

**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
NORTH AMERICAN, CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN OFFICE**

**TWENTY-SIXTH EASTERN CARIBBEAN INFORMAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
(26TH E/CARIWG)**

(Barbados, 3 to 7 June 2002)

Agenda Item 10: **Other business**

10.2 Refresher training programs for E/CAR States – 2002

REFRESHER TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR E/CAR STATES – 2002

(Information Paper presented by InterCaribbean Aeronautical Communications Limited (IACL))

SUMMARY	
This Information Paper outlines the action being taken by IACL to assist the E/CAR States in Refresher Training Programs for 2002.	
REFERENCES	
• Conclusion 23/W – 23rd E/CAR Working Group Meeting • Conclusion 1/4, 1/7, 1/12, 1/13, 1/14 – 1st E/CAR AIS Meeting • Conclusion 24/25 (a) – 24th E/CAR Working Group Meeting • PARA 5.9 – 17th DCAs Meeting	

1 Introduction

1.1 The Directors of Civil Aviation at the 17th Meeting noted the action taken by IACL of its continued commitment to assist States in their training needs in order to enhance the quality of Air Traffic Services being provided to aircraft operating in the E/CAR Region.

2. Follow Up Action

2.1 IACL has sought to maintain direct contact with E/CAR States in discussing and offering suggestions to implement the relevant Conclusions reached at various Meetings. With regard to training matters, IACL gave consideration to the training needs of States that responded to their offer made in paragraph 5.9 of the 17th Meeting of Directors of Civil Aviation.

2.2 IACL sponsored one person each from Grenada and Dominica to attend an AIS course held at the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Training Centre in March, April and May of 2001. Requests were also received from St. Kitts/Nevis and Antigua for attachments to AIS facilities in Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago and this is under active consideration.

2.3 Representatives from Antigua, Barbados, Montserrat and St. Vincent and the Grenadines were sponsored to attend a Quality Assurance Workshop in Trinidad in November/December 2001.

3. Discussion

3.1 In recognition of difficulties being experienced by States in obtaining funding for ATS Training, IACL had requested by letter in July 2001 that E/CAR administrations provide information on training needs for calendar year 2002. This information was received and IACL conducted studies to determine the best method of providing assistance.

3.2 As a result IACL sponsored Refresher Training Programs that were conducted in St. Vincent and the Grenadines in September 2001 and in Grenada and St. Lucia in April 2002.

3.3 Similar programs are scheduled to be conducted in Anguilla and Dominica for Air Traffic Controllers from Montserrat and Dominica in May 2000. Refresher Training for St. Kitts and Nevis is scheduled to take place in St. Kitts in June 2002.

3.4 Discussions are at an advanced stage for Refresher Training in Antigua probably in October 2002.

3.5 IACL at the 17th DCAs Meeting also expressed its concern that the human resource must be given the desired attention and urged that meeting to give due consideration to training of staff to ensure compliance with ATM/CNS activities. Accordingly, IACL has underwritten computer literacy training for Air Traffic Controllers in Anguilla, Dominica and Montserrat.

4. Suggested Action

4.1 The meeting is invited to take note of IACL's action to enhance the skills of Air Traffic Controllers in the region. This effort will contribute to aviation safety in the region.

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