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- Agenda Item 3** **Towards More Effective Implementation: Aviation Security (AVSEC) and Facilitation (FAL)**
- Agenda Item 4** **Towards More Effective Implementation: Safety**

PANEL: STRENGTHENING SAFETY AND SECURITY OVERSIGHT THROUGH REGIONAL COLLABORATION: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The panel will provide an opportunity to discuss the benefits of regional cooperation, challenges faced, as well as lessons learned.

Strategic Objectives:

- Safety
- Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency
- Security & Facilitation

1. Background

1.1 Regional Safety Oversight Organisations (RSOOs), Regional Accident Investigation Organisations (RAIOs), and other regional oversight organisations are critical mechanisms to support States with limited resources in fulfilling their international safety and security oversight obligations. However, challenges persist regarding their sustainable operation, funding, retention and growth of technical expertise, and maximizing the benefits of regional cooperation.

1.2 This panel brings together diverse regional experiences to share lessons learned, best practices, and practical approaches to building effective and sustainable regional security and safety oversight systems.

1.3 Participants of the Panel:

Moderator: Dawn Flanagan, Chief, Regional Safety Cooperation Unit, ANB, ICAO

Panellists:

- Armando Daniel López, President of the Institute of Civil Aeronautics of Cuba (IACC)
- Anthony Whittier, Director General, Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Authority (ECCAA)
- Alejandro Mena, Manager, Central American Agency for Aeronautical Safety (ACSA)
- Nari Williams-Singh, Director General, Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System (CASSOS)
- Alfonso Arroyo, EASA Representative in Latin American and Caribbean, (European Union Aviation Safety Agency), EASA

2. Objective

2.1 To identify practical pathways and best practices to strengthen regional organisations, ensuring sustainable resourcing, technical competencies, and long-term benefits for States.

3. Expected Outcomes

- a) increased awareness among participants of successful models and challenges faced by different RSOOs and other regional organisations;
- b) actionable recommendations for enhancing funding, sustainability, and Subject Matter Experts (SME) competencies; and
- c) encouragement of collaborative initiatives between regional organisations and Member States.