

Regional Runway Safety Seminar (RRSS)

27 to 29 May 2013 – St John, Antigua and Barbuda

Executive Summary Template

I. RRSS Event Overview

- a. The NACC Runway Safety Seminar from 27 to 29 May, 2013 in St John, Antigua and Barbuda was organized in partnership with IFALPA and support from ECCAA.
- b. Sponsorship from Boeing, Zodiac Aerospace and support from the ECCAA facilitated interpretation services and allowed for refreshments.
- c. 22 participants from 5 States attended the seminar and airport visit to V.C. Bird International Airport.
- d. Speakers from 13 International Organization and Industry Stakeholders (ACI, Antigua Airport Authority, Cayman Airport Authority, CAA Jamaica, CAA Cuba, ECCAA, FAA, ICAO, ICCAIA, IFALPA, IFATCA and Zodiac Aerospace) delivered presentations on a variety of Runway Safety Matters.

II. Outcomes

- a. List of known RSTs in the region include the different RSTs in Cuba, Mexico, Jamaica and the United States. Presentations given by some of these the RSTs from the regions cited successful implementation and operation of Runway Safety Teams actively working on the management of runway safety related risk factors.
- b. Budgetary constraints are common especially in the Caribbean and Central American region. Recommendations by the Runway Safety Team for mitigating risks involved would often have to be abandoned due to inadequate funding.
- c. The experience of the Cayman Airport Authority to allocate a percentage of each landing fee to Runway Safety explained an effective example how to fund a Runway Safety Program.
- d. Expertise in developing Runway Safety Teams and providing practical support are available through the various initiatives of international organizations (namely ACI and IFALPA) and should be backed up by the ICAO RASG.
- e. Cayman Island Airport Authority committed to start a Runway Safety Team the week following the seminar and interest was expressed by the privately funded Ogle Airport in Guyana.

III. Other Comments

ICAO presented the prototype of a newly designed Interactive Runway Safety Portal and noted comments for the improvement of the free service offered to all interested Runway Safety Teams.

Continuous support of existing Runway Safety Teams, especially in the Caribbean and Latin American Region and promotion of existing initiatives is a priority for the Region.