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# **REPORT OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE SAT FANS 1/A INTEROPERABILITY TEAM**

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#### PART I - HISTORY OF THE MEETING

#### 1. Introduction

1.1 The Sixth Meeting of the SAT FANS 1/A Interoperability Team (FIT) was held at the Park Hotel, Recife, Brazil, on the 3rd May 2011, at the kind invitation of the Agencia Nacional de Aviacion Civil (ANAC) and Departamento de Control del Espacio Aéreo (DECEA) of Brazil.

1.2 Mr. Onofrio Smarelli, CNS Regional Officer from the ICAO South American Office, welcomed the participants at the opening of the meeting. He also thanked the Brazilian authorities for their kind invitation and all their efforts to host the meeting in such conducive conditions. Then he expressed his best wishes for a productive and successful meeting.

#### 2. Officers and Secretariat

2.1 The meeting nominated Mr. Johnny Smith, ATNS, South Africa, as moderator.

2.2 Mr. Sadou MARAFA, ATM Regional Officer from the ICAO WACAF Office of Dakar, was the Secretary of the meeting. He was assisted by Mr. François Salambanga, CNS Regional Officer from the ICAO WACAF Office of Dakar and Mr. Onofrio Smarelli, CNS Regional Officer from the ICAO South American Office of Lima.

#### 3. Attendance

3.1 The meeting was attended by thirty-eight (38) participants from eleven (10) ICAO contracting States namely, Angola, Argentina, Brazil, Cape Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, Portugal, Senegal, South Africa, Spain and Uruguay, and five (5) Organizations (ARINC, ASECNA, IATA, INSA and SITA).

3.2 The list of participants and their contact addresses is at **Appendix A** to this report.

#### 4. Working languages

4.1 The meeting was conducted in the English language and the relevant documentation was presented in this language.

#### 5. Agenda of the meeting

5.1 The meeting adopted the following agenda:

Agenda Item 1: Agenda Item 2: Agenda Item 3: Agenda Item 4:	Adoption of the Agenda Review of SAT/FIT/5 Report Review of ADS/CPLC programmes and implementation activities in SAT System performance monitoring and maintenance a. Interoperability requirements b. Safety monitoring aspects c. Problem identification, reporting and resolution procedures	FIRs
Agenda Item 5:	Review of the terms of reference of the FANS 1/A Interoperability Team and Future work programme	
Agenda Item 6:	Any other business	

## 6. Conclusions and Decisions of the meeting

#### LIST OF CONCLUSIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

Number	Title		
Decision	ADS/CPDLC implementation status in the SAT Area		
SAT FIT 6/1			
	That SAT/FIT members that have not done so, provide the Rapporteur with ADS-		
	C/CPDLC implementation and interoperability status in order to complete a follow up		
	table that will be distributed to all.		
Conclusion	ADS-CPDLC operations by Airlines		
SAT FIT 6/1			
	That IATA continues encouraging Airlines to increase their level of participation in		
	ADS-C/CPDLC operations in order to enhance safety and efficiency of operations		
	within the SAT area.		
Conclusion	CPDLC message set		
SAT FIT 6/2			
	That ATS Units and Aircraft operators draw the attention of the controllers and flight		
	crew members to the use of the preformatted message elements when ever applicable		
	and strictly limit the use of free text messages to specific reports.		
Conclusion	CFRA		
SAT FIT6/3			
	That		
	1) The meeting calls for an ANSP to volunteer for the performing of the CFRA		
	functions		
	2) The rapporteur consider the possibility for technical services providers to present		
	their offers for the performing of CFRA functions, including a cost recovery		
<b>D</b> 11	system.		
Decision	System Performance Monitoring		
SAT FIT 6/2			
	That		
	1) SATMA will provide the SATFIT Rapporteur with the existing procedure developed		
	for the identification, reporting and resolution of system performance shortcomings		
	in aspects related to CFRA.		
	2) This procedure will be distributed by the SATFIT rapporteur to SAT members for		
	CFRA data collection by 31 May 2011		
Conclusion	OPTIMI		
SAT FIT 6/4			
	That SAT members support the OPTIMI initiative to integrate current technologies and		
	procedures for the improvement of safety across the Atlantic.		
Decision	SAIRE		
SATFIT 6/3			
	That SAT members take note of the SAIRE initiative and other Regional ATM		
	initiatives, to improve energy efficiency and lower aircraft noise through the		
	development and implementation of environmentally friendly procedures for all phases		
	of flight. This initiative will be referred to the SAT16 meeting for consideration.		

