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Agenda Item 4: Follow-up of the activities of the E/CAR/CATG
4.1 Progress report of the Air Traffic Management (ATM) Committee

OUTCOMES OF THE SECOND AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT AND CAPACITY BALANCING TASK FORCE (AMCB/TF/2) AND ELEVENTH CANSO-IATA-ICAO FREE ROUTE AIRSPACE TEAM (CIIFRA/11) MEETING
(Presented by the AMCB TF Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This information paper presents a summary of the key outcomes of the Second Meeting of the North American, Central American and the Caribbean (NACC/WG) Airspace Management and Capacity Balancing Task Force (AMCB/TF/2) and the Eleventh Meeting of the CANSO-IATA-ICAO Free Route Airspace Team (CIIFRA/11), held in Mexico City, Mexico, from 20 to 24 April 2026. The paper highlights regional initiatives, technical developments, and emerging operational priorities related to Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM), Airspace Management (ASM), Free Route Airspace (FRA), surveillance, GNSS interference, space transport operations, and collaborative decision-making. The information is provided to raise awareness among Eastern Caribbean States and Territories of ongoing regional activities and future work programmes.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Every Flight is Safe and Secure• Aviation is Environmentally Sustainable• Aviation Delivers Seamless, Accessible, and Reliable Mobility for All• No Country Left Behind• The International Civil Aviation Convention and Other Treaties, Laws and Regulations Address All Challenges• The Economic Development of Air Transport Assures the Delivery of Economic Prosperity and Societal Well-Being for All
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AMCB/TF/2/CIIFRA/11 Summary of Discussions• CADENA Collaborative Decision-Making Framework• ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP)• ICAO Doc 9854 – Global Air Traffic Management Operational Concept

1. Introduction

1.1 The Second Meeting of the Airspace Management and Capacity Balancing Task Force (AMCB/TF/2) and the Eleventh Meeting of the CANSO-IATA-ICAO Free Route Airspace Team (CIIFRA/11) was held in Mexico City, Mexico, from 20 to 24 April 2026.

1.2 The meeting brought together representatives from States, Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs), airlines, industry partners, and international organizations to discuss regional priorities and initiatives supporting airspace management, capacity balancing, and operational efficiency within the NAM/CAR Region.

1.3 The meeting was attended by 44 participants representing 12 States/Territories and two international organizations.

2. Key Discussion Topics

2.1 Regional Coordination and CADENA

2.1.1 Participants reviewed ongoing activities of the CANSO Air Traffic Flow Management Data Exchange Network for the Americas (CADENA) and emphasized the importance of real-time information sharing, collaborative decision-making, and cross-boundary coordination.

2.1.2 Discussions highlighted the need to strengthen regional cooperation in support of increasing traffic demand, major international events, and emerging operational challenges.

2.2 Airspace Management and Capacity Balancing

2.2.1 The Task Force reviewed its strategic framework and agreed to continue pursuing a data-driven and performance-based approach to airspace management and capacity balancing.

2.2.2 Particular emphasis was placed on the development of meaningful performance indicators, regional gap analysis activities, and the establishment of measurable implementation objectives.

2.3 Free Route Airspace (FRA)

2.3.1 The meeting reaffirmed Free Route Airspace as a long-term regional objective.

2.3.2 Participants supported a phased implementation approach recognizing the differing operational environments, capabilities, and infrastructure available throughout the Region.

2.3.3 Work will continue on the development of a regional FRA readiness survey and supporting implementation guidance.

2.4 GNSS Interference

2.4.1 Participants reviewed the growing occurrence of GNSS interference events, including jamming and spoofing activities.

2.4.2 The meeting highlighted the importance of awareness, reporting mechanisms, information sharing, and mitigation measures to support operational safety and resilience.

2.5 Space Transport Operations

2.5.1 The meeting reviewed the increasing impact of commercial space transport operations on airspace management and regional operations.

2.5.2 Discussions emphasized the importance of timely coordination, information exchange, collaborative decision-making, and operational planning to mitigate the effects of launch and re-entry activities on civil aviation.

2.5.3 Participants also received updates on activities being conducted through the AMCB Space Operations Subgroup.

2.6 Airspace Optimization Initiatives

2.6.1 The Dominican Republic presented progress on its national airspace restructuring initiative.

2.6.2 The project demonstrated measurable operational benefits through enhanced sector capacity, improved traffic flow, implementation of Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) procedures, and reduced controller workload.

2.6.3 Participants noted the value of stakeholder engagement, simulation activities, and phased implementation strategies as best practices for future regional initiatives.

2.7 Surveillance and Technical Developments

2.7.1 Updates were provided regarding surveillance capabilities throughout the Region, including ADS-B implementation and improvements in surveillance coverage.

2.7.2 The meeting noted the importance of surveillance enhancements in supporting future ATFM, ASM, and FRA initiatives.

3. Relevance to the Eastern Caribbean

3.1 The topics discussed during AMCB/TF/2 and CIIFRA/11 are directly relevant to Eastern Caribbean States and Territories due to their impact on regional airspace operations, cross-boundary coordination, surveillance capability, traffic growth, and operational efficiency.

3.2 Continued participation in AMCB Task Force activities will provide opportunities for Eastern Caribbean stakeholders to contribute to regional initiatives, share operational experiences, and benefit from lessons learned across the NAM/CAR Region.

4. Conclusion

4.1 The AMCB Task Force continues to serve as the primary regional forum for collaboration on airspace management, capacity balancing, ATFM, ASM, and related operational initiatives.

4.2 The outcomes of AMCB/TF/2 and CIIFRA/11 demonstrate ongoing regional efforts to improve operational efficiency, strengthen collaboration, and address emerging challenges affecting air navigation services throughout the NAM/CAR Region.

4.3 This paper is presented for information and awareness of Eastern Caribbean States and Territories.

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