



**Nineteenth Meeting of the CAR/SAM Regional Planning and Implementation Group
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Agenda Item 2: Topics in Support of the COVID-19 Contingency: CAR/SAM Follow-up to the Activities in Support of the ICAO Aviation Recovery due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

ICAO NACC FOLLOW-UP TO ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF ICAO AVIATION RECOVERY FROM COVID-19

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This working paper addresses the support activities developed by the NACC Regional Office to support States/Territories and aviation stake holders in their response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the level of implementation of the ICAO Council Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART) recommendations in the CAR Region and the Take-Off Document, as well as Public Health Corridors (PHCs) implementation in the region.

Action:	As indicated in Section 3
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency • Economic Development of Air Transport • Safety
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NACC DCA High Level COVID Meetings: https://www.icao.int/NACC/Pages/NACC-C19Meetings.aspx • ICAO measures in response to COVID-19: https://www.icao.int/covid/Pages/default.aspx • ICAO NACC COVID website: https://www.icao.int/NACC/Pages/NACC-COVID19.aspx • • Air Traffic Services Guidance Material for Operation in a COVID-19 Context, compiled by the ICAO NACC Regional Office

1. Introduction

1.1 Since the beginning of the pandemic, for the NAM/CAR Regions the ICAO NACC Regional Office has conducted several meetings with the NAM/CAR Civil Aviation Authorities (CAA) Directors General (DGs), for the assistance and support on the implementation of COVID-19 measures and

the aviation recovery in the region, which details are included at: <https://www.icao.int/NACC/Pages/NACC-C19Meetings.aspx>

NACC Meetings on COVID-19 | Reuniones NACC sobre el COVID-19

Videokonferencia sobre el COVID-19 para los Directores de Aviación Civil de Norteamérica, Centroamérica y Caribe (NACC), Reunión Zoom, 22 de abril de 2020	Link Enlace
North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) Directors of Civil Aviation COVID-19 Videoconference, Zoom Meeting, 24 April 2020	
Second North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) Directors of Civil Aviation COVID-19 Videoconference, 4 June 2020	Link Enlace
Segunda videoconferencia sobre el COVID-19 para los Directores de Aviación Civil de Norteamérica, Centroamérica y Caribe (NACC), 4 de junio de 2020	
Virtual Meeting Directors General of North America of Civil Aviation of Central American and Caribbean (NACC) and South America (SAM), 22 July 2020	Link Enlace
Reunión Virtual de Directores/as Generales de Aviación Civil de Norteamérica, Centroamérica y Caribe (NACC) y Sudamérica (SAM), 22 de julio de 2020	
ICAO Virtual Meeting for Civil Aviation Authorities Directors General on Aviation Recovery in the North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) States, 15 December 2020	Link Enlace
Reunión Virtual OACI para Directores Generales de las Autoridades de Aviación Civil (AAC) sobre recuperación de la aviación en los Estados de Norteamérica, Centroamérica y Caribe (NACC), 15 de diciembre 2020	
North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) States Civil Aviation Authorities Directors General Virtual Meeting on COVID-19 Aviation Recovery and Restart, 14 April 2021	Link Enlace
Reunión Virtual para Directores Generales de las Autoridades de Aviación Civil (AAC) sobre recuperación y reinicio de la aviación en los Estados de Norteamérica, Centroamérica y Caribe (NACC), 14 de abril de 2021	

1.2 The ICAO NACC Regional Office, as part of its activities, has continuously followed-up on the CAR States in relation to the recommendations and guidance emerged from the CART, Take-Off Document and guidance materials, since the beginning of the pandemic. The follow-up activities was in supporting States endeavors when restarting and recovering the aviation industry.

1.3 One of the essential tasks developed within the Regional Office strategy was the coordinated implementation of the CART Recommendations and its Take-Off Document, as well as the follow-up report of progress in implementation in the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Implementation Centre (CRRIC), which has served as an input to ICAO for decision-making related to CART.

1.4 The ICAO NACC Regional Office during the Pandemic period supported the NAM and CAR States through the following actions:

- Assist States with the business continuity of their aviation sector as well as with their responses to aviation aspects of COVID-19
- Provide emergency advice to States, Territories and International Organizations
- Provide a regional forum to serve NACC States to discuss and share actions and best practices
- Guidance to States and Territories on regulatory, operational and other implementation matters
- Personalized State support on implementation of CART measures and their reporting
- Guidance to States on regulatory compliance deviations
- Sharing of individual State/Territory decisions that may affect international operations
- Funding support strategies assistance

1.5 The last NACC DCA Virtual Meeting held in April 2021 focused on informing and promoting the updates by the CART to the aviation recovery measures, Phase III, the latest discussion on COVID-19 vaccine transportation and certification, and the follow-up to relevant safety, security and air navigation matters as part of the 2021 work programme for the region, where basically three COVID-19 related conclusions were adopted.

