



**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
NORTH AMERICAN, CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN REGIONAL OFFICE**

UPDATE ON THE SITUATION IN HAITI

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Following the devastating earthquake that occurred in Haiti on 12 January 2010, a decision was taken by the ICAO Council to develop a technical cooperation project for the reconstruction of the civil aviation sector in Haiti and encourage voluntary contributions from Member States, financial institutions and the aviation industry. In this regard, the Secretary General designated the ICAO North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) Regional Office as the focal point for all ICAO assistance and support activities in Haiti.

This briefing provides an update on the situation in Haiti since the last report posted on the ICAO Council website in October 2011 and provides developments and next steps resulting from the multi-disciplinary technical mission conducted from 24 to 28 October 2011, and the Haiti Civil Aviation Steering Committee (CASC/2) Meeting held on 18 January 2012.

Developments since 1 October 2011:

- A multi-disciplinary technical team of air navigation, aerodrome, aviation security and technical cooperation experts from the ICAO NACC Regional Office carried out a mission to Haiti. The visit included meetings with l'Autorité Aéroportuaire Nationale (AAN), Centre National de Météorologie (CNM), Ministère des Travaux Publics, Transports et Communications (MTPTC), United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) and World Food Programme (WFP). The team visited Toussaint Louverture International Airport (MTPP) and Cap Haitien International Airport (MTCH), which included the air navigation, movement area and passenger terminal facilities.
 - Observed improvements included repair of the perimeter barrier and construction of a perimeter road by MINUSTAH, restoration of electrical power to airport facilities and equipment, provision of security equipment and training by the United States Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and provision of temporary passenger processing facilities with the support of American Airlines.
 - Deterioration observed in the areas of critical air navigation aids, communications and movement area surfaces. ATS incidents continue, AIS, MET, and fire-fighting and rescue services are deficient, including emergency response preparedness and coordination.
 - March 2010 ICAO post-earthquake assessment updated
 - Haiti Civil Aviation Development Action Plan updated
 - ICAO Technical Cooperation Project Documents updated
- The Second Meeting of the Haiti Civil Aviation Steering Committee (CASC/2) was held in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on 18 January 2012.
- Noteworthy development observed with the Government of Haiti (GoH) rehabilitation project for the existing Port-au-Prince passenger terminal building since the October 2011 technical mission.

- GoH informed that they were considering modifications to the Cap Haitien International Airport Improvement and Radar Project, currently financed by a USD30 million loan provided by the BANDES Bank of Venezuela to the Government of Haiti.
- Progress was reported to the CASC on the following completed and on-going State/Organization assistance projects:

United States Projects - Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

- Provision of equipment - completed
- In collaboration with Transport Canada, aviation security training and development of manuals and procedures – on-going

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Projects

- Aviation security training and development of manuals and procedures (IATA) – on-going
- Some funding for procurement of AVSEC equipment (Multilateral Investment Fund - MIF) - ongoing
- Runway rehabilitation design and tender documents (Louis Berger) - completed

United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH)

- Airport perimeter road and barrier – completed
- Provision of EOD coverage – on-going

Organization of American States (OAS) / Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE)

- Scholarships for participation in ICAO AVSEC training courses and workshops – on-going
- ICAO presented the Haiti Civil Aviation Development Action Plan, which was reviewed and revised by the Meeting.
- On 5 October 2011, the contract between the MTPTC and ICAO for the World Bank “Haiti Civil Aviation Sector Infrastructure and Institution Emergency Recovery Grant” project was signed. Project start delayed due to internal WB and GoH processes.
- On 8 February 2012, ICAO Secretary General and the Director General of OFNAC signed an ICAO CAPS agreement.
- ICAO deployed consultants to start ICAO/WB Project on 27 February 2012.

Next Steps:

- ICAO/World Bank Project
- ICAO update Technical Cooperation project documents for review and acceptance by Government of Haiti
- GoH invite private sector proposals and ICAO assist in reviewing for strategic and technical due diligence
- GoH/ICAO to jointly lobby potential donors
- Donors to consider ICAO Procurement Mechanism - Civil Aviation Purchasing Service (CAPS)
- Next CASC meeting – 12 April 2012

Haiti CASC Web Site - <http://www.mexico.icao.int/RegionalGroups/HaitiCASC.html> - confidential documents access - username: haiticasc; password: caschait01.