#### **II - REPORT ON DISCUSSIONS**

#### 2.1 Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

2.1.1 The meeting elected Mr. Johnny Smith, Manager ATS Johannesburg ATNS and member of the South African delegation as Chairman and Rapporteur of the meeting. Subsequently the provisional agenda was discussed and adopted by the meeting as shown above.

#### 2.2 Agenda Item 2: Review of SAT/FIT/5 Report

2.2.1 The meeting reviewed the Conclusions and Decisions adopted by the SAT/FIT/5 Meeting which was held in Lisbon, Portugal, from 17 to 18 May 2010 and discussed the status of implementation of each of them. In so doing, it reformulated or complemented all the conclusions and decisions related to the SAT/FIT/5 Meeting which were ongoing or still valid. As a result, the general status on the implementation of SATFIT/5 conclusions and decisions is shown at **Appendix B** to this report.

# 2.3 Agenda Item 3: Review of ADS/CPLC programmes and implementation activities in SAT FIRs

2.3.1 With regard to the implementation of ADS-C/CPDLC in the SAT area (ref. Conclusion SAT FIT5/1 and Decision SAT FIT 5/2) the status is as shown in the following table:

STATE/ACC	Implementation status/Target date	Remark
Dakar/Senegal	Implemented/August 2009	Fully operational
Canarias/Spain	Implemented/August 2009	Fully operational
Brazil	Implemented July 2009	Fully operational
Abidjan	Implemented/August 2010	Fully operational
South Africa	Implemented Feb 2005	Fully operational
Argentina	First quarter 2012	Ezeiza pre-operational
Angola	December 2011	
Accra/Ghana	December 2011	
Cape Verde	September 2011	Pre-operational
Uruguay	possible date 2012	At the planning level

2.3.2 Having in mind the benefit expected from ADS-C/CPDLC operations and in order to ensure harmonization and interoperability between systems, the meeting was of the view that the information shown in the table above should be kept updated so as to enable all SAT members to have a common view of the status of implementation of ADS-C/CPDLC in the SAT area. To this effect, the meeting agreed to the following conclusion:

#### Decision SAT/FIT6/01: ADS/CPDLC implementation in the SAT Area

# That SAT/FIT members that have not done so, provide the Rapporteur with ADS-C/CPDLC implementation and interoperability status in order to complete a follow up table that will be distributed to all.

2.3.3 It is to be understood that this implementation status table should be updated with inputs from SATFIT members as soon as applicable and at least once yearly before the holding of the next SATFIT meeting.

2.3.4 The meeting recalled also that although ADS-C/CPDLC is fully operational in many SAT FIRs and most aircraft flying therein are ADS-C/CPDLC equipped, not all flights take advantage of the existence of this facility in that area.

2.3.5 The meeting therefore reformulated the following SAT/FIT/5 conclusion:

#### Conclusion SAT/FIT/6-01: ADS-CPDLC operations by Airlines

#### That IATA continues encouraging Airlines to increase their level of participation in ADS-C/CPDLC operations in order to enhance safety and efficiency of operations within the SAT area.

2.3.6 The attention of the meeting was drawn once more to the incorrect use of free text message "reports" in the operational CPDLC exchanges between flight crews and controllers. The meeting therefore recalled that the strict adherence to the use of preformatted messages when ever applicable is a safety requirement and agreed to the following conclusion:

#### Conclusion SAT/FIT6-02: CPDLC message set

# That ATS Units and Aircraft operators draw the attention of the controllers and flight crew members to the use of the preformatted message elements when ever applicable and strictly limit the use of free text messages to specific reports.

#### Central FANS Reporting Agency (CFRA)

2.3.7 SATMA presented the report on CFRA activities of the EUR/SAM Corridor during 2010 in accordance with the mandate given to it by the SAT/FIT.

2.3.8 Due to the limited availability of data, the report was based on records from the ADS/CPDLC System of the Canarias FIR (SACCAN). Valuable information provided by ASECNA was not included in the study, owing to the fact that it corresponded to data not confined only to the EUR/SAM Corridor area. Likewise, the Sal Oceanic ADS/CPDLC System was not operative in 2010.

