



Agenda Item 3: Air Navigation Matters
3.1 Global/Regional Air Navigation Developments

ICAO REGIONAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FOR THE CARIBBEAN REGION
“IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PERFORMANCE BASED AIR NAVIGATION SYSTEMS”
(RLA/09/801)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
This working paper presents to the Meeting the progress in preparing for the ICAO Regional Technical Cooperation Project for the Caribbean Region – Implementation of the Performance based air navigation systems (RLA/09/801).	
References:	
• NACC/DCA/3 Meeting Report, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, 8-12 September 2008; • Preparatory Meeting and Presentation of the RLA/09/801 Project, Mexico City, Mexico, July 19, 2010; • C/CAR/DCA/11 Meeting Report, Mexico City, 21-23 July 2010; • E/CAR/DCA/23 Meeting Report, Christ Church, Barbados, 9-12 November 2010; • DGCA/CAP/95 Meeting Report, Antigua, Guatemala, 8 -10 February 2011; • NAM/CAR Regional Performance Based Air Navigation Implementation Plan NAM/CAR RPBANIP (http://www.mexico.icao.int/ATM.html); • State Letters attaching the RLA/09/801 Project Document (PRODOC): Ref.: EMX816 and EMX911, dated 8 September and 1 October 2010, respectively, EMX230 to EMX238, dated 2 March 2011 and EMX251 dated 3 March 2011; and • NACC/WG/3 Meeting Report, Guatemala City, Guatemala, from 9-13 May 2011 • Fourth Meeting of North American, Central American and Caribbean Directors of Civil Aviation (NACC/DCA/4) report, San Pedro Sula, Honduras, 20 to 24 June 2011.	
Strategic Objectives	<i>This working paper is related to Strategic Objectives A and C.</i>

1. Introduction

1.1 This working paper presents the progress in preparing for the implementation of the ICAO Regional Technical Cooperation Project for the Caribbean Region – Implementation of the Performance based air navigation systems (RLA/09/801), and encourages CAR States and Territories to prepare for their participation in the regional project. ICAO finalized the document for the Project RLA/09/801 and distributed to CAR States and Territories for their review and to invite them to participate.

1.2 This paper also describes the regional approval and support by the Directors of Civil Aviation (DCA) of the CAR Region and the most recent relevant progress by this Regional Project.

2. Background

2.1 In order to provide assistance to States in the CAR Region with the harmonized implementation at national level of systems and services in accordance to the regional performance-based air navigation implementation plan approved by the DCAs for the NAM/CAR Regions (NAM/CAR RPBANIP), the NACC DCAs adopted the following conclusion at their fourth meeting (NACC/DCA/4):

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That:

- a) the Central American States and Cuba consider participation in the project and inform ICAO by sending a letter to the NACC Regional Office;
- b) the Central American States approve that COCESNA participate in the project as their representative at the next COCESNA Executive Council meeting to be held on 24 June 2011;
- c) Bahamas, Barbados, Curacao, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, and ECCAA, if not already done so, deposit the initial contribution of USD 25,000 to the ICAO account by **31 August 2011**;
- d) all project participants, if not already done so, sign the Project Document;
- e) ICAO commence the project activities once the project contributions have been received; and
- f) ICAO convene, and project participants attend, the 2nd Project Steering Committee in November/December 2011.

2.2 This project will contribute to the maintenance of a more safe, secure, efficient and economic air transport system, as a means to support the social, economic and cultural development of participant States/Territories and Organizations, through the standardization and harmonization of aeronautical activities based on proven and modern methodologies and technologies for the provision of air navigation services within the CAR Region.

3. Discussion

3.1 The four working groups of the NAM/CAR regions (C/CAR/WG, CA/ANE/WG, E/CAR/WG and NACC/WG) support the harmonization of air navigation activities in the Region and propose recommendations to the Directors of Civil Aviation to implement the NAM/CAR RPBANIP.

3.2 The States that have already expressed their willingness to participate in the project are: Barbados, Curacao, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, the States of the OECS (Organization of Eastern Caribbean States: Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines) and COCESNA (Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua), Cuba and Dominican Republic also supported the project and its intention to consider possible integration into it. The United States is willing to support through their active participation in seminars and workshops.

3.3 Cuba and COCESNA have reconfirmed their intention to participate in the project. Bahamas, Barbados, Curacao, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago have deposited their contribution for their participation in the project.

3.4 The first meeting of Project's Steering Committee (SCM/1) will take place as part of the Meeting of the Twelfth Meeting of Directors of Civil Aviation of the Central Caribbean (C/CAR/DCA/12) to be held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, from 10 to 13 July 2012, during which the project activities will begin.

3.5 The relevant project events are found in the **Appendix** to this paper.

4. Suggested actions

4.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) encourage CAR States that have confirmed their participation in the project, in case they have not yet done so, to deposit the initial contribution of 25,000 USD in ICAO's account ***as soon as possible***;
- b) urge CAR States to take into consideration the activities and scope of the RLA/09/801 project in the implementation of the air navigation systems in the Region; and
- c) urge project participants States to attend the First Meeting of Project Steering Committee to be held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic during the month of July 2012.

APPENDIX

Relevant project events

Project Preparatory Meeting

The States participating in the Project Preparatory Meeting held in 19 July 2010, agreed that a regional technical cooperation mechanism is the most cost-effective and efficient approach for the timely implementation by States and Territories of the air navigation systems required to implement the regional performance based air navigation plan, for the following reasons:

- Cooperation, coordination and collaboration between States
- Mechanism for pooling and sharing expertise and resources
- Efficient use of resources available in the region
- Centralized coordination of assistance to States
- Implementation of national plans harmonized with the regional plan
- Cost-effective in comparison to independent national implementation
- Expedited implementation

The same parties also agreed that the ICAO Technical Cooperation programme is the best suited to provide the desired regional technical cooperation mechanism for the following reasons:

- Established mechanism for assistance and project management
- Successful implementation of a similar project in the SAM Region (RLA/06/901)
- Ensure compliance with ICAO SARPs, guidance and plans
- Non-profit and transparent finance mechanism
- Access to ICAO Secretariat professional resources, roster of qualified technical cooperation experts and equipment suppliers

Project composition and events

The Project Steering Committee is composed of the ICAO NACC Regional Director (RD) as Project Director; ICAO Technical Cooperation Bureau (TCB) as Project Administrator; ICAO NACC Regional Officer Technical Cooperation and the CAR States/Territories/International Organizations participating in the project.

The RLA/09/801 Project has proposed several educational events and meetings to promote the implementation activities in the NAM/CAR RPBANIP, based on the priorities of the air navigation topics in the CAR Region.

The first meeting of the Project Steering Committee was held during the NACC/DCA/4 Meeting, during which the objectives, scope, organization, membership, activities, benefits, deliverables, programme, resources, financing, metrics, risks and project next steps were presented.

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The meeting recognized the benefits of the regional project and Bahamas, Dominican Republic and Mexico confirmed their participation in the project. Cuba expressed its interest in participating but required consultation with its respective authorities. Central American States reconfirmed their intention of participating in the project represented by COCESNA, which will be considered during the forthcoming COCESNA's Executive Board meeting.

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