian projects.

Both sides agreed to relaunch their discussions at the headquarters of the International Civil Defence Organization in 2019, Geneva, Switzerland.

Mission to the Kingdom of Bahrain

The Visit of the SG to Bahrain

From 25th to 27th February 2019, the ICDO Interim Secretary General, Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi had an official visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain, where he participated in the Second Annual International Fire Operations Conference (IFOC).

Mr. Elketroussi met several leading figures on the margins of the conference, most relevantly, H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Kalifa, Minister of Interior of the Kingdom of Bahrain, as well as the Director General of Civil Defence, Brigadier Ali Al Hooti.

Both sides pledged to fortify their bilateral relations and to foster their cooperation, not only in diplomatic terms but also in the areas of technological interdependence and training.

Visit to ICDO Headquarters – Director Generals of Civil Protection

May 2019

Mongolia
13 May 2019

Major General Tuvshin Badral, Chief National Emergency Management Agency of Mongolia visited ICDO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss projects for future cooperation.
Mongolia expressed their commitment to take active participation in the future events and initiatives organized by ICDO. In addition, Major General Badral stated that cooperation between the two organizations would grow even stronger in case of contributions and participation.
The staff of ICDO led by Mr. B. Elketroussi, Interim Secretary General, received him.

Ecuador
13 May 2019

Maria Alexandra Ocles Padilla, National Secretary of Risk Management of Ecuador visited ICDO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss cooperation projects in the field of risk management and humanitarian assistance.

The staff of ICDO led by Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi, Interim Secretary General, received her.

Afghanistan
14 May 2019

H.E. Mr. Najib Aqa Fahim, State Minister for Disaster Management, Afghanistan visited ICDO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss forms of cooperation and to find common grounds to advance the efforts of disaster management bodies in Afghanistan.
The staff of ICDO led by Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi, Interim Secretary General, received him.

Main aim of this meeting was to establish collaboration between both the esteemed organizations for future projects.

Senegal
14 May 2019

Mr. Abdoulaye Noba, Director of Civil Protection of Senegal visited ICDO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss further collaborations and cooperation.

The staff of ICDO led by Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi, Interim Secretary General, received him.

Mauritania
14 May 2019

Mr. Colonel Khattar Ould Mohamed M'Bareck, Director General of Civil Defence of Mauritania visited ICDO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

The staff of ICDO led by Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi, Interim Secretary General, received him.

The main aim of this visit was to strengthen bilateral relations.

Mali
14 May 2019

Colonel Major Seydou Doumbia, Director General of Civil Protection of Mali visited ICDO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

The staff of ICDO led by Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi, Interim Secretary General, received him.

Niger
15 May 2019

Colonel Major Boubacar Bako, Director General of Civil Protection of Niger visited ICDO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

The staff of ICDO led by Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi, Interim Secretary General, received him.

Belarus
16 May 2019

Mr. Uladzimir Vashchanka, Minister of Emergency Situations of Belarus visited ICDO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland to discuss further cooperation in areas of training

The staff of ICDO led by Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi, Interim Secretary General, received him.

Cuba
16 May 2019

Head of the Delegation, General Ramon Pardo Guerra, Head of Civil Defence in Cuba, H.E. Mr. Pedro Luis Pedroso Cuesta, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative of Cuba to the UN in Geneva and Delegation from FAM, Cuba visited ICDO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, to strengthen bilateral relations.

The staff of ICDO led by Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi, Interim Secretary General, received him.

Tajikistan
16 May 2019

Mr. Mohmadtoir Zokirzoda, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan visited ICDO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss cooperation projects in the field of training.

The staff of ICDO led by Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi, Interim Secretary General, received him.

Kazakhstan
17 May 2019

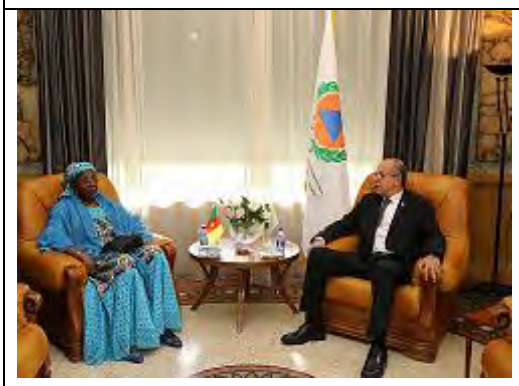
Mr. Duzakbaev Barat, Deputy Chairman of the Committee of Emergency Situation, Kazakhstan visited ICDO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss cooperation and bilateral relation.

