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Agenda Item 3: Follow-up of the Activities of the NACC/WG Task Forces

NORTH AMERICAN, CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN WORKING GROUP (NACC/WG)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
In response to the discussion of the Sixth North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group Meeting (NACC/WG/06), in August 2021 decisions were made about updating the information structure of this Working Group. The Working Paper summarizes this information.	
Action:	Suggested actions are presented in Section 2.
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety• Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency• Security & Facilitation• Economic Development of Air Transport• Environmental Protection
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sixth North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group Meeting (NACC/WG/06) Online, 25 – 27 August 2021 https://www.icao.int/NACC/Pages/meetings-2021-naccwg6.aspx

1. Introduction

1.1 During the Sixth North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group Meeting (NACC/WG/06), previous discussions about the integration of the different areas of air navigation into a single regional Working Group were followed up.

1.2 During the NACC/WG/06, CONCLUSION NACC/WG/06/11 “REPLACEMENT OF ANI/WG BY THE NACC/WG” was made aiming at making ANS work more efficient and integrated among the States of the NAM/CAR Regions, and merge the ongoing work of the States for the implementation of air navigation services.

1.3 The North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group (NACC/WG) Task Force will be the only regional Task Force on Air Navigation issues, integrating the areas of Aeronautical Information Management (AIM), Aerodromes and Ground Aids (AGA), Air Traffic Management (ATM), Communications, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS) and Meteorology (MET).

1.4 The Group's website has been updated and can be found at the following link:

https://www.icao.int/NACC/Pages/nacc-regionalgroups-naccwg_es.aspx

1.5 The Chair of the Group is led by Mr. Julio Mejia, representative of the Dominican Republic, Mr. Rohan Garib, representative of Trinidad and Tobago, and on behalf of the ICAO NACC Regional Office, Ms. Mayda Ávila and Mr. Eddie Mendez.

1.6 The Task Forces that make up the NACC/WG with their respective rapporteurs are the following:

1. NACC/WG/AIM Group of Taras: Ms. Natasha Belefanti (Curaçao)
2. NACC/WG/AIDC Task Group: Mr. Fernando Casso (Dominican Republic)
3. NACC/WG/OAS Task Group: Mr. Riaaz Mohammed (Trinidad and Tobago)
4. NACC/WG//ASBU Task Force: Ms. Midori Tanino (United States)
5. NACC/WG/ATFM Task Group: Mr. Greg Byus (United States)
6. NACC/WG/SURV Task Force: Mr. Alejandro Rodriguez (United States)
7. NACC/WG/SAR Task Group: Mr. Calvin Zuniga (COCESNA)

1.7 The Groups that contribute to and feed the activities of the NACC/WG are:

1. MEVA/TMG Technical Management Group: Ms. Layla Rodriguez (Cuba)

1.8 In addition, the NACC/WG works jointly with the ECAR/NTG, ECAR/RD and ECAR/CATG Task Forces.

1. Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Technical Group (E/CAR/CATG): Shennet Phillips
2. Ad hoc Group on Radar Data Sharing and Eastern Caribbean Networks Technical Group (E/CAR/RD and E/CAR/NTG): Veronica Ramdath

1.9 The Air Navigation Regional Officers support the activities of the Group:

1. Regional Officer in Aeronautical Information Management (AIM): Mr. Raúl Martínez
2. Regional Officer in Air Traffic Management and Search and Rescue (ATM/SAR): Mr. Eddian Méndez
3. Regional Officer in Meteorology (MET): Mr. Luis Sánchez
4. Regional Officer in Air Traffic Management and Search and Rescue (ATM/SAR): Mr. Ernie Snyder
5. Regional Officer in Aerodromes and Ground Aids (AGA): Ms. Fabiana Todesco
6. Regional Officer in Communications, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS): Ms. Mayda Ávila

1.10 The Terms of Reference are included in the **Appendix** to this Working Paper.

2. Suggested actions

2.1 The region has undergone a series of changes in the last two years, for which the Meeting is invited to:

- a) update the information of their members in the different Task Forces; and
- b) other applicable action.

APPENDIX**NORTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN WORKING GROUP (NACC/WG)
TERMS OF REFERENCE AND WORK PROGRAM
VALID: AUGUST 2022**

The North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group (NACC/WG) is the regional implementation mechanism of the region, which integrates all the Task Forces in the different air navigation areas and is the mechanism through which the region reports its implementation level.

