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Agenda Item 6: Recommended Priority Topics for Concrete Results

**PLENARY SESSION ON PRIORITY TOPICS: SYNTHESIS OF OUTCOMES AND INTEGRATED NACC/WG
WORK PROGRAMME**
(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
This Working Paper presents the plenary session devoted to Agenda Item 6 of NACC/WG/11, the purpose of which is to consolidate, within a single discussion forum, the topics addressed in the thirty-two Working Papers and three Information Papers presented under Agenda Items 2 to 5. The paper summarizes the five common regional priorities and the main outcomes grouped by technical pillar (Governance, AGA, AIM, ATM/Airspace, CNS, MET, SAR and subregional coordination), so that the Meeting may formulate the corresponding conclusions and decisions and adopt the Integrated NACC/WG Work Programme for the 2026-2027 period, presented in Appendix B.	
Action:	The Meeting is invited to discuss the priority topics summarized in this paper and its Appendices, formulate the corresponding conclusions and decisions, and adopt the Integrated NACC/WG Work Programme in accordance with the suggested actions in Section 8.
Strategic Objectives:	• 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
References:	• NACC/WG/11 Working Papers WP/01 to WP/32 and Information Papers IP/02, IP/05 and IP/07 • NACC/WG/11 Provisional Agenda (WP/01) • Status of NACC/WG/10 Conclusions and Decisions (WP/02) and follow-up to GREPECAS/23 and NACC/DCA/14 (WP/03) • Analysis of NACC/WG Priorities, Activities and Work Programme (internal reference document, Appendices A and B to this paper) • Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP), Eighth Edition (ICAO Doc 9750) • Final Report of the Twenty-third Meeting of GREPECAS (GREPECAS/23)

1. **Introduction**

1.1 Agenda Item 6 of NACC/WG/11 is devoted to a plenary session for the discussion of priority topics, the purpose of which is to bring together, within a single decision-making forum, the outcomes of the thirty-two Working Papers (WP/01 to WP/32) and the three Information Papers (IP/02, IP/05, IP/07) examined under Agenda Items 2 to 5, and translate them into conclusions, decisions and an integrated, verifiable work programme for the next cycle.

1.2 This working paper does not reopen the technical details already presented by each Task Force; instead, it provides a synthesis by thematic pillar to guide the plenary discussion, and refers the complete analysis and detailed work programme to Appendices A and B.

2. **Background**

2.1 The NACC/WG is the main regional operational mechanism for the implementation of air navigation priorities in the NAM/CAR Regions (WP/03). The consolidated follow-up to the NACC/WG/10 Conclusions and Decisions (WP/02) identified recurring challenges — weak follow-up mechanisms, outdated Points of Contact, contingency gaps, uneven participation by States and insufficient coordination among Task Forces — which should guide the work programme for this new cycle.

2.2 From the joint review of the outcomes of the NACC/WG, GREPECAS/23 and NACC/DCA/14, five common regional priorities were identified: (a) safety and oversight; (b) airspace optimization and efficiency; (c) environmental sustainability; (d) technological innovation; and (e) institutional strengthening and regional cooperation. These priorities frame all activities reported by the AGA, AIM, ATM/AMCB, CNS, MET and SAR Task Forces, as well as by E/CAR/CATG, COCESNA, RASG-PA and the States that presented individual papers.

3. **Structure of the plenary session**

3.1 It is proposed that the discussion of Agenda Item 6 be structured in three stages:

- a) presentation of the synthesis of outcomes by thematic pillar (Section 4 and Appendix A);
- b) guided discussion, pillar by pillar, to identify matters requiring a formal conclusion or decision by the Meeting; and
- c) adoption of the Integrated NACC/WG Work Programme 2026-2027 (Appendix B), including responsible parties, joint coordination among Task Forces, dates and targets to be achieved, synergies and resources already identified.

4. **Synthesis of outcomes by thematic pillar**

4.1 Governance: follow-up and closure of the 22 NACC/WG/10 Conclusions/Decisions and the 10 NACC/WG/RAP/04 actions; follow-up to the conclusions and outcomes of GREPECAS/23 and NACC/DCA/14; election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2027-2030.

4.2 AGA: approval of the revised NACC AGA Programme and its Terms of Reference, with four portfolios (certification, runway safety, operations and interoperability, and resilience) and execution mechanisms based on Job Cards.

4.3 AIM: progress in the AIS-AIM transition (53.4% regional), preparation for SWIM through the new joint NACC-SAM Task Force, and reduction of flight plan errors.

4.4 ATM / Airspace: airspace optimization and FRA/CADENA (AMCB/TF); CAR/SAM Regional ATM Contingency Framework; and coordination of Space Transport Operations, including the Oviedo Spaceport project.