The staff of ICDO led by Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi, Interim Secretary General, received him.

Benin & Togo
17 May 2019

Commissaire divisionnaire de Police Aristide Dagou, Director General of National Agency of Civil Protection of Benin and Lt. Colonel Yoma Baka, Director General of National Agency of Civil Protection of Togo visited ICDO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

The staff of ICDO led by Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi, Interim Secretary General, received them.



Cameroon
17 May 2019

Mrs. Mariatou Hjoupouo Epse Yap, Director General of Civil Defence of Cameroon visited ICDO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss humanitarian projects and training.

The staff of ICDO led by Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi, Interim Secretary General, received him.

June 2019

France
20 June 2019

Mr. Philippe Prevost, President of UTILIS with the French delegation visited ICDO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.
The staff of ICDO led by Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi, Interim Secretary General, received him.

During the visit, Mr. Prevost signed a cooperation agreement with ICDO in the presence of the Russian delegation from EMERCOM.

Korea
24 July 2011

Mr. Kim Boo-kyum, Deputy Minister of Interior of Republic of Korea visited ICDO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss cooperation projects in the field of training and safety.

The staff of ICDO led by Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi, Interim Secretary General, received him.

July 2019

Bahrain
10 July 2019

Brigadier General Hamad Bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, as head of the delegation, accompanied by Captain Omar Isa Al Thwady and Captain Ali Hassan Munahy, visited ICDO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The staff of ICDO led by Interim Secretary General, Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi, received them.

The main objective was to visit shelters and bunkers in Geneva, Switzerland to watch closely check the designs and learn how the shelters as well as bunkers function.

November 2019

Pakistan
4 November 2019

The ICDO Interim Secretary General, Belkacem Elketroussi received the Director General of Civil Defence of Pakistan, Mr. Muhammad Hanif Khattak in the framework of an official visit in ICDO headquarter.

Further cooperation between ICDO and Civil Defence of Pakistan for reinforcement of national capacity buildings, training programs for the year 2020 and plan of technical assistance were the themes of discussion.

Qatar
5 November 2019

The ICDO Interim Secretary General, Belkacem Elketroussi received Mr. Hamad Othman N. Aldehaimi, Director General of Civil Defence of Qatar in the framework of an official visit in ICDO headquarter.

Both parties discussed about World disaster management centers network, ICDO training programs and involvement of Qatar in ICDO humanitarian programs.

Bosnia
5 November 2019

The ICDO Interim Secretary General, Belkacem Elketroussi welcomed the Head of the protection and rescue sector of Bosnia & Herzegovina, Mr. Samir Agic in ICDO headquarters for an official meeting.

EMERCOM of Russia
5 November 2019

The ICDO Interim Secretary General, Belkacem Elketroussi had an official meeting with H.E. Mr. Alexander Chupriyan, First Deputy Minister of EMERCOM of Russia and President of the International Sport Federation of Fire Fighters & Rescuers.

Malaysia
5 November 2019

Mr. Roslan Bin Wahab, Chief Commissioner of Malaysia Civil Defence Force visited ICDO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss cooperation projects in the field of training.

The staff of ICDO led by Interim Secretary General, Belkacem Elketroussi, received him.

Bahrain
5 November 2019

Mr. Brigadier Ali Mohamed Saad Al-Hooti, Director General of Civil Defence of Bahrain visited ICDO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss cooperation projects in the field of training.

The staff of ICDO led by Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi, Interim Secretary General, received him.

Nigeria
6 November 2019

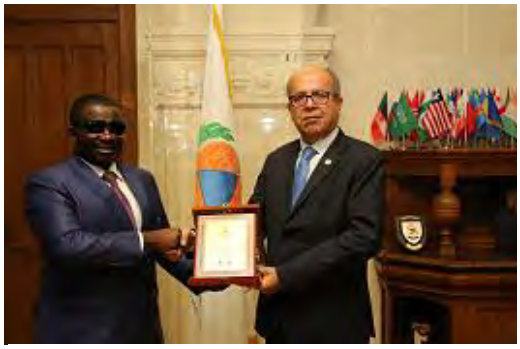
Commandant General Abdullahi Gana Muhammadu, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, (NSCDC) visited ICDO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss new cooperation projects.