#### 2.3.9 The CPRA study outlined:

- > The analysis of the traffic
- > The communications network performance
- > The automatic dependence surveillance operations
- > The controller pilot data communications
- > The potential problems identified

2.3.10 The CFRA report for 2010 can be found on the SATMA website at: <u>http://www.satmasat.com</u>.

2.3.11 In summary, it is noted that approximately 60% out of the total flights within the EUR/SAM Corridor are FANS equipped flights, having connected nearly all of them (96-99%). Also, the vast majority of logged-on flights (94 to 96%) connect to CPDLC application. Finally, the number of aircraft (i.e. number of different aircraft registrations) flying over the EUR/SAM Corridor and making use of FANS services is about 200-230 on a monthly basis

2.3.12 It was recalled that SATMA had accepted to discharge the CFRA function only for one year (ref. SATFIT4); and that therefore, a final solution should be adopted with regard to the funding of the CFRA.

2.3.13 In this regard, the meeting was informed that, as per conclusion SAT FIT 5/5 the issue of CFRA within the SAT region and its funding has been referred to APIRG for advice. While APIRG provided no guidance on the issue, the meeting was informed that the situation in this regard varies from one region to another: CFRA is performed in some cases by a single entity (State, Organization, Service Provider etc...) on behalf of the region and jointly by a group in some other cases.

2.3.14 As a result, the meeting formulated the following conclusion:

#### Conclusion SAT/FIT6-03: CFRA

That

- 1) The meeting calls for an ANSP to volunteer for the performing of the CFRA functions;
- 2) The rapporteur considers the possibility for technical services providers to present their offers for the performing of CFRA functions, including a cost recovery system.

2.3.15 However, it is to be noted that, whilst various solutions are being considered and until a final decision is made, South Africa has kindly offered to take over the responsibilities of performing CFRA functions. SAT members are therefore kindly requested to forward the relevant data toMr. Johnny Smith, at the following address: johnnys@atns.co.za

#### 2.4 Agenda Item 4: System performance monitoring and maintenance

2.4.1 In theabsence of a formal CFRA (*please refer to report on agenda item 3 above*), South Africa, as team leader of the FIT accepted to perform the monitoring of the performances of the FANS system in place in the area, based on operational data provided by all stakeholders.

2.4.2 The meeting therefore agreed to the following decision:

#### Decision SAT FIT6/02: System Performance Monitoring

#### That

- 1) SATMA will provide the SAT/FIT Rapporteur with the existing procedure developed for the identification, reporting and resolution of system performance shortcomings in aspects related to CFRA.
- 2) This procedure will be distributed by the SAT/FIT Rapporteur to SAT members for CFRA data collection by 31 May 2011.

2.4.3 With a view to optimizing the benefit expected from ADS-C/CPDLC operations in terms of safety and efficiency, the meeting recalled that it is essential to ensure harmonization and interoperability with neighboring units when implementing ADS-C/CPDLC. Likewise it recalled the imperative need for harmonization in the applicable ADS-C/CPDLC procedures and parameters, used by the ACCs, to ensure safe operations of ADS-C/CPDLC in the SAT area.

# 2.5 Agenda Item 5: Review of the terms of reference and Future Work Programme of the FANS 1/A Interoperability Team

2.5.1 The meeting reviewed and updated the Terms of reference and future work programme of the FANS 1/A Interoperability Team (FIT) as shown at **Appendix C** to this report.

#### 2.6 Agenda Item 6: Any other business

#### OPTIMI

2.6.1 The meeting was presented with the European SESAR Joint Undertaking proposal to expand the Oceanic Position Tracking Improvement and Monitoring (OPTIMI) functionalities to the CAR, SAM and AFI Atlantic airspace.

2.6.2 The OPTIMI initiative is aimed at integrating new technologies and procedures for the improvement of safety across the Atlantic. The SAT/FIT/6 meeting was invited to discuss the practical aspects of the implementation of the OPTIMI recommended short term solution, which consists of the following:

- 1. Use of FANS 1/A based ADS-C periodic position reports with a 15 minutes period.
- 2. Use of FANS 1/A based ADS-C deviation alert on the following events:
  - a. Lateral deviation of 5NM from the nominal route.
  - b. Vertical deviation of 300ft above or below the nominal altitude.
  - c. Altitude change descent rate of 5000ft/min.
  - d. Deviation from nominal waypoint.

