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To: CANSNET Members, States, Territories and International Organizations

Subject: **Invitation – 42nd Meeting of the Communications Task Force (COMM/TF/42) of the North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group (NACC/WG)**
(Mexico City, Mexico, from 24 to 28 August 2026)

Action
Required: **Registration by 10 August 2026**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to invite your Administration/Organization to participate in the 42nd Meeting of the Communications Task Force (COMM/TF/42) of the North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group (NACC/WG), which will be held at the ICAO NACC Regional Office in Mexico City, Mexico, from 24 to 28 August 2026.

The primary objective of this meeting is to support the implementation of the Caribbean Air Navigation Services Network (CANSNET) through a combination of technical training and implementation coordination activities. The first four days of the event (24 to 27 August 2026), will be dedicated to theoretical and technical training sessions focused on the CANSNET implementation programme, including network architecture, operational concepts, implementation planning, site preparation requirements, technical interfaces, security considerations, operational procedures, maintenance aspects, and project coordination activities.

The final day of the meeting (28 August 2026), will be devoted to implementation coordination activities, allowing participating States, Territories, International Organizations, and the CANSNET service provider to review implementation progress, discuss pending actions, validate deployment schedules, coordinate site surveys and installation activities, review technical and administrative requirements, and agree on the next steps necessary for the successful implementation of the network throughout the NAM/CAR Regions.

ICAO strongly encourages the participation of CANSNET Members and mainly:

- designated CANSNET Technical Points of Contact (PoC);
- personnel responsible for communications infrastructure, telecommunications systems, network administration, and maintenance activities;
- Air Navigation Service Provider (ANSP) technical specialists involved in CANSNET implementation;
- project managers and implementation coordinators; and
- any additional personnel deemed appropriate by the State or Organization according to its implementation interests and operational requirements.

The meeting will provide a unique opportunity for participants to strengthen their understanding of the CANSNET operations and coordinate implementation activities with regional partners, exchange best practices, address technical challenges, and contribute to the successful modernization of the regional communications infrastructure supporting air navigation services.

The working languages of the meeting will be English and Spanish, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided. The **Draft Agenda** is presented in the **Appendix**

Participants are kindly requested to register at their earliest convenience by **10 August 2026** through the following link of participation: [COMM/TF/42 Registration](#).

For further information, please contact Ms. Mayda Ávila, Regional Officer, Communications, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS), and/or her Assistant, Mr. Gerardo Kharriman, at nacc-cns@icao.int.

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

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Caribbean (NACC) Regional Office

Enclosure: *As indicated*

<https://oaci.sharepoint.com/sites/NACCRegionalOfficeTeam/Shared Documents/00-Files/NE - External Relations/NE 57-1.6-COMMTF/COMMTF42-2026/Correspondence/NACC120280CNS-States-COMMTF42-Inv.docx> / GKE

APPENDIX

Draft Agenda 42nd Meeting of the Communications Task Force (COMM/TF/42) of the North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group (NACC/WG)

Mexico City, Mexico, 24 – 28 August 2026

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter
	Monday, 24 August 2026	
	Day 1 – CANSNET Overview and Network Architecture	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	ICAO
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Remarks and Meeting Objectives	ICAO / Frequentis
09:30 – 10:15	Overview of the CANSNET Programme and Current Implementation Status	ICAO
10:15 – 10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
10:30 – 12:00	CANSNET Architecture and Services Overview	Frequentis
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
13:00 – 14:00	MPLS Network Architecture and Connectivity Concept	Frequentis
14:00 – 15:00	Satellite Segment, VPN, Redundancy and Resilience Mechanisms	Frequentis
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
15:15 – 16:00	Quality-of-service (QoS), VRF and Traffic Prioritization	Frequentis
16:00 – 17:00	Network Monitoring and Management Tools	Frequentis
17:00 – 17:15	Questions and Discussion	All Participants
	Tuesday, 25 August 2026	
	Day 2 – Infrastructure and System Interfaces	
09:00 – 10:00	Site Preparation Requirements and Infrastructure Readiness	Frequentis
10:00 – 10:30	Power Supply, Grounding and Environmental Requirements	Frequentis
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
10:45 – 12:00	Equipment Installation and Physical Interfaces	Frequentis
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
13:00 – 14:00	Integration with Existing ATM Systems and Legacy Networks	Frequentis
14:00 – 15:00	Voice and Data Services over CANSNET	Frequentis
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
15:15 – 16:00	Site Survey Methodology and Documentation Requirements	Frequentis
16:00 – 17:00	States' Infrastructure Readiness Discussion	States / Frequentis

	Wednesday, 26 August 2026 Day 3 – Operations, Maintenance and Cybersecurity	
09:00 – 10:00	Operational Concepts and Service Availability	Frequentis
10:00 – 10:30	Network Performance Monitoring and Alarm Management	Frequentis
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
10:45 – 12:00	Preventive and Corrective Maintenance Procedures	Frequentis
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
13:00 – 14:00	Trouble Ticket Management and Incident Reporting Procedures	Frequentis
14:00 – 15:00	Roles and Responsibilities of Administrative, Technical and Site Points of Contact	ICAO / Frequentis
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
15:15 – 16:00	Cybersecurity Considerations and Protection Mechanisms	ICAO / Frequentis
16:00 – 17:00	Business Continuity and Contingency Arrangements	ICAO
	Thursday, 27 August 2026 Day 4 – Practical Exercises and Acceptance Testing	
09:00 – 10:00	Practical Network Configuration Demonstration	Frequentis
10:00 – 10:30	Monitoring Tools and Alarm Handling Exercises	Frequentis
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
10:45 – 12:00	Site Acceptance Test (SAT) Methodology and Procedures	Frequentis
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
13:00 – 14:00	Review of Initial Implementation Experiences and Lessons Learned	Frequentis / States
14:00 – 15:00	Technical Discussion and Questions from States	All Participants
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
15:15 – 16:30	Summary of Technical Training and Recommendations	ICAO / Frequentis
16:30 – 17:00	Closing of Technical Training Session	ICAO
	Friday, 28 August 2026 Planning and Coordination Meeting	
09:00 – 09:30	Review of Overall CANSNET Implementation Status	ICAO
09:30 – 11:00	State Presentations: Progress, Constraints and Readiness	States
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:15 – 12:30	Review of Site Surveys, Pending Actions and Deliverables	Frequentis / States
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
13:30 – 14:30	Review of Implementation Sequence and Milestones	Frequentis
14:30 – 15:30	Planning of Site Acceptance Tests (SAT) and Vienna Activities (October 2026)	ICAO / Frequentis

15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
15:45 – 16:30	Definition of Follow-up Actions, Responsibilities and Deadlines	ICAO / States
16:30 – 17:00	Conclusions and Closing Remarks	ICAO