The staff of ICDO led by Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi, Interim Secretary General, received him.

Algeria
12 November 2019

Colonel Boualem Bourelaf, Director General of Civil Protection of Algeria visited ICDO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, to strengthen bilateral relations and discuss cooperation projects.

The staff of ICDO led by Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi, Interim Secretary General, received him.



Ghana
04 December 2019

Hon. Eric Nana Agyemang – Prempeh, Director General of Civil Protection of Ghana visited ICDO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, to strengthen bilateral relations.

The staff of ICDO led by Mr. Belkacem Elketroussi, Interim Secretary General, received him.

International Conferences

The 52nd Session of the Executive Council
08-09 April 2019
Beirut - Lebanon

22 member states of the Executive Council of the International Civil Defense Organization participated in the session.

During the session, Acting Secretary General Belkacem Elketroussi unanimously was re-elected to the same post while d*irector of the International Monitoring and Coordination Center* of the organization Andrey Kudinov was elected as Deputy Secretary General.

The 4th African Meeting of Director Generals of Civil Protection
29-30 September 2019

Under the auspices of Minister of Interior, Local collectivises and Territory planning, the 4th Meeting of the African Civil protection Directors was held in Algeria from 29th – 30th September 2019.

ICDO's Role in Developing Specialized Sports
04 November 2019
Geneva - Switzerland

Under the auspices of the International Civil Defence Organization and in coordination with The International Sport Federation of Firefighters and Rescuers, the First International Conference on "ICDO's Role in Developing Specialized Sports" took place at CICG – Geneva, Switzerland.

The 4th International Conference of the Directors of the Civil Defence Training & Educational Institutions
10-12 December 2019
Abu Dhabi – UAE

International Civil Defence Organization (ICDO) in Abu Dhabi, UAE organized the 4th meeting for Civil Defence Training Directors, Institutes and Schools from 10th to 12th December 2019.
The meeting came out with a number of recommendations, including the formation of a committee to follow up on the annual training plans and supervise the work of a database. In addition, to standardize technical terms in the field of training used in covenants and schools affiliated with civil defence departments. Other areas like, encouraging bilateral as well as group visits between member states for exchange of experience, need for active participation in meetings organized and work towards achieving goals was also on the agenda.

Workshops and Commissions

Meeting of Arab Directors of Media
01 – 02 July 2019
Tunis - Tunisia

The opening was witnessed by Secretary General of the Arab Interior Ministers Council, Dr. Muhammad Ali Koman, Director General of the National Bureau of Civil Protection, Brigadier General Moez Al – Dashrawi, Interim Secretary General of International Civil Defence Organization, Belkacem Elketroussi.

This workshop was about the important role media plays for promoting operations and training. Media also contributes to lower the rate of incidents. The main goal of this workshop was to upgrade the civil protection and civil defence directorates to develop the role of media. In addition, this workshop included some recommendations.

"The Role of Civil Protection Devices in Securing Tourist Facilities."
16 – 18 July 2019
Beirut - Lebanon

This workshop was held in coordination with Naif Arab University for Security Studies (NAUSS). Topics like Risk to tourism facilities and the real effects of such hazards, Security & safety regulations for the construction as well as operation of tourist facilities, Importance of training the workers in the tourist establishment, Crisis management in the tourist establishment and The contribution of the civil defence in the tourism sector were touched upon during the lectures.

Administrative & Financial Commissions Meeting
18 – 19 November 2019
Geneva - Switzerland

Meeting of Administrative & Financial Commission was held in ICDO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland on 18 – 19 November 2019.
From 12 member states delegations participated in this meeting. Composition and the prerogatives of the Administrative and Financial Commission was discussed. The meeting included presentations by internal audit MAZARS, and the vision of the Permanent Secretariat.
The meeting was concluded by finalization of the roadmap, review and prospects.

Trainings
International Training Courses

In the year 2019, International Civil Defence Organization (ICDO), organized many International Training Courses. More than 90 participants successfully took part in these courses. These training courses were held in countries like Jordan, Oman, Tunisia, Belarus, South Korea, Kingdom of Saudi, Switzerland and United Arab Emirates.

Conception and Management of Camps for Refugees & Disaster Victims - Jordan

Training Course on Conception and Management of Camps for Refugees & Disaster Victims was held from 17 – 23 March 2019 in Jordan. 10 delegates from 6 member state countries participated in this training course.

