



DECLARATION FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE CIVIL AVIATION OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN REGION

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We, the Civil Aviation Authorities (CAAs) of the South American Region, FAA, EASA, Industry Associations, and partners aircraft manufacturers, gathered here in the city of Santiago, Chile, to carry out a strategic exercise that provided transformational directives to ensure the sustainable growth and development of the aviation industry as an effective instrument for the promotion of the social and economic development of our Region. To achieve this, we focused our discussions on the following six pillars: competitiveness, environmental sustainability, human resources, effectiveness of aviation plans, governance of CAAs and innovation.

After this exercise and discussions around these six pillars, and within the framework of the Declaration to promote connectivity through the Development and Sustainability of Air Transport in the Pan-American Region (Fortaleza, Brazil 2018), the Seventeenth Meeting of Directors of Civil Aviation of the South American Region (RAAC/17):

DECLARES the following commitments:

1. We will work to foster a competitive environment that encourages new players and promotes investments, innovation, affordability, and better services for our aviation sector, enhancing its efficiency, safety, and security.
2. We will be the champions in our governments and organizations in promoting the integration of efforts between States, Industry and Academia to develop vanguard policies and initiatives to promote the Long-Term Aspirational Goal (LTAG) and the development, production and use of sustainable fuels and technologies.
3. We value our people as a key element for the continuous development of the aviation industry and we will invest in their development to enhance their skills and expertise, and at the same time open the doors for the next generation of women and men aviation professionals.
4. We will strive to develop and implement effective plans and policies that promote the growth and development of the aviation industry while ensuring integration with the other economic sectors that have aviation as a part of their value chain.
5. We will promote good governance practices to strengthen our CAAs and ensure a transparent, participative, and accountable aviation regulatory environment in the States of our Region.
6. We will encourage and support innovation in the aviation industry by promoting the research and development, the use of modern technologies and collaboration with stakeholders from the industry and academia.

We are committed to these pillars and will collaborate with all stakeholders to achieve our shared goals of a safe, secure, efficient, sustainable, and thriving aviation industry in South America.

The Civil Aviation Authorities Directors and industry partners highlighted the following:

Argentina – Lic. Paola Tamburelli, National Administrator, ANAC

“We had the opportunity to meet in this inspiring National Museum of Aeronautics and Space, to ratify our regional commitment and to discuss fraternally about the present and future of civil aviation.

We assume the challenge of taking the necessary actions to ensure a safe, competitive, and sustainable aviation that is a true engine for the transformation of South America.

We have the experience, the commitment, and the human resources to leave our mark on global aviation”.

Bolivia – Eng. José Iván García Terceros, Executive Director, DGCA

“Airlift squadrons profess, “Being Together is a Beginning, Staying Together is an Achievement, and Working Together is Success in Our Purposes”.

Working as a Region is a challenge for the global decarbonization of the aviation industry. We have the potential in the Region to make it sustainable with our capability to produce Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) fuels.

The search for Leadership in the SAM Region is a process of continuous improvement in which we must all be actors”.

Brazil – Mr. Tiago Sousa Pereira, Director-President, ANAC

“The development of aviation in South America requires strong and independent governance from the regulatory authorities, which allows them to plan and execute consistent, effective, and sustainable actions in the long term. Therefore, it is concluded that it is necessary for the Region to advance in the level of institutional maturity of the authorities that guarantees stability, autonomy, and accountability”.

Brazil – Ten. Brig. do Ar Alcides Teixeira Barbacovi, Director General, DECEA and President, CERNAI

“On behalf of DECEA, Department of Airspace Control of the Brazilian Air Force, by participating in the 17th RAAC, I thank you for the opportunity provided by ICAO Lima to exchange knowledge, experiences and discuss good management and strategic planning practices with the authorities of civil aviation. This Meeting will certainly contribute to the civil aviation sector, further preparing our staff, improving connectivity, and promoting innovation. From it, we will be able to adopt concrete actions for the operation of aircraft in a more sustainable way.

At the end, we will be regionally strengthened and focused on the search for an increasingly complete aeronautical service. We congratulate you on the initiative in preparing a regional strategic plan, in view of the challenges ahead”.

Chile - General Aviation Raúl Jorquera Conrads, Director General, DGAC

“The message or motto for this Meeting is to let us transform South America and I want us to stay with that spirit.

Let us transform South America is the message that ICAO wants to promote in this South American Meeting for the development of civil aviation. Let us transform South America, is to work as a team to see what the current situation of our respective countries is and what are the regional priorities, such as the ratification of international aviation law treaties and above all, initiatives for the development and sustainability of air transport in the Region”.