4.5 CNS: highest concentration of modernization initiatives: Minimum Operational Network and NAVAID CONOPS for GNSS resilience, CPDLC, Kingston-Bogotá AIDC, frequency validation for WRC-27, ANS cybersecurity, and FAA modernization contributions (BNATCS, CCTA, NAM-ICD).

4.6 MET: progress in the regional dissemination of OPMET information through IWXXM and implementation of METNO, Aircraft-Based Observations (ABO), strengthening of operational resilience through the integration of meteorological and climate information for ATM, contingency planning and continuity of air navigation services, as well as the cyclical verification of Basic Building Blocks.

4.7 SAR: lack of compliance with rescue coordination centre (RCC) requirements, implementation of GADSS and the need to formalize pending SAR agreements, including the Piarco SRR.

4.8 Subregional and funding: E/CAR/CATG priorities for 2027-2030, COCESNA progress in Central America, common areas with RASG-PA, and a portfolio of nine MCAAP Regional Project proposals amounting to approximately USD 207,100.

5. **Integrated NACC/WG Work Programme**

5.1 Appendix B presents the topics and aspects to be considered in developing the Integrated Work Programme, which consolidates 34 lines of action grouped by thematic pillar. For each activity, the responsible Task Force or Task Forces are identified, together with the joint coordination required with other Task Forces or external partners, existing synergies that may be leveraged (frameworks, CONOPS and bilateral models already developed), and the resources already identified, timelines/dates and mid-term milestones, including activities approved under the MCAAP Project.

5.2 The cross-cutting review of the programme confirms that the initiatives of greatest strategic importance — GNSS Minimum Operational Network, Space Transport Operations, ATM

contingencies and SWIM/Digital AIM, and the modernization of digital meteorological information exchange, Aircraft-Based Observations (ABO) and operational resilience based on meteorological and climate information — explicitly require joint work by multiple Task Forces and external partners, reinforcing the need to strengthen the formal inter-Task Force coordination mechanisms referred to in paragraph 2.1.

MET/TF + COMM/TF (IWXXM, METNO)

MET/TF + SURV/TF (ABO)

MET/TF + AIM/TF (SWIM)

MET/TF + AMCB/TF + AGA/TF + ENV/SUS/WG (resiliencia)

6. Need for a Joint Working Procedure between the NACC/WG and the SAM Region, and for GREPECAS Follow-up

6.1 Several of the papers examined under Agenda Items 3 and 4 (WP/03, WP/22, WP/23 and WP/27rev, among others) show that an increasing number of NACC/WG activities depends on effective coordination with the SAM Region — 10 NM longitudinal separation, update of Volume III of the CAR/SAM RANP, GANP KPIs and CADENA — the CAR/SAM regional framework for ATM contingency management, and structured follow-up to GREPECAS conclusions and decisions. However, there is currently no formal procedure regulating when and how both Regions coordinate before submitting matters to GREPECAS, which constitutes a direct extension of the challenge of “insufficient coordination among Task Forces and between the NACC and SAM Regional Offices” identified in paragraph 2.1.

6.2 Accordingly, Appendix C proposes a joint NACC/WG-SAM working procedure that distinguishes three elements: (a) the independent conduct of SAM/IG and NACC/WG meetings, in accordance with their respective schedules; (b) a subsequent joint meeting between the Secretariats of both ICAO Regional Offices and the Rapporteurs of the relevant Task Forces, to define common topics and projects to be submitted to GREPECAS; and (c) a mechanism to follow up on GREPECAS activities and conclusions linked to the NACC/WG work programme.

6.3 The adoption of this procedure would strengthen the common regional priority of “institutional strengthening and regional cooperation” (paragraph 2.2) and complement the Integrated Work Programme in Appendix B with a formal and recurring NACC-SAM-GREPECAS coordination pathway.

7. **Conclusion**

7.1 The plenary session under Agenda Item 6 constitutes the appropriate mechanism to transform the set of papers presented at NACC/WG/11 into concrete decisions, avoid duplication of efforts among Task Forces and provide the NACC/WG with a single, measurable work programme with identified resources for the 2026-2027 period.

8. **Suggested actions**

8.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) take note of the synthesis of outcomes by thematic pillar presented in Section 4 and Appendix A;
- b) discuss and validate the common regional priorities and recurring implementation challenges identified in Section 2;
- c) formulate the corresponding conclusions and decisions regarding the priority topics identified by the Task Forces in their respective papers;
- d) adopt the Integrated NACC/WG Work Programme 2026-2027 contained in Appendix B, including responsible parties, joint coordination, synergies and identified resources;
- e) adopt the joint working procedure between the NACC/WG and the SAM Region, and for follow-up to GREPECAS activities and conclusions, presented in Appendix C;
- f) task the Secretariat, in coordination with the Task Force Rapporteurs, with establishing a single mechanism for KPI and resource follow-up — linked to the AIM Follow-up Site and the AGA Dashboard — to monitor progress of the Integrated Work Programme between NACC/WG/11 and NACC/WG/12; and
- g) urge States and Territories to update their Points of Contact and strengthen their participation in the Task Forces, in accordance with the challenges identified in paragraph 2.1.

