TELECONFERENCE
1st NAM/CAR Air Navigation Implementation Working Group Coordination
(28 January 2013, 1500 UTC)

References:
2. Current Sub regional Working Group structure and work programme (action Plans)
3. ICAO 12th Air Navigation Conference Results

Participants:
- Previous E/CAR Working Group Chairman: Cedric Murrell (Barbados)
- C/CAR State/territory representatives: Emmanuel Rigby, Jacques Lasten, Wendy Major, Keith Major
- NAM representatives: Jeff Dawson, Michel Polchert, Karen Chiodini, Olivier Delperdange
- AIM/ATM/CNS E/CAR CATG Committee Rapporteurs and E/CAR representatives: Shirley Ford, Veronica Ramdath, Rohan Garib, Ian Gomez, Riaaz Mohammed, Alexis Brathwaite
- ICAO: Julio Siu, Raul Martinez, Victor Hernandez

Agenda items:
1. Transition from subregional working groups to new NAM/CAR ANIWG
   a) Briefing on the change
   b) ANIWG: ToR, work plans and work coordination
2. 12th ANConf results
3. Revision of NAM/CAR RPBANIP/work programmes/ action plans
4. Agenda for ANIWG/01 Meeting

Discussions:

Transition from subregional working groups to new NAM/CAR ANIWG/ Briefing on the change

1. ICAO gave a brief explanation on the establishment of the ANIWG was presented based on the communication given through the ICAO State Letter EMX 0944 date 24 October 2012: New NAM/CAR Air Navigation Implementation Working Group). This group was created in response to the NACC/DCA CONCLUSION 4/9 Consolidation of Sub-Regional Working Groups in the CAR Region, and was supported by the 96th Meeting of Directors General of Civil Aviation of Central America and Panama (DGAC/CAP/96), held in Mexico City, Mexico, from 22 to 25 May 2012, the 12th Meeting of Directors of Civil Aviation of the Central Caribbean (C/CAR/DCA/12), held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, from 10 to 13 July 2012 and the 24th Meeting of Directors of Civil Aviation of the Eastern Caribbean (E/CAR/DCA/24) held in Martinique, France, from 2 to 5 October 2012.

2. The objective of the ANIWG is to consolidate the existing sub-regional working groups (Central Caribbean, Eastern Caribbean and Central America), reduce the number of meetings, avoid duplication, expedite the work progress, and improve regional harmonization focused on the ATM, CNS and AIM air navigation fields. The participation of the group will include all the CAR and NAM States/territories. Also the group will assist in the implementation of the NAM air navigation activities and NAM Plan in harmonization with the CAR air navigation activities.

3. It was informed that the first ANIWG Meeting (ANIWG/01) will be carried out in the ICAO NACC Regional Office in Mexico City from 29 July to 1 August. Tentatively a 1 week workshop on Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU) may be scheduled for 22 to 26 July.
Transition from subregional working groups to new NAM/CAR ANIWG/ ANIWG: ToR, work plans and work coordination

4. ICAO presented draft terms of Reference (ToR) for the ANIWG was presented for initial comments and observations. **ACT 01/01:** ANIWG participants are to send comments to ICAO regarding the initial ANIWG draft ToR by 16 April 2013.

5. ICAO described the expected work plans for the ANIWG, emphasizing that the current work plans for the subregional working groups will be maintained and updated to become the ANIWG action plan. It was recalled that all the air navigation tasks and activities will be adjusted to reflect the ASBU methodology.

6. It was explained that the ANIWG shall be meeting annually except for every third year where the NACC Working Group will be meeting. It was recalled that the NACC Working Group groups all air navigation fields (AGA, AIM, ATM, CNS, MET and SAR). A chairperson and a vice chairperson shall be elected for a three years session. **ACT 01/02:** ANIWG participants may proposed a chairperson and vice – chairperson to ICAO by next teleconference.

7. ICAO explained the work coordination that the ANIWG will have with the existing regional Air navigation implementation groups, projects and meetings as follows; where the ICAO NACC Regional Office will function as secretariat and coordinator with the other groups and projects ensuring the alignment of the activities with the NAM/CAR Regional Performance-based Air Navigation Implementation Plan (ASBU) and ICAO objectives: 

8. ICAO presented an overview of the 12th Air Navigation conference results particularly on the ASBU concepts (blocks, modules, forms, relation between blocks, improvement areas, cost and benefits of the modules and the relation of the modules with ICAO ATM Operational Concept and Global Air Navigation Plan), the future air navigation report (based on electronic tools, online application, dynamic and ASBU congruent ) and the regional air navigation plans (electronic Air Navigation Plans, integration of global and regional work programmes).
9. For more details on the Conference recommendations, the meeting was advised to review the yellow cover report (preliminary report) available at: http://www.icao.int/Meetings/anconf12/Yellow%20Cover%20Report/Forms/AllItems.aspx.

Revision of NAM/CAR RPBANIP/work programmes/ action plans

10. ICAO made a quick review on the current RPBANIP action plans and webpages of the subregional working groups, emphasizing that the implementation of these activities shall continue and each of the working groups are expected to present the progress and benefits of the implementation to the ANIWG/01 Meeting. **ACT 01/03:** Until the ANIWG/01 Meeting all participants shall continue their work in their existing action plans and present through their chairpersons a report of progress and benefits to the ANIWG/01 Meeting for the ANIWG/01 Meeting.

11. **ACT 01/04:** The participants will revise and update their corresponding action plans and present for the ANIWG/01 Meeting their updates through their respective WG chairpersons.

Agenda for ANIWG/01 Meeting

12. ICAO presented a draft agenda of items to be discussed during the ANIWG/01 Meeting. **ACT 01/05:** ANIWG participants are to send comments to ICAO regarding the draft agenda for the ANIWG/01 Meeting by 16 April 2013.

13. For the ANIWG/01 Meeting, ICAO emphasized the need for the States and participants for their inputs for a harmonized implementation of air navigation services and systems, based on operational benefits and mainly focused on improving safety and efficiency of operations. The current NAM air navigation activities were pointed out as relevant for this harmonization with the CAR activities. **ACT 01/06:** Canada to report of the NAM Air navigation activities for the ANIWG/01 Meeting.

14. ICAO welcomed Canada for their participation and the designation of Mr. Jeff Dawson as the focal point for the ANIWG.

**Next meeting:** 8 May at 15 UTC.