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**Agenda Item 7: NACC/WG Administrative Updates**

**MECHANISMS THAT SUPPORT THE NACC/WG**

(Presented by Secretariat)

<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	
<p>This paper outlines the coordination mechanisms, task forces, reporting structures, and interregional collaborations that support the NACC Working Group (NACC/WG). These mechanisms enable effective implementation of ICAO global and regional plans, including follow-up to CAR/SAM Planning and Implementation Regional Group (GREPECAS) Conclusions and Decisions. The paper highlights efforts to streamline communication, enhance accountability, and align the NACC/WG with the GREPECAS work programme, the CAR/SAM Regional Air Navigation Plan (RANP), and the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP).</p>	
<b>Action:</b>	<p>The Meeting is invited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Take note of the coordination mechanisms that support the implementation of the NACC/WG deliverables</li><li>Encourage active State participation and timely response to ICAO implementation tools and mechanisms</li><li>Support continued alignment between NACC/WG outputs, GREPECAS conclusions, and GANP priorities; and</li><li>Endorse the draft conclusion in paragraph 6.1.</li></ol>
<b>Strategic Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Safety</li><li>Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency</li><li>Economic Development of Air Transport</li><li>Environmental Protection</li></ul>
<b>References:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP, Doc 9750)</li><li>CAR/SAM Regional Air Navigation Plan (RANP, Volumes I–III)</li><li>GREPECAS/22 Final Report (Lima, November 2024)</li><li>AN-Conf/14</li><li>ICAO Assembly Resolutions A40-1 and A41-3</li><li>ICAO NACC Task Force Terms of Reference and Work Programmes</li><li>State Letters and Implementation Dashboards issued by the ICAO NACC Regional Office</li></ul>

## **1. Introduction**

1.1 The North American, Central American, and Caribbean Working Group (NACC/WG) serves as a key implementation arm of ICAO in the NAM/CAR Region. To ensure coherence with global objectives and regional realities, the NACC/WG is supported by a network of task forces, expert groups, dashboards, and State Letters. These tools provide the structure necessary to guide States and stakeholders in achieving their operational and strategic goals.

## **2. Coordination Mechanisms**

2.1 The NACC/WG relies on several mechanisms:

- a) Task Forces (e.g., AIM TF, SAR TF, AMCB TF) that address technical and operational issues.
- b) State Letters and Templates issued to gather data, confirm participation, and track compliance.
- c) Regional Dashboards to monitor KPIs, air navigation implementation status, and project milestones.
- d) Quarterly Implementation Calls with States and stakeholders to provide updates and address gaps.
- e) Liaison with GREPECAS to ensure alignment with broader regional decisions and recommendations.

2.2 These mechanisms facilitate timely action, promote harmonized implementation, and provide traceability of commitments and deliverables.

2.3 An example is the coordination between the AIM/TF and the AMCB/TF on issues of common interest to the Aeronautical Information Management (AIM) and Air Traffic Services (ATS) specialties such as the non-uniform and inconsistent publication of Aeronautical Information Publications (AIPs), the need for data collection from the region's FIRs, duplication and other Filed flight plan (FPL) errors, ambiguity in the NOTAM of aerospace operations, etc. It is proposed to include other interested parties (CIIFRA, CADENA, IATA, CANSO, etc.) in these works to achieve better proposals for the resolution of these issues. In addition, within the scope of the AIM/TF, a specific Ad hoc group was created to address the issue of duplication and errors in the FPLs and interdisciplinary meetings have already been held in this regard.

2.4 In addition to the aforementioned coordination mechanisms, the region has an important tool to support implementation: the Multi-Regional Civil Aviation Assistance Program (MCAAP). The mission of the MCAAP is to "assist Project Member States/Territories in the NAM/CAR Regions in the effective implementation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) in order to improve the safety, efficiency, and capacity of the regional civil aviation system, in harmonization with the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP), the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP), the CAR/SAM Regional Air Navigation Plan, and in support of the ICAO No Country Left Behind (NCLB) initiative, as well as other ICAO initiatives related to the scope of the Project that may arise in the future.

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2.5 To the coordination mechanisms described above, the NACC/WG benefits from several implementation support mechanisms that enhance project delivery and capacity-building for States. These include ICAO Implementation Packages (iPacks), which provide structured guidance and tools for specific operational areas, and the MCAAP, which offers sustained technical and financial assistance to participating States. Furthermore, projects supported by partner and donor States, as well as regional and international organizations, contribute resources, expertise, and targeted interventions that directly enable task forces to advance their work programmes. While these mechanisms operate at the project level, their outputs feed into and strengthen the deliverables of the NACC/WG.

2.6 Under the support of the MCAAP, the following initiatives have been approved in 2025:

- Support the development of GANP KPIs for CAR-SAM eANP VOL III
- ANS Safety Oversight Workshop
- Support implementation of ANS Contingency Planning
- ATC Fatigue Risk Management Workshop
- Building Capacity for the assessment of SMS Implementation in ATS
- SAR BBB Evaluation
- Analysis of the use of ADS\_B data for RVSM monitoring processes / Participation in the GTE\_25 Meeting
- Reg Airspace Optimization & ATFM Integration – Phase 3
- Harmonized and Integrated Safety Oversight and Quality Management Framework
- Supporting CANSNET implementation
- Support ATFM Workshop for data management and KPI Calculation

2.7 In addition, the following projects are being implemented in the NACC RO:

- Radio Navigation Workshop (ISP)
- Support for Instrument Flight Procedures Design Inspection / Oversight in the Caribbean Region

### **3. Interface with GREPECAS and ICAO Plans**

3.1 To ensure upward alignment:

- a) NACC/WG outputs directly feed into GREPECAS reporting cycles and support the review of valid Conclusions and Decisions.
- b) Mechanisms like the Upper Airspace Agreement, NEOSPACE-1, and FRA coordination are supported through joint coordination with the ICAO SAM Office and the CIIFRA group.
- c) The NACC/WG integrates inputs from the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) and ASBU methodology, reinforcing ICAO's performance-based approach.

#### **4. Benefits and Challenges**

##### 4.1 Benefits:

- a) Clear lines of responsibility for task force leads and Rapporteurs.
- b) Enhanced regional visibility through dashboard analytics.
- c) Regular touchpoints between ICAO and States improve engagement.

##### 4.2 Challenges:

- a) Delayed responses to State Letters and reporting templates.
- b) Limited participation in certain task forces.
- c) Need for better integration between safety, efficiency, and environmental components.

#### **5. Recommendations**

##### 5.1 To strengthen support for the NACC/WG, the following is proposed:

- a) Reinforce State commitment to reply to official ICAO mechanisms (State Letters, KPIs, capability matrices).
- b) Encourage active participation in task force meetings and virtual coordination calls.
- c) Promote periodic cross-briefings between task force chairs and NACC/WG Rapporteurs.
- d) Align future implementation reporting with GREPECAS cycles and AN-Conf/14 follow-up priorities.

#### **6. Draft Conclusion**

##### 6.1 Draft Conclusion NACC/WG/10

Strengthening mechanisms that support NACC/WG coordination

That,

- a) States reaffirm their commitment to participate and respond to NACC/WG mechanisms, including task forces, dashboards, and data templates.
- b) The ICAO NACC Regional Office continues enhancing alignment between NACC/WG deliverables and GREPECAS/23 priorities; and
- c) Task Force leads provide biannual updates to the NACC/WG to ensure transparency and accelerate progress on regional objectives.
- d) States make use of support mechanisms (ipacks, MCAAP, Projects, etc.).