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19 August 2025

To: States, Territories and International Organizations

Subject: **Invitation – Sixth NAM/CAR North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group Search and Rescue Implementation Task Force (NACC/WG/SAR/TF/6)**
Mexico City, Mexico, 28 to 30 October 2025

Action

Required: 1) Transmittal of additional items to the Draft Agenda by **12 September 2025**;
2) submission of documentation by the deadlines provided in this letter;
3) register participation by **30 September 2025**.

Dear Sir/Madam,

To follow-up on the support for implementation of ICAO requirements concerning Search and Rescue (SAR) services, I wish to invite your Administration/Organization to participate in the Sixth NAM/CAR North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group Search and Rescue Implementation Task Force (NACC/WG/SAR/TF/6) to be convened at the ICAO NACC Regional Office, Mexico City, Mexico, from 28 to 30 October 2025.

Representatives of States and Territories of the ICAO NAM/CAR Regions and of invited international organizations are expected to attend. The working languages of the meeting will be English and Spanish, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided if sufficient participants of both languages provide timely registration.

The Draft Agenda and Schedule of the event are at **Appendices A** and **B** respectively. States wishing to submit proposals for the addition of items should do so by **12 September 2025**.

This meeting will seek to follow up on pending SAR agreements, address actions to promote SAR exercises (SAREX) in the CAR Region, as well as aeronautical and maritime SAR coordination, the collection of SRR coordinates, and the definition of SAR performance indicators. It will also discuss the importance of civil-military coordination and provide an update on the implementation of the Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System (GADSS). States and Territories are invited to share their SAR progress and achievements.

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I would appreciate confirmation of your participation by **30 September 2025** by registering here: <https://forms.office.com/r/5aNEPR717y>

The list of suggested hotels, ICAO NACC Regional Office location, hotel sector maps, as well as other useful information are available on the “*Visiting Our Office?*” Section of the ICAO NACC Regional Office website (http://www.icao.int/NACC/Pages/visitors_info.aspx). Participants are encouraged to make reservations directly with the hotel(s) in a timely manner.


All meeting documentation will be placed in the Meetings Section of the following web page: <http://www.icao.int/NACC/Pages/default.aspx> as it becomes available. Taking into consideration the availability of documentation in electronic format, no hard copies will be distributed during the event.

Documentation that your Administration/Organization may wish to submit/present at the meeting should be forwarded to this office by e-mail as soon as practicable in Microsoft Word/PowerPoint format using the attached templates. Working papers should be brief, action-oriented, and focused with a four-page limit excluding any appendices.

Working Papers must be submitted in both languages, English and Spanish. Information Papers will be published only in the language(s) presented. The deadline to receive documentation is **30 September 2025**.

If you require any further information regarding the event, please contact Mr. Eddian Méndez, Regional Officer, Air Traffic Management, or his Assistant Mrs. Yolanda Terrazas, to the following e-mail nacc-atm@icao.int.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Christopher Barks
Regional Director
North American, Central American and
Caribbean (NACC) Regional Office

Enclosure:

*A – Draft Agenda; B – Schedule; C- Working Paper template;
D – Information Paper template; E – Appendix template*



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**APPENDIX A
DRAFT AGENDA**

- Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda and Schedule**
- Agenda Item 2: Follow-up on Valid Conclusions and Decisions from Previous Search and Rescue Task Force (SAR/TF) Meetings**
- 2.1 Follow up on valid SAR Conclusions/Decisions and Deficiencies
 - 2.2 Follow-up to GREPECAS Project to support SAR implementation in the CAR/SAM Regions
- Agenda Item 3: SAR Coordination Affairs**
- 3.1 Follow up to the SAR Agreements of the CAR Region
 - 3.2 SAR Exercises in the CAR Region
 - 3.3 Maritime and Aeronautical SAR coordination
 - 3.4 Civil-Military Coordination
 - 3.5 Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System (GADSS)
- Agenda Item 4: Work Programme and Activities of the SAR/TF**
- Agenda Item 5: Other Business**
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**DRAFT AGENDA
EXPLANATORY NOTES**

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda and Schedule

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will review the agenda and schedule and adopt them. The objectives and overall expectations of the meeting will be presented.

Agenda Item 2: Follow-up on Valid Conclusions and Decisions from Previous Search and Rescue Task Force (SAR/TF) Meetings

Under this agenda item, the Conclusions and Decisions of previous meetings and the air navigation deficiencies on SAR in force will be followed up and follow-up on the collection of Search and Rescue Regions (SRRs) coordinates. Information will be provided on the GREPECAS approved project progress to support SAR implementation in the CAR/SAM Regions, and actions will be taken for its compliance.

Agenda Item 3: SAR Coordination Affairs

The Meeting will follow up on SAR Agreements pending signature, address actions to promote SAR Exercises (SAREX) in the CAR Region, as well as aeronautical and maritime SAR coordination. The Meeting will also discuss the importance of civil-military coordination and provide an update for the implementation of the Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System (GADSS).

Agenda Item 4: Work Programme and Activities of the SAR/TF

T The Meeting will monitor the Task Force's Work Programme and activities and propose updates. The indicators available in the NACC dashboards will be analysed, and an effort will be made to define SAR performance indicators relevant to implementation.

Agenda Item 5: Other Business

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will analyse any other matter than cannot be addressed under the previous agenda items.

**APPENDIX B
PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE**

Time	Tuesday 28 October	Wednesday 29 October	Thursday 30 October
08:30–09:00	<i>Registration</i>		
09:00–09:30	<i>Opening Ceremony & Photo</i>	Agenda Item 3 (Cont.)	Agenda Item 5
09:30–10:30	Agenda Item 1		Reading of the Draft Conclusions/Decisions/ Provisional Summary of Discussions
10:30–11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
11:00–12:30	Agenda Item 2	Bilateral discussions on SAR Agreements	Review of the Draft Conclusions/Decisions/ Provisional Summary of Discussions
			Closing
12:30–13:30	Lunch break		
13:30–15:30	Agenda Item 3	Agenda Item 4	



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Agenda Item *:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
Insert brief summary of the working paper.	
Action:	Insert action required.
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety • Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency • Security & Facilitation • Economic Development of Air Transport • Environmental Protection
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