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**Agenda Item 5: NACC/WG Collaborative Task Forces Working Session**

**WORKING SESSION – TASK FORCE COLLABORATION, OPERATIONAL ALIGNMENT, AND ACTION PLANNING**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	
This working paper outlines the objectives and expected outcomes of Agenda Item 5 of the NACC/WG/10 Meeting. The session seeks to foster coordination among Task Forces, align deliverables, and update action plans in support of regional priorities such as NEOSPACE, Free Route Airspace (FRA), Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM), System Wide Information Management (SWIM), Unmanned Aircraft System(s) (UAS)/drones' integration, cybersecurity, and contingency planning.	
<b>Action:</b>	See section 5
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<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>
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ICAO Doc 9750 – Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP)</li><li>• ICAO Doc 9854 – Global ATM Operational Concept</li><li>• ICAO Doc 10039 – Manual on ATM System Requirements</li><li>• ICAO Doc 10115 – Global Aviation Security Plan (GASP)</li><li>• GREPECAS/22 Conclusion 5 – Harmonization of Regional ATM Contingency Framework</li><li>• AN-Conf/14 Recommendations 3.1/1 and 3.1/4 – Concerning ATFM and FRA implementation</li><li>• CAR/SAM Regional Air Navigation Plan (Volume III)</li></ul>

## 1. Introduction

1.1 The operational complexity in the NAM/CAR Regions necessitates collaborative planning and consistent delivery across the different Air Navigation Services (ANS) areas, as is the case of the NACC/WG Task Forces. As regional initiatives such as NEOSPACE, FRA, and ATFM advance, coordinated efforts are required to ensure consistency, efficiency, and preparedness. Agenda Item 5 provides an opportunity for Task Forces to jointly update their action plans, align efforts, and define cross-cutting priorities that support the implementation of ICAO's Global Navigation Plan (GANP).

## 2. OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKING SESSION

2.1 The session aims at:

- a) strengthening collaboration among the Task Forces (ATM, ATFM, AIM, CNS, AGA, MET)
- b) updating action plans of the ATM, ATFM, AIM, CNS, AGA, and MET Task Forces, as required by GREPECAS/22 Conclusions
- c) promoting integration of emerging matters such as UAS operations and cybersecurity threats
- d) coordinating NEOSPACE, FRA, and SWIM activities across workstreams
- e) enhancing preparation for regional crisis response and contingency planning.

## 3. SESSION STRUCTURE

3.1 The collaborative Task Force working session will consist of:

- a) **Breakout sessions** for Task Force-specific action plan reviews- led by TF Rapporteurs;
- b) **Joint plenary sessions** for consolidated updates and alignment led by TF Rapporteurs;
- c) **Cross-mapping exercises** to identify interdependencies and shared priorities led by NACC/WG Chairman;
- d) **Integration workshops** on cybersecurity and UAS, led by the Secretariat;
- e) **Scenario-based discussion** on contingency and continuity of operations led by the Secretariat.

3.2 The session will be developed in detail by the involved Task Force Rapporteurs and the Secretariat.

## 4. STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

4.1 This activity supports the following ICAO Strategic Objectives:

- a) FRA: cross-border procedures and timelines.
- b) ATFM: harmonized performance metrics.
- c) SWIM: data-sharing standards.
- d) Contingency: updated framework.

## 5. ACTION BY THE MEETING

5.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) note the contents of this working paper;
- b) agree on the proposed structure and methodology of the collaborative Task Force working session, including breakout reviews, joint plenary alignment, and integration workshops;
- c) encourage all Task Forces (ATM, ATFM, AIM, CNS, AGA, MET) to finalize and validate their updated action plans, as outlined in the **Appendix**, with clear responsibilities and timelines;
- d) Promote cross-functional coordination on specific deliverables, including:
  - Free Route Airspace (FRA) implementation roadmap,
  - Harmonized ATFM performance metrics,
  - SWIM data exchange framework,
  - Regional contingency planning framework;
- e) recommend integration of cybersecurity and UAS considerations into planning and reporting activities, building on existing dashboards and reporting, but with emphasis on *forward-looking coordination* and risk management; and
- f) States and stakeholders to follow-up/ monitoring with *new and existing dashboards and reporting mechanisms* by focusing on forward-looking planning and interdependencies.

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**APPENDIX  
ACTION PLAN MATRIX TEMPLATE**

<b>Task Force</b>	<b>Updated Element</b>	<b>Action Plan</b>	<b>Key Deliverables</b>	<b>Time line</b>	<b>Responsible Entity</b>
AMCB	FRA coordination	cross-border	FRA implementation roadmap	Q2 2026	States/ANSPs
AMCB	Regional ATFM metrics & procedures		Harmonized ATFM metrics aligned with GANP	Q1 2026	AMCB/TF
AIM	Digital/e-AIP alignment		SWIM data exchange framework	Q3 2026	AIM/TF
CNS	Surveillance data sharing		Regional CNS roadmap update	Q4 2026	CNS/TF
AGA	Airport coordination	emergency	Integrated contingency procedures	Q4 2026	AGA/TF
MET	MET data integration		Common regional MET services concept	Q2 2026	MET/TF

*(Note: Fill/update with actual deliverables agreed by each TF.)*

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