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To: NACC/WG COMM/TF Members, Caribbean Air Navigation Services Network (CANSNET) Members, States, Territories and International Organizations

Subject: **Invitation - 43rd Meeting of the Communications Task Force (COMM/TF/43) of the North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group**
(Virtual Format, from 1 to 2 December 2026)

Action Required:
a) Registration by 25 November 2026; and
b) Submission of documentation by 25 November 2026.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to invite your Administration/Organization to participate in the 43rd Meeting of the Communications Task Force (COMM/TF/43) of the North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group (NACC/WG), which will be held virtually from 1 to 2 December 2026.

The meeting will focus on reviewing the performance of the Improvements to Air Traffic Services (ATS) Voice Link (MEVA III) network, monitoring CANSNET implementation progress, coordinating the transition of services from MEVA III to CANSNET, and addressing implementation risks and mitigation measures. Discussions will also cover regional ATS Inter-facility Data Communication (AIDC) implementation, ATS Aeronautical message handling system (AMHS) routing optimization, communications contingency planning, and interoperability among the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Meteorological Information Exchange Model (IWXXM), AMHS and System-Wide Information Management (SWIM).

This Regional Office strongly encourages the participation of the COMM/TF members, CANSNET Technical Points of Contact (PoCs), Air Navigation Service Provider (ANSP) technical specialists, communications and network experts, project managers, and personnel involved in regional communications infrastructure and implementation activities.

The meeting will provide an opportunity to strengthen regional coordination, address technical and operational challenges, and agree on priority actions to ensure the continuity, resilience, and modernization of aeronautical communications services throughout the North American (NAM) and Caribbean (CAR) Regions.

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The meeting's working languages will be **English and Spanish**, with simultaneous interpretation provided. The Draft Agenda and Schedule are presented in **Appendices A and B**, respectively. Templates for Working Papers and Information Papers are also attached. Please submit any documentation by **25 November 2026.**

Participants are kindly requested to register at their earliest convenience, and by 25 November 2026, through the following link: https://bit.ly/3W0TQFJ

For further information, please get in touch with Mayda Ávila, Regional Officer, Communications, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS), and/or Gabriel Gutiérrez Serrato, Assistant, at NACC-CNS@icao.int.

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

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APPENDIX A
DRAFT AGENDA

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Draft Agenda, Schedule and Working Arrangements

Agenda Item 2: MEVA III Network Operations and Performance

2.1 Operation and performance of the MEVA network during the period 09/2026 – 02/12/2026
2.2 Re-pointing of the network nodes' antennas to the IS-35e satellite
2.3 Monitoring of the MEVA III network. Monthly reports

Agenda Item 3: Caribbean Air Navigation Services Network (CANSNET) Project

3.1 Status of implementation of the CANSNET Project
3.2 Compliance with the planned project dates. Risk analysis for implementation. Update of the implementation schedule
3.3 Process for the transition of services to CANSNET and decommissioning of MEVA III
3.4 Temporary transition of CAR-SAM communications support through the CANSNET-COCESNA-REDDIG II communications networks

Agenda Item 4: Activities of the Group within the NACC/WG

4.1 NACC/WG COMM/TF Action Plan
4.2 Presentation of the Group's results to NACC/WG/11
4.3 Identification of training needs related to ground-ground communications
4.4 Update of the regional AIDC implementation matrix
4.5 Optimization of regional AMHS message routing. Establishment of alternate and contingency routes

Agenda Item 5: Contingency Development Process for CAR Communications

Agenda Item 6: Interoperability tests for the dissemination over AMHS of OPMET data in the ICAO Meteorological Information Exchange Model (IWXXM) to regional SWIM environments

6.1 Planning of interoperability tests for the regional dissemination of IWXXM OPMET data over AMHS to Caribbean SWIM environments

6.2 Follow-up on the implementation of IWXXM OPMET data dissemination to the Washington Regional OPMET Bank

Agenda Item 7: Other Business

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DRAFT AGENDA
EXPLANATORY NOTES

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Draft Agenda, Schedule and Working Arrangements

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will review and adopt the agenda and the schedule. The COMM/TF Rapporteur will present the objectives and general expectations of the Meeting, and the working arrangements will be established.

Agenda Item 2: MEVA III Network Operations and Performance

Under this agenda item given to the operation and performance of the MEVA III network during the period 09/2026 – 02/12/2026 will be followed-up. The network provider will report on the process of re-pointing the nodes' antennas to the IS-35e satellite, including challenges and lessons learned. The provider will also report on the monitoring of the current network and the preparation of monthly reports on its performance.

Agenda Item 3: Caribbean Air Navigation Services Network (CANSNET) Project

Under this agenda item, compliance with the CANSNET project implementation plan will be followed-up, identifying possible challenges that could lead to delays in its implementation schedule and, in that case, defining possible actions to mitigate the risk of project delays. Frequentis will present the planned strategy for the process of transitioning services to CANSNET and decommissioning of the MEVA III network, including under this item the temporary transition of support for the CAR-SAM voice communications links to the communications solution through the CANSNET-COCESNA-REDDIG II communications networks.

Agenda Item 4: Activities of the Group within the NACC/WG

Under this agenda item, the activities of the COMM/TF within the NACC/WG work programme, its work and the expected results will be discussed. Training needs related to ground-ground communications will be identified. The regional AIDC implementation matrix will also be updated as a baseline for optimizing regional AMHS message routing, taking into account the establishment of alternate and contingency routes.

Agenda Item 5: Contingency Development Process for CAR Communications

Presentation of the Voice and data communications contingency matrix for the CAR Region. Under this agenda item, the Ad hoc Group made up of Bahamas, Cuba, Dominican Republic Haiti and United States, will present to the Meeting the latest version of the MEVA Contingency Matrix. This is the result of the update and coordination among the members of the MEVA III network of the "Regional Voice and Data Communications Contingency Plan", taking into account the region's new scenarios and challenges.

Agenda Item 6: **Interoperability tests for the dissemination over AMHS of OPMET data in the ICAO Meteorological Information Exchange Model (IWXXM) to regional SWIM environments**

Considering that there are States/International Organizations in the CAR Region that have acquired AIM systems capable of processing and displaying OPMET data in IWXXM format, this agenda item will analyze the possibility of conducting interoperability and pre-operational tests for the reception and processing of OPMET data in IWXXM format distributed over AMHS in regional SWIM environments that incorporate AMHS/SWIM gateways.

Agenda Item 7: **Other business**

Under this agenda item, any other matter that could not be addressed under the preceding items will be considered.

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APPENDIX B
PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

Mexico City local time (15 to 21:30 UTC)

	Tuesday, 1 December 2026	**Wednesday, 2 December 2026**
09:00–09:30	Agenda Item 1	Agenda Item 3 (cont.)
09:30–10:00	Agenda Item 2	Agenda Item 4
10:00–10:30	Agenda Item 2 (cont.)	Agenda Item 4 (cont.)
10:30–11:00	**Coffee Break**	
11:00–11:30	Agenda Item 3	Agenda Item 4 (cont.)
11:30–12:00	Agenda Item 3 (cont.)	Agenda Item 5
12:00–12:30	Agenda Item 3 (cont.)	Agenda Item 5 (cont.)
12:30–13:30	**Lunch Break**	
13:30–14:00	Agenda Item 3 (cont.)	Agenda Item 6
14:00–14:30	Agenda Item 3 (cont.)	Agenda Item 6 (cont.)
14:30–15:00	Agenda Item 3 (cont.)	Agenda Item 7
15:00–15:30	Agenda Item 3 (cont.)	**Closing**

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