Search and Rescue - Oman

Training Course on Search and Rescue was held from 31 March – 11 April 2019 in Oman. 11 delegates from 8 member state countries participated in this training course.

Management of the Victims of Attacks - Tunisia

Training Course on Management of the Victims of Attacks was held from 17 – 21 June 2019 in Tunisia. 11 delegates from 8 member state countries participated in this training course.

First Aid in Radiation and Chemical Emergencies - Belarus

Training Course on First Aid in Radiation and Chemical Emergencies was held from 07 – 19 October 2019 in Belarus. 13 delegates from 10 member state countries participated in this training course.

Capacity Building Program for Disaster Response and Management – South Korea

Training on Capacity Building Program for Disaster Response and Management Workshop was held from 12 – 20 October 2019 in South Korea. 12 delegates participated in this training program. The NDTI of South Korea and the ICDO organized this workshop conjointly.

The goal of the workshop was to increase overall capacity for the disaster response and management system in ICDO member states & to build capacity of human resources working in disaster management field.

Training on Emergency Response in Case of Hazardous Material Accident – Saudi Arabia

Training Course on Emergency Response in Case of Hazardous Material Accident was held from 13 October – 03 November 2019 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. 15 delegates from 11 member state countries participated in this training course.

Protection of the Population and Training Coordination - Switzerland

Training Course on Protection of the Population and Training Coordination was held from 25 – 29 November 2019 in Schwarzenburg's Federal Center for instruction. 10 delegates participated in this training program. The main objectives of this training was to train the participants in the areas of Swiss federal System, the coordinated systems of protection of the population, the equipment as well as commitment of civil protection and various creative ways to systematically solve a problem.

Advanced Fire Fighting and Rescue Course - UAE

Major General Jassem Muhammad Al-Marzouqui, Civil Defence General Commander in Chief at the Ministry of Interior, inaugurated training course on Advanced Fire Fighting and Rescue. The training course organized by ICDO and hosted by Abu Dhabi Civil Defence Academy was held from 07 – 13 December 2019. 13 Civil Defence elite personnel participated in this course, representing 10 member state countries. The aim of this course was to provide advance skills and knowledge in firefighting to the trainees.

Mobile Training Teams

In the year 2019, International Civil Defence Organization (ICDO), organized many Mobile Training Team Courses. More than 280 participants successfully took part in these training courses and seminars. These training sessions were held in countries like Kazakhstan, Mali, Georgia, Burkina Faso, Senegal and Oman.

Psychological Support to Children in Case of Disaster (Kazakhstan)

10 - 14 June 2019
Russia Trainers – Kazakhstan Trainees

June 14, 2019 concluded the 5 day training for 45 specialists – psychologists of the regional branches of the Committee for Emergency Situations of the Ministry of Internal Affair of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the topics, "Psychological assistance for children & disabled, affected by the emergencies" and "Innovative methods of emergency psychological assistance, mental regulation and self-regulation". CESDRR, ICDO, National Medical Association, UNICEF in Kazakhstan, Red Crescent in Kazakhstan, Institute of psychology and psychotherapy organized this training. At the end of the training participants and trainers received international certificates.

Safety Training for Lifeguards (Mali)

19 - 23 August 2019
Algeria Trainers – Mali Trainees

ICDO mobile training course was held in Mali, entitled "Safety Training for Lifegaurds." 20 participants from requesting country attended this training. The main objective of this training was to train the lifeguards of the Algerian Civil protection.

Operational Level for 1st Responders During Urban and Forest Fires (Georgia)

07 - 11 October 2019
French Trainers – Georgia Trainees

ICDO mobile training course was held in Georgia, entitled "Operational Level for 1st Responders During Urban and Forest Fires." 22 participants attended this training. The sessions were informative and productive. All participants completed this training successfully.

Management & Conception of Camps for Refugees and Homeless (Burkina Faso)

07 - 12 October 2019
ICDO Trainers – Burkina Faso Trainees

ICDO mobile training course was held in Burkina Faso, entitled "Management & Conception of Camps for Refugees and Homeless." 21 participants attended this training.

Workshop on the Health Undertaking of Fire Brigade at the Time of Disaster (Senegal)
18 - 22 November 2019
ICDO/Algeria Trainers – Senegal Trainees

ICDO workshop was held in Senegal, entitled "Workshop on the Health Undertaking of Fire Brigade at the Time of Disaster." 22 participants attended this training.

