EIGHTH MEETING OF THE SAT IMPLEMENTATION MANAGEMENT GROUP (SAT IMG/8)

Virtual, 19 to 20 October 2026

Agenda Item 2: Planning and implementation programmes

Update from the SAT CNS Working Group

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
This paper provides an update on the establishment and operationalization of the SAT Communications, Navigation and Surveillance Working Group (SAT CNS WG), including the nomination of members, the development of the Terms of Reference (ToR), and the planned next steps towards the commencement of the Working Group's activities. Action by the Meeting at paragraph 3.	
Strategic goals	A-Every Flight is safe and secure C- Aviation Delivers Seamless, Accessible, and Reliable Mobility for All

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Third Meeting of the SAT Steering Group (SAT SG/03), held in December 2025, adopted Conclusion 3/11 endorsing the establishment of a Communications, Navigation and Surveillance Working Group (SAT CNS WG) under the SAT Implementation Management Group (SAT IMG).

1.2 Subsequently, the Seventh Meeting of the SAT Implementation Management Group (SAT IMG/7), held in Dakar, Senegal, from 6 to 10 April 2026, reviewed the initial actions undertaken for the establishment of the Working Group and encouraged SAT States and Organizations to nominate CNS experts to participate in its activities.

1.3 This paper provides an update on the progress achieved since SAT IMG/7 regarding the operationalization of the SAT CNS WG, including the nomination of members, the development of the Working Group Terms of Reference (ToR), and the planned next steps.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Following SAT IMG/7, the Secretariat continued the coordination activities required for the establishment and operationalization of the SAT CNS WG. To facilitate broader participation from SAT States and Organizations, the deadline for the submission of nominations was extended on two occasions.

2.2 As a result of the additional coordination efforts undertaken by the Secretariat, nominations were received from SAT States and Organizations up to mid-September 2026. The consolidated membership list is

provided in Appendix A. The Working Group comprises experts nominated by Argentina, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Namibia and Senegal and the ICAO Regional Offices for ESAF, NACC, SAM and WACAF.

2.3 On 16 September 2026, the Secretariat formally launched the Working Group activities by circulating to all nominated members the consolidated membership list and the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) of the SAT CNS WG.

2.4 Members were invited to review the draft ToR and submit comments and suggestions by 9 October 2026. The draft ToR is provided in Appendix B.

2.5 The review process is currently underway. Comments received from Working Group members will be consolidated by the Secretariat and incorporated, as appropriate, into the final version of the ToR. Upon completion of the review process, the Secretariat will finalize the ToR and proceed with the convening of the first meeting of the SAT CNS WG.

2.6 The first meeting will provide an opportunity to:

- finalize the Working Group working arrangements;
- identify priority CNS implementation issues affecting the SAT region;
- establish the initial SAT CNS WG work programme;
- identify CNS initiatives requiring regional coordination; and
- agree on reporting arrangements to SAT IMG.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

a) note the progress achieved in the establishment and operationalization of the SAT CNS Working Group;

b) note the membership list and the ongoing review of the draft Terms of Reference contained in Appendices A and B, respectively; and

c) support the finalization of the Terms of Reference and the convening of the first SAT CNS WG meeting.

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