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Agenda Item 7 Implementing the Environmental Long-Term Aspirational Goal (LTAG)

PATHWAY TO SUSTAINABLE AVIATION

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper outlines the progress made by the NACC Regional Office towards the conclusions of the Thirteenth Meeting of General Directors of Civil Aviation of North America, Central America, and the Caribbean *Towards Sustainable Aviation*, focusing on the implementation of the global Long-Term Aspirational Goal (LTAG) for international aviation. It specifically addresses the situation of States accredited to the ICAO NACC Regional Office.

This paper also provides information on the Terms of Reference (ToR) and the establishment of the Working Group on Environmental Implementation in Aviation in North America, Central America, and the Caribbean (NACC/ENV/WG).

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aviation is Environmentally Sustainable• No Country Left Behind
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report of the Thirteenth Meeting of Directors of Civil Aviation of North America, Central America and the Caribbean (NACC/DCA/13), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, August 4–7, 2025.• Resolution A42-20• ICAO Strategic Plan 2026–2050• Communication Ref.: <i>E.OSG-NACC118159</i> of 15 January 2026

1. Introduction

1.1 The ICAO Strategic Plan 2026-2050 establishes the strategic objective "Aviation is Environmentally Sustainable." This objective calls for efforts to achieve the long-term global goal of net-zero carbon emissions for international aviation by 2050 and to ensure that noise and emissions from international aircraft are reduced to the lowest possible level, in accordance with international provisions. Furthermore, it calls for adapting aviation operations and infrastructure to the impacts of climate change.

1.2 This office integrated a new regional officer, Mrs. Judit de León, into the NACC team to support the implementation of environmental regulations in aviation. Mrs. De Leon will assist States in implementing the technical assistance to States in Environmental protection matters such as but not limited to State Action Plans, CORSIA, SAF, LCAF, and the energy transition.

1.3 The following progress is presented as a result of the conclusion of NACC/DCA/13/7 *PATHWAY TO SUSTAINABLE AVIATION* and NACC/DCA/13/08 *CORSIA AND CLIMATE FINANCE*.

2. Development

2.1 Through communication Ref. *E.OSG-NACC118159* dated 15 January 2026, the designation or confirmation of a Point of Contact (PoC) for Action Plans for Emission Reduction (APER), the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), and the Assistance, Capacity Building and Training Programme for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (ACT-SAF) of ICAO was requested. To date, 18 States have designated their PoCs for the aforementioned topics, and 4 have not yet responded.

2.2 With the designation of the PoCs, an environmental working group was created by the NACC to improve compliance in the region in accordance with ICAO Annex 16, which will address topics such as SAP, CORSIA, Energy Transition, and others. To date, monthly meetings have been held on the following dates:

1. 10 February 2026, NACC ENV Focal Points Meeting, in which a needs assessment was conducted for implementation support in the States.
2. 12 March 2026, NACC/ENV/WG Monthly Meeting, in which the foundations of action plans based on Doc 9988 were addressed.
3. 9 April 2026, NACC/ENV/WG Monthly Meeting, where the foundations of CORSIA were addressed, with support from States such as Dominican Republic and Spain, under the ACT-CORSIA program, based on Annex 16 Vol. 4 and Doc. 9501.
4. 12 May 2026, NACC/ENV/WG Monthly Meeting, where the CORSIA compensation calculation workshop was held in Spanish under the ACT-CORSIA programme with support from Spain.
5. 14 May 2026, at the request of the PoCs, the ICAO FINVEST webinar and the ACT-SAF program were coordinated to increase knowledge and clarify concerns of the PoCs.

2.3 As a result of the meetings:

APER:

- a. Some meetings are being called for Coordination with a new focal point.
 - i. Haiti: After receiving guidance on the fundamentals of APER, the Points of Contact (PoCs) have access to the APER and CORSIA websites and have joined our monthly meetings.
 - ii. Guatemala: The focal points have access to the APER and CORSIA websites and have joined our monthly meetings.
- b. Belize, El Salvador, and the Dominican Republic have access to the APER website.

CORSIA:

- a. Send a reminder email to the CORSIA/CCR focal point regarding the deadline set out in document AN16 Vol. 4.
- b. Monitoring of access to CCR so that data can be updated.

SAF:

- a. Costa Rica sent the letter of acceptance for the feasibility study and the nomination of the project managers.
- b. The kick-off meeting, which will take place during the third week of May, is being coordinated with Mexico.
- c. The Dominican Republic sent a letter requesting support for the implementation of a business project.
- d. Jamaica submitted a feasibility study sponsored by the United Kingdom on April 14.

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Upcoming Scheduled Meetings:

- ✓ 18 June 2026 (virtual meeting)
- ✓ 14 July 2026 (virtual meeting)
- ✓ 11 August 2026 (virtual meeting)
- ✓ 9 to 11 September 2026, in-person meeting at the North American, Central American, and Caribbean Regional Office (NACC). First Meeting of the North American, Central American, and Caribbean Environment Task Force (NACC).
- ✓ 13 October 2026 (virtual meeting)
- ✓ 10 November (virtual meeting)

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The Terms of Reference (ToR) [ToR-ENVTF](#) for the Working Group on Environmental Implementation in Aviation in North America, Central America and the Caribbean (NACC/ENV/WG) were developed. The working group will be composed of ICAO Member States, managed by a rapporteur and a co-rapporteur. The Secretariat will be provided by the ICAO NACC Regional Officer Aviation Environment and Implementation Support (RO/ENV). Some stakeholder groups defined by ICAO may participate as observers.

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The NACC/ENV/WG is currently composed of Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sint Maarten, Trinidad and Tobago and United States.

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Its functions were defined as follows:

- a) to communicate and share updated information on ICAO's environmental activities, including new ICAO environmental guidance documents and tools.

b) to enable States to share information and best practices on how to address the environmental impacts of aviation, such as aircraft noise, sustainable aviation fuels (SAFs, LCAFs, among others), State Action Plans (SAPs), CORSIA, non-CO2 emissions, etc.

c) To provide information and support, if needed, to States to develop and improve their State Action Plans so that they align with ICAO Guidance Document 9988.

d) To provide information and support, if needed, to States with CORSIA-eligible units, such as emissions offsets, SAFs, LCAFs, and other clean energy sources. e) Strengthen the activities of the ICAO Support Programme, ACT-CORSIA, ACT-SAF, and other initiatives among the States of the region, in relation to the ICAO State Action Plan, CORSIA, and LTAG.

f) Provide information and technical assistance, if needed, to the State for the MRV of a long-term global target for reducing CO2 emissions from international civil aviation (LTAG), including options and roadmaps for its achievement.

g) Communicate and share updated information on ICAO activities related to policies based on a balanced approach to aircraft noise management.

h) Communicate and share updated information on ICAO activities related to Air Traffic Management (ATM) Environmental Assessment, airport operational challenges, land-use planning and management, the electronic collection of the Airport Eco-Toolkit, and other related topics.

2.8 More details and information on the NACC/ENV/WG can be found at: [Link](#)

3. Conclusions

3.1 The designation of a PoC, active participation in the environmental meetings and activities, contributes to the strengthening of NACC/ENV/WG and to compliance on environmental in aviation in the region.

3.2 The first meeting of the NACC/ENV Working Group will be held at the ICAO NACC Regional Office from 9 to 11 September 2026.

3.3 The terms of reference for the NACC/ENV/WG are available on the website and via communication NACC119879