



- Agenda Item 2: Review of Air Navigation Matters**
2.2 Air Navigation specific activities:
2.2.1 Air Traffic Management (ATM)
• ***Review of SAR Committee Report***

SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) ACTIVITIES

(Presented by Trinidad and Tobago – Chairman of the SAR Committee E/CAR)

SUMMARY	
The following Working Paper (WP) reports on Search and Rescue (SAR) within the Eastern Caribbean (E/CAR) and suggests action to collect outstanding SAR information and set up a SAR Committee Meeting to review and advance outstanding work.	
References:	
• SAR Meeting for the North American, Caribbean and South American Regions SAR NAM/CAR/SAM • Twenty First (21st) Meeting of Directors of Civil Aviation of the Eastern Caribbean. E/CAR DCA 21	
<i>Strategic Objectives</i>	<i>This working paper is related to Strategic Objectives A and D.</i>

1. Introduction

1.1 At the SAR Meeting for the North American, Caribbean and South American Regions, SAR/NAM/CAR/SAM held in Puntarenas, Costa Rica, 18-22 May 2009, it was acknowledged that the recommendations of CAR SAM RAN 2/3 and GREPECAS 11 conclusions with respect to SAR were ten (10) years old and these were expected to be implemented by now, as the status on these are all considered as completed.

1.2 It was also acknowledged that a number of States in the region had difficulty in the implementation of some of these recommendations as several actions require the establishment of high level institutional agreements and also for States to gather information from collaborating Agencies and Organizations to provide SAR service within their airspace and jurisdictional waters.

2. Discussion

2.1 The last formal SAR Meeting in the E/CAR was held in 2001. While there had been some collaboration between States since then, there is the need for the identification of a Point of Contact in each of the States with respect to SAR information to confirm that the activities envisaged by the conclusions of the CAR SAM RAN 2/3 and GREPECAS 11 recommendations are indeed completed in the Sub-region. Additionally, the State SAR Matrix which was presented at the 21st DCAs Meeting in 2008 is appended (Appendix A) as an example of a checklist or analysis of the SAR Capabilities of States.

2.2 This information from individual States should be sent by their point of contact to the Piarco Aeronautical Information Services (AIS) or directly to the Chairman SAR Committee, Trevor Dowrich, Executive Manager Air Navigation Services, Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority, tdowrich@caa.gov.tt, in order that the results may be discussed by the DCAs at their next meeting in December 2009. This information will also form the basis for the planning of an E/CAR SAR Meeting in 2010 with an aim to:

- Review existing SAR Agreements and update as well as to seek permission for SAR Units from other States to provide SAR assistance within the jurisdiction of another State.
- Publish SAR response capacity within Piarco Flight Information Region (FIR).
- Establish proper Coordination between civil and military authorities for efficient use of all available resources.
- Treat with other related activities aimed at the efficient operation of SAR in the E/CAR and the Piarco FIR.

3. Summary

3.1 The meeting is invited to take note of the information provided in this WP and its appendix and:

- Provide a Point of Contact for immediate follow up of the status of the CAR/SAM/RAN 2/3 recommendations and GREPECAS 11 conclusions in each State.
- Provide feedback on the Analysis of SAR capability in each State and details on resources available.
- Provide this information to the Chairman SAR Committee and the Piarco AIS by November 15th 2009.