Integrated Assessment and Risk Management of Emergency Situations at the Facilities of Extracting & Processing of Natural Resources (Kazakhstan)
20 - 24 November 2019
Lecture under the supervision of ICDO

Training organized jointly by ORT SONDIRYSHI under the auspices of ICDO in West-Kazakhstan region's Uralsk city from 20th to 24th November 2019. 116 employees of West-Kazakhstan region office were trained.

The outcome of this international training was effective and a fruitful cooperation in the field of risk assessment and management**.**

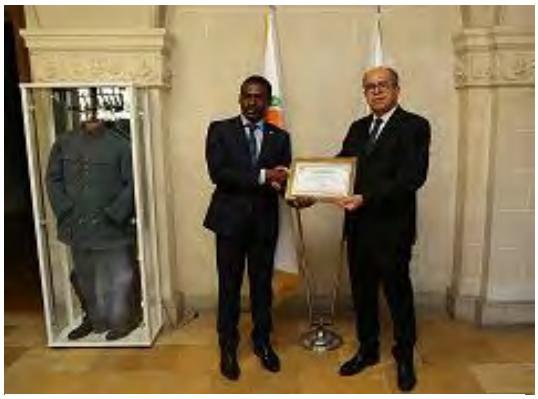
Seminar on Medicine Disaster (Senegal)
25 - 29 November 2019
ICDO/Algeria Trainers – Senegal Trainees

ICDO workshop was held in Senegal, entitled "Workshop on the Health Undertaking of Fire Brigade at the Time of Disaster." 20 participants attended this seminar.

Command & Management for Local Director and Head of Centers, Fire Fighting in Case of a Mega Fire, Leadership in Fighting Fire (Oman)
30 November - 07 December 2019
French Trainers – Oman Trainees

ICDO mobile training sessions were held in Oman entitled "Command & Management for Local Director and Head of Centers, Fire Fighting in Case of a Mega Fire, Leadership in Fighting Fire." 18 participants attended these training sessions.

IMCC Training



International Monitoring and Coordination Centre (IMCC)

In the year 2019, IMCC training session was held January – February 2019 (Cameroon and Jordan), April – May (Russia, Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan), September – October (Morocco, Jordan and Tunisia)

IMCC serve as a tool for the exchange of technical information among national civil defence and civil protection structures of the ICDO member states and specialized international as well as regional organizations. The main objectives of IMCC training is to provide support to decision makers in their response to disaster by monitoring, evaluating and forecasting. IMCC works as an early warning system for national civil protection structures in the countries at risk.

In this training, the trainees learn how to create international prevention and awareness plans to combat disasters. In addition, it covers exercises on disaster prevention and management.

Technical Assistance

In partnership with the Government of Switzerland, the ICDO operates a technical assistance program. This program enables the organization to provide specialized equipment and other vital material to help strengthen the capabilities of national civil defence / civil protection structures of ICDO member and non-member states. Also, to protect their populations and the environment from the effects of natural as well as manmade disasters.

Technical Assistance for the year 2019

- **Lebanon** – Container sent to Lebanon in February 2019. Materials and equipment in the container was a humanitarian donation and used only for the Civil Defence Directorate of the Republic of Lebanon.
- **Niger** – Container sent to Niger in February 2019. Materials and equipment in the container was a humanitarian donation and used only for National School of Civil Protection in the Republic of Niger.
- **Mauritania** – Container sent to Mauritania in February 2019. Materials and equipment in the container was a humanitarian donation and used only for Civil Protection Services and Fire Brigade of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.
- **Jordan** – Container sent to Jordan in June 2019. Materials and equipment in the container was a humanitarian donation and used only for Civil Protection Services in the Kingdom of Jordan.
- **Mali** – Container sent to Mali in June 2019. Materials and equipment in the container was a humanitarian donation and used only for Civil Protection Services in the Republic of Mali.

In the year 2019, International Civil Defence Organization (ICDO), organized Missions, Visits, International Conferences, Workshops, Commissions, International Trainings, Mobile Training Teams, IMCC training & Technical assistance, bringing together experts in Civil Defence, Civil Protection & Emergency, as well as Governments and other specialized partners to promote joint initiatives as well as international cooperation.