2.6.3 Besides the above, the meeting was invited to discuss the practical aspects of jointly working on the following topics:

- a. Joint review, by OACCs and SAR facilities, of the protocols of notification and intervention in case of emergency to align them with the provisions of ICAO Annex 12 Search and Rescue and ICAO Doc. 9731 International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual.
- b. Exploring the use of any suitable incentive mechanism to encourage the installation of FANS1/A equipment and the use of ADS-C and CPDLC by Airlines and ANSPs.
- c. With a view to download FDR safety critical data when triggered by events, performing studies and eventually flight demonstrations regarding the volume of data downloaded the speed of data transmission, the triggering parameters of the downloading, and the most relevant parameters to be downloaded.
- d. Performing studies, and eventually flight demonstrations, on the use of a data repository for downloaded data storage and management either based on a central repository configuration or on a configuration of sequential repositories, together with the regulatory impact of these solutions.

e. Performing studies, and eventually flight demonstrations, on other practical aspects of the operation such as the activation of ADS-C emergency mode, or the further standardization of phraseology for CPDLC messages.

2.6.4 The meeting unanimously agreed to support the OPTIMI initiative, and all stakeholders to join an OPTIMI-like multi-lateral partnership that will be hosting the implementation of improving procedures and standards in the area in this field. Hence the following conclusion:

#### **Conclusion SAT FIT6-04: OPTIMI**

# That SAT members support the OPTIMI initiative to integrate current technologies and procedures for the improvement of safety across the Atlantic.

#### SAIRE INITIATIVE

2.6.5 The meeting was presented with the South-Atlantic Interoperability Initiative to Reduce Emissions (SAIRE) initiative, which will aim, similar to the EU/US initiative AIRE (Atlantic Interoperability Initiative to Reduce Emissions), to improve energy efficiency and lower aircraft noise through the development and implementation of environmentally friendly procedures for all phases of flight.

2.6.6 The SAT/FIT/6 meeting was invited to discuss the practical aspects of SAIRE establishment in the Region and prepare the ground for national commitment. The following improvement areas/solutions were given as examples:

- a) Oceanic trajectory optimization (horizontal, vertical, longitudinal);
- b) Reduced separations for RNP 4 equipped aircrafts (lateral, longitudinal);
- c) Optimized Oceanic Entry/Exit transition;
- d) Better use of Meteorological information;
- e) Continuous Descent Operations (CDO) procedures;
- f) Continuous Climb procedures;
- g) Optimized departure routings;
- h) Collaborative decision support systems that increase aircraft taxi time predictability allowing airlines to capitalize on use of fuel saving procedures such as reduced engine taxi out

2.6.7 However, the meeting was of the view that requirements for SAIRE are mostly operational procedures and thus the issue should be considered by the SAT/16 meeting itself, under ATM matters; it therefore decided as follows:

#### **Decision SATFIT 6/3: SAIRE**

That SAT members take note of the SAIRE initiative and other Regional ATM initiatives, to improve energy efficiency and lower aircraft noise through the development and implementation of environmentally friendly procedures for all phases of flight. This initiative will be referred to the SAT16 meeting for consideration.

#### Next SATFIT meeting

2.6.8 The organization of the next SAT FIT meeting will be coordinated with FIT group members. It will be held back to back with the next SAT17 meeting to be convened in the second quarter of 2012. FIT members will be informed on time of the finally agreed date and venue for the next FIT meeting.

## Sixth Meeting of the FANS I/A Interoperability Team (SAT/FIT/6) (Recife, Brazil, 03 May)

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#### **APPENDIX B**

### Status of Conclusions related to SAT/FIT/5 Meeting

Number	Title	Implementation Status	Remarks
Conclusion SAT FIT 5/1	ADS/CPDLC implementation in the SAT Area That SAT/FIT members provide the Secretariat with ADS-C/CPDLC implementation and interoperability status in order to complete a table by the end of July 2010.	Still valid	Discussed under agenda item 3 by SATFIT6 Superseded by decision SATFIT6/01
Conclusion SAT FIT 5/2	<b>Participation at SAT FIT meetings</b> That IFATCA and NAT FANS Team be invited to SAT/FIT meetings	implemented	Invitation sent to IFATCA and NAT FANS Team
Conclusion SAT FIT 5/3	ADS-CPDLC operations That IATA and ACC units encourage Airlines to increase their level of participation in ADS-C/CPDLC operations in order to enhance safety and efficiency of operations within the SAT and specially the EUR/SAM corridor	Ongoing	Superseded by conclusion SATFIT6-01
Conclusion SAT FIT5/4	FANS1/A CFRA monthly report: That SAT members forward to SATMA the necessary FANS1/A CFRA report on a monthly basis in order to perform the monitoring process as required.	ongoing	Superseded by decision SATFIT6/02
Conclusion SAT FIT 5/5	<ul> <li>CFRA</li> <li>That <ol> <li>The requirement for CFRA <ul> <li>within the SAT be referred to</li> <li>APIRG for advise;</li> </ul></li></ol> </li> <li>ICAO provides SAT members <ul> <li>with guidance to support the</li> <li>cost recovery funding process</li> <li>in terms of global harmonization</li> <li>of the ATM system and</li> <li>improvement of operating</li> <li>efficiency.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Done Still valid	Superseded by conclusion SATFIT6-03

