

TERMS OF REFERENCE

NORTH AMERICAN, CENTRAL AMERICAN AND THE CARIBBEAN (NACC/WG) SURVEILLANCE TASK FORCE (SURV/TF)

1. Background

The Surveillance Task Force (SURV/TF) carries out its activities on the basis of the terms of reference approved for the North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) Region. Its work is aimed at supporting the regional planning, coordination and implementation of surveillance systems and services.

In May 2026, during the Fourth NACC/WG Rapporteurs Meeting, the task force leaders reviewed ongoing activities and identified areas for collaboration. The current SURV TF work programme includes regulatory and operational activities related to ADS-B, data sharing, performance monitoring, coordination with other task forces, and support for the Aircraft-Based Observations (ABO) programme.

The work of the SURV/TF shall remain aligned with GREPECAS, the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP), the applicable Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), and regional priorities for air navigation safety, capacity and efficiency.

2. Objectives

The objective of the SURV/TF is to support the harmonized, safe and efficient development of aeronautical surveillance in the NACC Region. To this end, it shall carry out the following activities:

- Periodically review and update its work programme and terms of reference.
- Promote the harmonized implementation of regulations or procedures for the use of ADS-B.
- Collect, analyse and share ADS-B performance statistics.
- Support the adoption and implementation of the regional operational concept and associated aeronautical publications.
- Coordinate with the Airspace Group and other task forces to identify and undertake collaborative activities.
- Follow up on the implementation of surveillance data sharing.
- Develop and support the deployment of a regional tool for ADS-B performance analysis and monitoring.
- Support MET Task Force activities related to the ABO programme, as required.
- Contribute to aligning regional surveillance initiatives with GREPECAS, the GANP and applicable ICAO provisions.

3. Work Programme

The work programme is presented in Appendix A. Activities are defined in terms of task, deliverable, start date, completion date and responsible party.

4. Working Methods

- a) The work programme shall be kept up to date and shall clearly reflect the activities, responsible parties, deliverables and time frames.
- b) The Group shall avoid duplication of effort and maintain close coordination with the other task forces and relevant regional entities.
- c) When necessary, ad hoc teams may be established for specific subjects, with clearly defined scope, responsible parties, deliverables and dates.
- d) Work shall be conducted through electronic correspondence, virtual meetings, teleconferences and face-to-face meetings when required by the activities in the work programme.
- e) The Rapporteur shall coordinate with the CNS Regional Officer of the ICAO NACC Regional Office on technical follow-up and reporting progress to the NACC/WG.
- f) Surveillance products and data subject to security considerations shall be managed through the controls and channels defined by ICAO and the participating States/Organizations.

5. Membership

The SURV/TF shall be composed of surveillance specialists designated by the States and Organizations of the NACC Region participating in the activities of the Group. The ICAO NACC Regional Office (Secretariat) shall act as technical adviser and facilitate the corresponding regional coordination.

6. Rapporteur

The SURV/TF Rapporteurship shall be exercised by the person designated in accordance with NACC/WG mechanisms. The Rapporteur shall be responsible for coordinating implementation of the work programme, consolidating progress and presenting the results to the NACC/WG, with the support of the ICAO NACC CNS Regional Officer.

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