1. Facilitate the implementation of the Air Navigation Systems Areas (ATM/SAR, AIM, AGA, MET and CNS) and services identified in the CAR and NAM Air Navigation Plans;
2. Address emerging aviation issues that are related to the Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU) and Basic Building Blocks (BBB) elements, focusing on continuous improvements to safety and operational efficiency through broad harmonized coordination of procedures between States, Territories and International Organizations, interoperability of work networks and implementation of new technologies, especially associated with System-wide Information Management (SWIM);
3. Promote initiatives to promote harmonized Air Navigation in the region, through proper risk analysis, increase safety, environmental efficiency and/or the operational capacity of the ANS Air Navigation Services;
4. Promote the development of the NAM/CAR Air Navigation Plan, as well as the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP - Doc. 9750) latest Edition and any other relevant associated regional documentation, which complies with the ICAO Standard and Recommended Practices (SARPs) as appropriate, in support of implementation initiatives related to ICAO's strategic objectives;
5. Promote the implementation of the Regional Performance Objectives (RPO) related to the selected modules of Block 0, Block 1, and Block 2 of the ASBU in accordance with the Sixth Edition of Doc 9750 (GANP), included in the Regional NAM Plan /CAR for implementation of performance-based air navigation;
6. share information on implementation initiatives between States, Territories, and International Organizations, to improve the compatibility of air traffic management operations; and
7. recommend to the Civil Aviation Directors of the States improvement initiatives to ANS and safety to be included in the future ANP Vol. III for the CAR/SAM Regions, as well as the associated implementation actions by the States. .

8. coordinate the common tasks of the Task Forces that are members of the NACC/WG, as well as coordinate regional information to support the Group's activities.

WORK PROGRAM

The work program is based on the activities/tasks of the Regional Objectives planned through the action plans of the different Task Forces, members of the NACC/WG, the GREPECAS projects and the regional objectives proposed through the electronic Air Navigation Plan, e-ANP Volume III.

The Group also addresses air navigation implementation issues through the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP):

The activities that the Group will lead:

1. review and recommend, if applicable, the deadlines for the implementation of air navigation facilities, services, and procedures in the CAR and NAM Regions;
2. develop guidelines and make recommendations for States/Territories/International Organizations to implement their national plans;
3. make recommendations to develop proposals for amendments to Doc 7030 and Doc 8733 that meet the requirements of the ANS requirements;
4. monitor the implementation of air navigation facilities and services to ensure inter-regional harmonization, taking into account the requirements of the ATM community, performance improvements, and safety issues;
5. provide recommendations for actions to improve the planning and development of human resources, as well as minimize the impact of Human Factors on safety;
6. promote close cooperation between States/Territories, users and International Organizations to optimize the use of available experience and resources, avoiding duplication of work;
7. lead activities efficiently with a minimum of formality and documentation. Using electronic tools (Tele-Conf. e-mail, etc.) and telephone conferences to ensure an exchange of information, when required;
8. coordinate performance indicators and goals, deadlines, responsible for execution and results, as well as the performance of human resources to the ICAO NACC Regional Office.
9. the Group is responsible for informing GREPECAS about the progress of regional air navigation implementation.

WORK METHODS

1. The Chairperson of the NACC/WG Meetings will be a representative of the host State/Territory/International Organization for the duration of the meeting;
2. at the beginning of each meeting, a Vice-President will be elected for the duration of the meeting;

3. the regional Task Forces will integrate the NACC/WG, through their work programs they will be the regional implementation arm; d) The current task groups, part of the ANI/WG are: AIDC, AIM, ASBU, ATFM, PBN, SAR, SURV and will become part of the NACC/WG, as well as any other group that is created in the future in any air navigation area (AGA, AIM, ATS, CNS, MET) according to the needs of the region;
4. The Members of the NACC/WG will carry out the coordination of the work, as follows: • Face-to-face meetings, according to the regional work program and planning. • According to the need and taking into account the technological tools available for online meetings or other mechanisms.