Number	Title	Implementation Status	Remarks
Conclusion SAT FIT 5/6	<ul> <li>CPDLC message set That <ul> <li>a) In order to minimize the use of free text messages ATS Units ensure that controllers use the preformatted uplink message elements when a specific report is required and;</li> <li>b) Aircraft operators should ensure that flight crew procedures and training includes information concerning the arming and transmission of CPDLC reports</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Still valid	Superseded by conclusion SATFIT6-02
Conclusion SAT FIT 5/7	<ul> <li>GOLD That</li> <li>1. SAT/FIT members support the introduction of GOLD;</li> <li>2. PIRGs approve the GOLD.</li> </ul>	implemented	
Decision SAT FIT 5/1	Missing Flight Plans That SAT/15 takes actions to ensure that the issue regarding the missing Flight Plans within the SAT is addressed appropriately	Implemented	refer to conclusion SAT15/13
Decision SAT FIT 5/2	CPDLC Harmonization/Standardization Action plan That the rapporteur forwards to SAT members a draft action plan to be completed by the end of July 2010.	ongoing	A questionnaire was disseminated by the rapporteur; considered under agenda item 3 by SATFIT/6 meeting. Superseded by decision SATFIT6/01

#### **APPENDIX C**

## TERMS OF REFERENCE, WORK PROGRAMME AND COMPOSITION OF THE SAT FANS 1/A INTEROPERABILITY TEAM (SAT/FIT)

- 1. The SAT FANS 1/A Interoperability Team (SAT/FIT) has been established to oversee FANS 1/A system performance monitoring to ensure that the system continues to meet safety and interoperability requirements and that operations and procedures are working as specified.
- 2. The FIT main objectives are to:

a) Monitor and harmonize ADS/CPDLC trials being carried out by SAT States and adjacent States;

- b) Review identified problem reports and determines appropriate resolution;
- c) Develop interim operational procedures to mitigate the effects of problems until such time as they are resolved;
- d) Monitor the progress of problem resolution;
- e) Prepare summaries of problems encountered and their operational implications;

f) Assess system performance based on information in Central FANS F	Reporting Agency
(CFRA) periodic reports;	

g) Co-ordinate system testing; and

h) Ensure harmonization of ADS/CPDLC procedures (operations and maintenance)

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### WORK PROGRAMME OF THE SAT FANS 1/A INTEROPERABILITY TEAM

WORK PROGRAMME		
Task No.	Subject	Target Date
1.	Oversee FANS 1/A system performance monitoring to ensure that the system continues to meet safety and interoperability requirements and that operations and procedures are working as specified.	Continuous
2.	Carry out studies on the establishment of a sustainable central reporting agency (CRA) and related institutional issues	Completed
3.	Harmonize ADS/CPDLC programmes developed by SAT States/FIRs.	Continuous
4.	Assist member States with cost-benefit aspects related to their implementation of ADS/CPDLC programmes.	Continuous
5.	Maintain ADS/CPDLC operational guidance material updated.	Continuous
6.	Conduct studies related to the implementation of the Global ATM Operational Concept and other enabling concepts within the SAT area in the fields of Communication and Surveillance.	Continuous

Note: The SAT FIT should submit its meeting reports and proposals to the SAT Working Group.

# COMPOSITION

- The SAT FANS-1/A Interoperability Team (FIT) of multi-disciplinary nature shall comprise of experts from States responsible of FIRs in AFI and SAM routing areas AR1/AH2 and AR2/AH8 as defined in the Global Air Navigation Plan (ICAO Doc 9750), and experts from adjacent FIRs and international organizations.
- Team Leader: South Africa
- **WORKING ARRANGEMENTS**: THE SAT FIT SHOULD COMPLETE ITS WORK AND SUBMIT ITS PROPOSALS TO THE SAT ATM WORKING GROUP. THE SAT FIT SHOULD WORK THROUGH ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE PRIOR TO MEETINGS.

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