Chile – Mr. Martín Mackenna Rueda, Secretary General, Civil Aviation Board

"First of all, I want to thank the ICAO SAM Regional Office and the DGAC of Chile for their impeccable organization of RAAC/17, as well as highlighting the contribution of the authorities and organizations that participated in this activity, where, among other aspects of the agenda, I would like to highlight the LTAG/SAF Seminar and the innovative strategic planning exercise that took place in the framework of this Meeting.

I invite all of us who participate in RAAC/17 to continue tackling together the main challenges of the aeronautical sector in our Region. One of these is the de-carbonization of air transport, to which we are all committed through the LTAG that we agreed on at the 41st ICAO Assembly. Each State must contribute to this goal of net zero emissions by 2050 and collaborative work between us is essential to achieve it.

On the other hand, we must make progress in being more competitive to become an increasingly accessible mode of transport and to fully recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, for which, it is essential to reach agreements between the authorities that allow efficiency and dynamism to the sector. All the above, without leaving aside the most important asset of aviation, which is safety".

Guyana - Lt. Col. Egbert Field, Director General, Guyana Civil Aviation Authority

"The future is here, and we cannot afford to wait. The old approach of doing business will not propel us into this new era of innovation, environmental and human resource issues, etc. This is, therefore, a unique opportunity to formulate an approach which will bring renewed energy and ideas to meet the challenges which will arise from this rapidly expanding sector.

The new format of this RAAC/17 Meeting, in my opinion, therefore, sets the correct platform for this transformation of the aviation industry in South America. By amalgamating the ideas, suggestions, and experiences of the people in various sectors of the industry, we can transform South America - a change is going to come!"

Panama - Mr. Carlos Von Seidlitz, Director, Air Transport, CAA

"The RAAC/17 experience has been highly enriching. The participation of the actors in the energy sector has been very interesting and has allowed us to make visible the industry's investment in the region, and in sister countries where alternative, fewer polluting fuels are produced. These efforts bring us closer to the regional path towards the 2050 goals on emissions. Panama appreciates the effort of the Regional Office to organize such a dynamic and interesting Meeting, which will be key to the transformation of SAM Region".

Paraguay – Mr. Felix Kanasawa, President DINAC

"On behalf of the Paraguayan State, I would like to thank the hospitality and cordiality of the General Directorate of Civil Aeronautics of Chile for welcoming us and for carrying out this Meeting of Civil Aviation Authorities of the SAM Region.

Also, highlight the support of the ICAO SAM Regional Office in such an outstanding event where authorities from different States and industry representatives focus on facing the present in order to build a sustainable future of aviation contributing to the development of SAF as well as the challenges arising from technological innovation and update aeronautical regulations in order to guarantee the efficiency, effectiveness and safety of operations.

Also note that, with the commitment, collaboration and support of all sectors, we will be able to TRANSFORM SOUTH AMERICA".

Venezuela - M/G Juan Manuel Teixeira Díaz, President, INAC

“Today's world faces us with great challenges that call us to join efforts to achieve a more just society and a more efficient, sustainable, safe and competitive air transport, therefore, hand in hand with ICAO SAM, let us build air bridges to unite our people, let us promote mechanisms to achieve union in diversity, cooperation and South American integration; only together we will achieve the South American transformation.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the SAM Regional Office, its technical team and members of the DGAC for their hospitality, effort and high professional level in carrying out this activity”.

ACI LAC – Mr. Francisco Medela Alonso, Industry Affairs Director

“We appreciate the invitation of the ICAO SAM regional office to participate in the annual Meeting of Directors of Civil Aviation of the Region.

We positively highlight the strategic planning exercise that encourages participation and exchange of experiences between the different states. We appreciate the efforts to increase the productivity of these sessions”.

CANSO – Sr. Javier Vanegas – Director, Latin America and Caribbean Affairs

“The RAAC/17 was conducted in a very dynamic and efficient manner, involving the civil aviation directors, making merit to its motto "Transforming South America". The format for defining the future of aviation in the South American Region was an initiative that I am sure will continue and be set as the basis for future meetings.”

EASA – Mr. Alfonso Arroyo Fernández, Representative for Latin America and Caribbean**Ms. Eleonora Italia, International Cooperation Officer**

“Our first experience at RAAC17 was extremely positive as we witnessed a very professional collaboration and open dialogue among States and organizations of the Region. We agree with the importance of the six strategic exercises which conclusion showed a highly harmonized approach. EASA, as a RSOO, shares the importance recognized to the regional approach and is continuously available to strengthen the partnership and to share practices with ICAO SAM Office, the SRVSOP, LACAC and their Member States”.

FAA – Mr. Nicholas Reyes, Western Hemisphere Regional Director

“I wish to congratulate you on a highly productive, dynamic, and visionary Meeting. I hope this is the beginning of a movement to evolve the protocol of ICAO SAM meetings, and that it expands to the NACC region, and other regions. The format used is initiative-taking and creative. He kept the participants involved in all the planned activities. I look forward to seeing the results of the work done during the week”.
