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(CIIFRA) (AMCB/TF/2/CIIFRA/11)  
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**Agenda Item 4: Strategic Framework and Priorities of the AMCB Task Force**

**STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK AND PRIORITY AREAS OF THE AMCB TASK FORCE**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	
<p>This working paper outlines the strategic framework of the AMCB Task Force following the integration of the former Airspace Optimization and Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) Task Forces. It introduces a structured implementation approach supported by ad hoc subtask groups aligned with ICAO priorities and regional needs.</p>	
<b>Action:</b>	Under Section 4
<b>Strategic Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Every Flight is Safe and Secure</li><li>• Aviation is Environmentally Sustainable</li><li>• Aviation Delivers Seamless, Accessible, and Reliable Mobility for All</li><li>• No Country Left Behind</li><li>• The Economic Development of Air Transport Assures the Delivery of Economic Prosperity and Societal Well Being for All</li></ul>
<b>References:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) (Doc 9750)</li><li>• Caribbean/South American Regional Planning and Implementation Group (GREPECAS)/XX Conclusions and Decisions</li></ul>

## 1. Introduction

1.1 The AMCB Task Force represents a unified regional mechanism to enhance airspace management and capacity balancing across the NAM/CAR Regions.

## 2. Strategic Framework

2.1 The AMCB Task Force is structured around four strategic pillars. This strategic framework is aligned with the ICAO Strategic Plan, the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP, Doc 9750), and the Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU) methodology. It is recognized that the AMCB Task Force scope is not limited to ATFM, but also includes airspace optimization, capacity balancing, contingency planning, data exchange, and the integration of new and emerging operations.

### a) Policy and Governance

Strengthening regional coordination and updating Terms of Reference.

### b) Technical Enablement

Advancing Free Route Airspace (FRA), Air Traffic Flow Management ATFM, and digital transformation initiatives.

### c) Collaboration and Integration

Enhancing coordination across NAM/CAR and interfaces with the South American Regional Office (SAM), CANSO IATA ICAO Free Route Airspace (CIIFRA), and CANSO Air Traffic Flow Management Data Exchange Network for the Americas (CADENA).

### d) Capacity Building

Supporting States through targeted training and technical assistance.

## 3. Role of Subtask Ad Hoc Groups

3.1 The subtask Ad hoc Groups serve as implementation mechanisms supporting the strategic framework. Each sub-task Ad hoc group is established with a defined objective, scope, and expected deliverables, as agreed by the AMCB/TForce. Their duration is flexible and dependent on the completion of assigned tasks or priorities. Participation is open to States, International Organizations, service providers, and relevant stakeholders. Each group reports progress and outcomes to the AMCB/TF for coordination and alignment.

3.2 The alignment is as follows:

- **Technical Enablement:** FRA/ Strategic Direct Routing (SDR) Group
- **Operational Integration:** ATFM and Data Exchange Group
- **Data and Innovation:** Air Navigation Services (ANS) Capabilities and Dashboard Group
- **Emerging Topics:** Space and New Entrants Group

3.3 These groups provide a focused and flexible approach to accelerate implementation while ensuring alignment with regional and global priorities.

**4. Expected Outcomes**

- Improved regional harmonization
- Enhanced data-driven decision-making
- Accelerated implementation of key initiatives
- Strengthened collaboration among stakeholders

**5. Action by the Meeting**

5.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) endorse the AMCB strategic framework;
- b) approve the proposed subtask ad hoc group structure; and
- c) review, validate, and suggest strategic priorities for the future work of the AMCB/TF.