2. Analysis

Aviation Recovery Activities in support of the Region

2.1 There were several webinars and meetings conducted by the NACC Regional Office to assist CAR states, as follows:

- ICAO COVID-19 Response and Recovery Implementation Centre (CRRIC) Webinar – Recent Updates, 20 January 2021.
- CAR/SAM Webinar on “Operations restart, fighting COVID-19, what is next...?” - Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA) - 22 April 2021
- Virtual Meeting on "Implementation of Public Health Corridors (PHC) in the CAR Region – Presentation of Declaration of Intent (DoI), for central America States, 14 September 2021
- Virtual Meeting on the Aviation Recovery - Public Health Corridors (PHC) Implementation in the CAR Region, for Caribbean states, Presentation of DoI, 23 September 2021

2.2 The most important activity carried out by the NACC Regional Office was the development and presentation of the Declaration of Intent for the Public Health Corridors Implementation among North American and Caribbean States/Territories. Taking into account the strong air transport ties that support trade, tourism, investment, as well as human and commercial partnerships between states and the serious impact of the COVID-19 crisis on these.

2.3 The States in the CAR Region, have resolved to take advantage of mutual trust in the respective risk management frameworks for public health in order to restore economic and human flows for the benefit of its citizens and residents. Recognizing the unprecedented nature of the situation, the States wish to express their interest in concluding this Agreement of States (DoI) on an exceptional and temporary basis for a limited time as necessary between the participating States.

2.4 Following CART Recommendation 14 concerning PHCs the first PHC implementation Package (iPack) has been deployed, with its first kick off meeting 18 October 2021, in the Eastern Caribbean States through the Eastern Caribbean Aviation Authority (ECCAA) to its six States/Territories under his overseeing authority.

2.5 The ICAO NACC Regional Office compiled a guidance material to support Air traffic services (ATS) provision in a COVID-19 context, which included reference to implement measures to allow the continuity of service provision and oversight. With this guidance, several regional webinars were provided, gathering and sharing best practices and opportunities for improvement.

2.6 The NAM/CAR Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) and Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) Task Forces shared air traffic data and recovery forecasts, in order to ensure adequate planning to support the possible growth of operations was taken into consideration. These analyses complemented the initial work to develop performance indicators to be used in the CAR/SAM Air Navigation Plan (ANP) Vol. III.

COVID-19 Response and Recovery Implementation Centre (CRICC) Report

2.7 Regarding the CART Recommendation status dashboard, the overall implementation status in the CAR Region is 60% and the level of adoption of PH measures is 78.59%. See graphics in **Appendix**.

2.8 The main challenges identified to date:

- States need to establish CRRIC as a priority
- Availability of State representatives
- Training of State Point of Contact (PoC)
- State internal coordination among different players to report progress
- Several States/Territories found some difficulties uploading their progress in the CRRIC
- Objective and concise completion of CRRIC
- Reaching and guiding technical staff within small States through internet

2.9 Activities under NACC Regional Office to improve recovery of aviation:

1. ICAO COVID-19 Response and Recovery Implementation Centre (CRRIC) Webinar on January 2021.
2. Webinar on the implementation of ICAO's Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART) Recommendation 10 - Economic and Financial Measures on 3 March 2021
3. North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) States Civil Aviation Authorities Directors General Virtual Meeting on COVID-19 Aviation Recovery and Restart, on 14 April 2021.
4. CAR/SAM Webinar on "Operations restart, fighting COVID-19, what's next...?" Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA) on 22 April 2021.
5. Webinar: Air Navigation Services (ANS) Provision and Oversight in a COVID-19 Context on 23 April 2021.
6. Informal virtual meeting on "Implementation of Health Corridors (PHC) in the CAR Region" on 14 September 2021.

2.10 All meetings were focused on supporting States in the process of recovery of aviation operations after COVID-19, ensuring the implementation of CART recommendations, biosecurity measures, public health corridor measures, among others, with the objective of boosting the recovery of operations and avoiding the spread of COVID-19.

3. Suggested actions

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

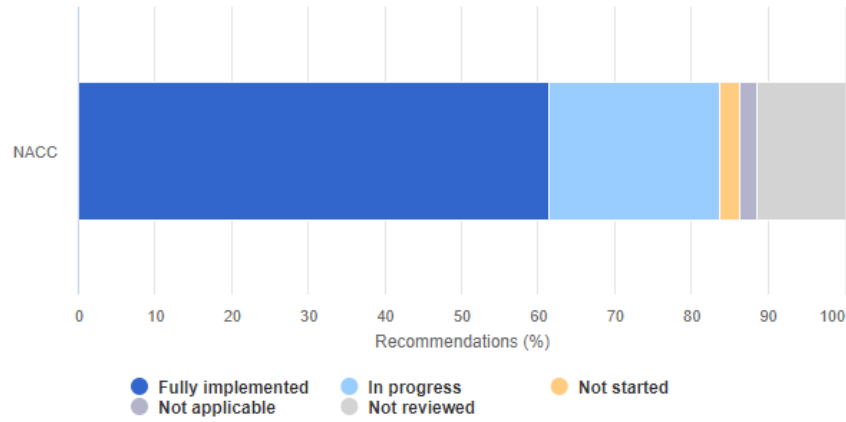
- a) take note of the information submitted;
- b) take action regarding the implementation of the CART Recommendations, the Take-off Measures, and the reporting in the CRRIC; and
- c) take other actions that it deem appropriate.

APPENDIX

CART Recommendation Status Dashboard

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Overall Implementation Status



Implementation Status by Recommendation

