

Terms of Reference

Aviation System Block Upgrade (ASBU) Task Force

1. Background

- 1.1. At the ANI/WG/2 Meeting (June 2015), an Ad Hoc group was formed to discuss the metrics of the ASBU Block 0 implementation status, performance reporting and revisions to the ANRF which will be used by States and Territories in the NAM/CAR regions. In the ANI/WG/2 report, this ad hoc group was named ANRF Ad Hoc group. Their given tasks are:
 - a) For the NAM/CAR States/Territories to review and adopt the proposed new ANRFs for application by June 2016;
 - b) For the NAM/CAR States/Territories to assess their status of implementation and report to ICAO NACC Regional office by 30 July 2016; and
 - c) For ICAO to organize by the first semester of 2016 a hands-on ANS/ASBU ANRF workshop to improve the use and understanding the new ANRFs with the participation of CANSO, IATA, civil aviation training centers and air navigation planning experts.
- 1.2. At the ANI/WG/3 Meeting (Apr 2016), the delegates agreed on a more active participation from the States/ANSP to reflect their national priorities and users' main needs, and therefore agreed to create an ad hoc group to support review, follow-up and reporting on the achievement of the air navigation (AN) targets established in the NAM/CAR Regional Performance-Based Air Navigation Implementation Plan (RPBANIP) and in the Port-of-Spain Declaration. During ANI/WG/3, this ad hoc Group was named ASBU Ad Hoc Group.
- 1.3. At the NACC/WG/5 Meeting (May 2017), the delegates agreed that the ASBU Ad Hoc Group would become the ANI/WG ASBU Task Force (TF).

2. Objectives

To assist the region in the implementation of harmonized technologies that supports the operation.

- 1) Develop effective methods to determine the regional implementation status of the ASBU block-0 elements and the performance monitoring of the Regional Air Navigation System, on a cyclical annual basis, as a regional input to the Annual Global Air Navigation Report and feedback for the Global Air Navigation Plan and the Regional Dashboard.
- 2) Assist NACC's States to formulate or update their National Air Navigation Plans by using a planning process to ensure alignment with the RPBANIP and the GANP.
- 3) Contribute with the continuous updating of the RPBANIP in order to maintain the validity, accuracy, and applicability of the Plan.

3. Responsibilities

The Task Force is responsible for:

- a) Work Programme Management
- b) Coordination and support of the development and maintenance of State/Territory Air Navigation Plans
- c) Support the revision and enhancement of Regional Performance Based Air Navigation Implementation Plan (RPBANIP)

4. Working Methods

The Task Force will:

- a) Present its work programme containing activities in terms of objectives, responsibilities, deliverables and timelines;
- b) Avoid duplicating work within the ANI/WG and maintain close coordination among the existing entities to optimize use of available resources and experience;
- c) Designate, as necessary, ad hoc groups to work on specific topics and activities and organize clearly defined tasks and activities;
- d) Coordinate tasks to maximize efficiency and reduce costs via electronic means including emails, telephone and teleconference calls, and convene meetings as necessary; and
- e) Report on and coordinate the progress of assigned tasks to the ANI/WG.

5. Work Programme – Available at <https://www.icao.int/NACC/Pages/regional-group-asbu.aspx>.

6. Membership

All ICAO States, Territories and International Organizations which are accredited to the ICAO NACC Regional Office, Other stake holders in NAM/CAR Regions are encouraged to actively participate.

7. References

- Global Air Navigation Plan, 2016-2030 (Doc 9750-AN/963 Fifth Edition – 2016)
- The Aviation System Block Upgrades; the Framework for Global Harmonization. Issued: July 2016.
- Doc 9854 Global Air Traffic Management Operational Concept
- Doc 9882 Manual on Air Traffic Management System Requirements
- Doc 9883 Manual on Global Performance of the Air Navigation System

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