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Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Technical Group (E/CAR/CATG) Update

Presented by the E/CAR/CATG Chairperson

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Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Technical Group (E/CAR/CATG)

Purpose

- Promotes improvements and performance-based implementation in air navigation in the Eastern Caribbean.

Membership

- Eastern Caribbean States and Territories with responsibilities for the provision and oversight of air navigation and aerodrome services.

Working Methodology

- Reports to the NACC/WG and avoids duplication of activities already undertaken by this Group.
- Carry out coordination of tasks using electronic tools and teleconferences to guarantee efficient exchange of information.
- Meets annually receiving support from States to host meetings and fund Secretariat support



 The infographic is titled 'E/CAR Air Navigation Implementation Focus' and features a map of the Eastern Caribbean region in the background. It is organized into a grid of six boxes, each with an icon and a title. To the right of the grid is a dark blue sidebar titled 'E/CAR Delivery Model' which lists three bullet points. At the bottom of the infographic is a dark blue footer with white text.

E/CAR Air Navigation Implementation Focus	
PBN and Airspace Optimization Improved routes, access & efficiency for island & oceanic operations.	CNS Infrastructure & Surveillance Resilient communications, navigation aids, radar/ADS-B evolution, updated frequency data.
AIM & Digital Information Quality aeronautical data, timely information exchange, regional tracking & data consistency.	MET & Operational Predictability Reliable meteorological support for safer & more predictable regional operations.
AGA & Service Oversight Improved aerodrome & ground aids oversight, compliance & modernization.	SAR & Regional Coordination Stronger search & rescue coordination and cross-border cooperation.

E/CAR Delivery Model

- NACC/WG alignment
- Committee-driven implementation
- Annual meetings + digital coordination

Focused support for Small Island Developing States and Territories

Small Island Developing States (SIDs)



- The Eastern Caribbean subregion is primarily composed of Small Island Developing States (SIDS), for which airports represent the main gateway for passenger traffic.
- Air navigation and airport services requires special attention to ensure the sustainability of key economic activities, as well as their logistical connectivity.
- *Based on the premise that these SIDs face additional difficulties in achieving full compliance with the ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) related to airports and air navigation services, the NACC Office decided to implement a different assistance scheme for this subregion.*
- This scheme promoted a revised ECAR/CATG strategy focused on identifying limiting problems and developing direct support programs.

E/CAR/CATG Identified challenges



Lack of adequate programmes to address the E/CAR subregion implementation needs



Limited availability of training and support activities in English



Lack of understanding of the SIDs limitations and needs



Limited budget to support the group activities

Updated Support Strategy for E/CAR ANS and Aerodromes



E/CAR/CATG/10 Meeting

Fort de France, Martinique. 15 to 17 July 2017

- Hosted by France
- Confirm the Eastern Caribbean's priority needs and identify implementation support projects
- Establish a comprehensive air navigation improvement programme, following NACC/WG and GREPECAS activities
- Address emerging priorities: new airports and air navigation facilities, airspace optimization, and contingency planning
- Attendees: organizations overseeing air navigation and aerodrome services in E/CAR States and Territories, plus invited international organizations
- Chairperson, Rapporteurs and project leads under E/CAR/CATG Committees are essential participants

Thank You

