

FINAL SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS
1st Meeting of the NAM CAR Regional Airspace Optimization Team
Online, 7 October 2021

List of Participants

20 participants from the NAM/CAR Region attended the event, representing 10 States and 3 International Organizations, including members designated for this Team as Subject Matter Experts (SMEs). Refer to **Attachment A**.

Objectives:

The objectives of this initial meeting were to introduce the concept of large scale regional airspace optimization to the States and Flight Information Regions (FIRs).

Agenda:

Refer to **Attachment B**.

Opening

Mr. Melvin Cintron, Regional Director, ICAO NACC Regional Office, welcomed participants and emphasized the goal of Optimizing the region's airspace and the savings that could be realized economically and environmentally.

Documentation

The Meeting related documentation is available at the following link:

<https://www.icao.int/NACC/Pages/meetings-2021-cartm1.aspx>

Agenda Item 1: Introduction of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)

1.1 Each SME introduced themselves and provided a brief summary of their aviation background/experience.

Agenda Item 2: Introduction of Plan/Concept

2.1 ICAO presented the framework of the plan under P/01. The highlights were the following objectives:

1. Optimize NAM/CAR Airspace to meet growing demand
2. Operational Improvements
3. Gain Efficiency
4. Lower Carbon Footprint
5. Interoperable/ harmonized with adjacent Regions
6. Long Term Solution
7. Implementation time: 2-3 years

- a) The Meeting was successful in that the issue of optimization on a large scale is necessary in the region was presented and accepted.
- b) The framework of the plan for the Regional Airspace Optimization for the NAM CAR Regions was well accepted, together with the work scheme.

- c) IATA and CADENA have already begun work on individual select routes that are requested on an ad hoc basis. These routes are then coordinated with the States/FIR for approval.
- d) The Secretariat is engaging to facilitate optimizing routes on a permanent basis increasing efficiency and reducing CO2 emissions.
- e) The Secretariat will facilitate coordination between IATA, CADENA and the member States/Territories.

Next Steps

- a) The 14 October meeting was postponed and will be held now on **18 November 2021**. During this meeting, IATA will offer routes to be addressed by the group for consideration.
- b) The Team will meet on a monthly basis to address routes within the geographical zones considered areas in low altitude for optimization.
- c) ICAO will continue approaching the different States on the promotion and active participation for the implementation of the Plan.