MEETINGS

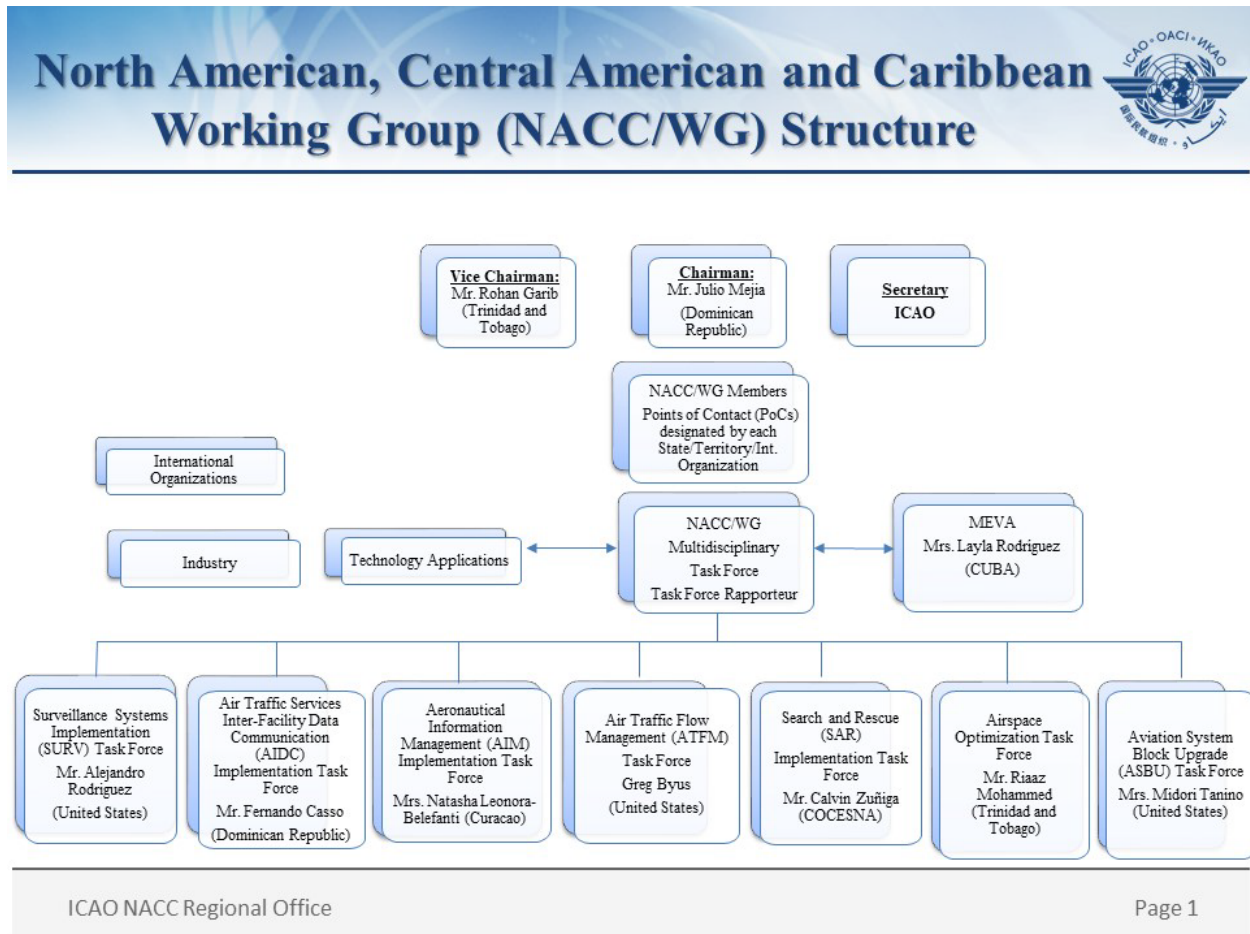
The North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group (NACC/WG) is responsible for reporting regional implementation levels and monitoring the work program of each of the Task Forces. In that sense:

1. The Task Forces (AGA, AIDC, AIM, ASBU, ATFM, MET, OAS, SAR, SURV) will have the responsibility to annually report the progress in the action plans of their Groups.
2. The Task Forces will hold annual follow-up meetings on their work program.
3. The NACC/WG will send and feed the monitoring indicators to the regional air implementation on an annual basis.
4. The NACC/WG will hold a face-to-face meeting every two years according to the planned rotation schedule.
5. The years in which a face-to-face meeting is not held, the NACC/WG will have a virtual meeting to follow up on the regional implementation and the action plan of each Task Force.

MEMBERSHIP

All ICAO States/Territories and International Organizations accredited to the ICAO NACC Regional Office and Colombia will be members of the NACC/WG. Other States adjacent to the CAR and NAM Regions will be invited to participate in the NACC/WG.

The NACC/WG will coordinate and link with other groups and projects as shown below:



MEETING VENUES

1. The ICAO NACC Regional Office will convene the NACC/WG at least three months before the Meeting;
2. If the meeting is in person, the NACC/WG will meet in accordance with the following established rotation: Central America (CA), North America (NAM), Eastern Caribbean (E/CAR) and Central Caribbean (C/CAR) if not in person, then virtual; and
3. Any Member State/Territory/International Organization may offer to host a NACC/WG Meeting in person at any time.