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APPENDIX A**SYNTHESIS OF REGIONAL PRIORITIES, RECURRING CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

Common Regional Priority	Associated Recurring Challenge	Main Technical Pillar(s) Involved	ICAO Strategic Objective(s)
Safety and oversight	Weak follow-up mechanisms; limited KPI monitoring	AGA, CNS (SURV/TF), SAR, MET	Every flight is safe and secure
Airspace optimization and efficiency	Insufficient coordination among Task Forces and with GREPECAS/SAM	ATM/AMCB, CNS, AIM	Seamless, accessible and reliable mobility
Environmental sustainability	Gaps in the integration of climate and contingency information	MET, AGA	Aviation is environmentally sustainable
Technological innovation	Uneven participation by States in the implementation of SWIM/Digital AIM, CPDLC and MON/GNSS	AIM, CNS	No Country Left Behind
Institutional strengthening and regional cooperation	Outdated Points of Contact; contingency planning gaps	Gobernanza, E/CAR/CATG, COCESNA, RASG-PA	Comprehensive legal framework; Economic development

Note: the full details of activities, responsible parties, joint coordination, identified synergies and resources for each pillar are presented in Appendix B.

APPENDIX B

NACC/WG INTEGRATED WORK PROGRAMME 2026-2027

Pillar / Area	Activity / Line of Action	Responsible Task Force(s)	Joint Work (other Groups)	Synergies to be Used	Identified Resources
Governance	Follow-up and closure of NACC/WG/10 Conclusions/Decisions (22) and NACC/WG/RAP/04 actions (10)	NACC Secretariat	All Task Forces	Linkage with GREPECAS/23 KPI framework	Appendix A/B follow-up; State PoCs
Governance	Incorporation of GREPECAS/23 outcomes (12 closed, 24 ongoing) and NACC/DCA/14 into the work programme	NACC Secretariat	AMCB/TF, AIM/TF, SAR/TF	Five common regional priorities	NACC-SAM coordination
Governance	Election of the NACC/WG Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2027-2030	Secretariat / States	-	Continuity of regional leadership	Nominations by States and Territories
Governance	Regional Workshop on Effective Delegation and Regional Cooperation (San José, Oct. 2026)	Secretariat / COCESNA / ACSA	RSOO, RAI0, ICM	Chicago Convention, Article 83 bis	English-Spanish interpretation
AGA	Implementation of the revised NACC AGA Programme and AGA/TF Terms of Reference	AGA/TF	RSOO, ACI-LAC, GREPECAS, RASG-PA	CertOS Programme; AGA Dashboard	Certification survey (Oct. 2026); AGA experts
AIM	AIS-AIM transition, AIM Follow-up Site and Points of Contact	AIM/TF	CNS, ATM, AGA, MET	IFAIMA Global AIM 2026 (Aruba)	COCESNA (site hosting)
AIM	Digital AIM and preparation for SWIM (joint NACC-SAM SWIM Task Force)	AIM/TF	ATM, CNS, MET	APAC proposal (technology template)	Joint SWIM Terms of Reference
AIM	Flight plan (FPL) error reduction subgroup	AIM/TF	AMCB/TF	Regional FPL error survey results	-
AIM	Digital AIP/AIXM and eTOD data sets (Central America progress)	AIM/TF (COCESNA)	AGA, CNS	RSA-07C de RASG-PA	Doc 8126, Doc 9881, Doc 10066
ATM / Airspace	Airspace Management: FRA, ATFM, CDM, CADENA	AMCB/TF	CNS, AIM, industry (CIIFRA)	FRA readiness assessment; Regional Data Exchange	AMCB/TF/2/CIIFRA/11 (April 2026)
ATM / Airspace	CAR/SAM Regional ATM Contingency Framework and CAR Ad Hoc Group	Secretariat / CAR Ad Hoc Group	COCESNA, AMCB/TF	Panama Workshop (June 2026)	MCAAP Prop. 09 - USD 44,550
ATM / Airspace	Airspace redesign (Guatemala/Central America, CONOPS and FTS)	COCESNA / DGAC Guatemala	AGA, AIM, ATM	ICAO Doc 9992 methodology	COCESNA technical resources
ATM / Airspace	Strengthening ATM contingencies in Central America (post ATC Zero 2025)	COCESNA	OACI, Grupo Ad Hoc CAR	ICCAE backup; MANAGAIR simulator	MAP 09-2026; November 2026 workshop
ATM / Airspace	Coordination of Space Transport Operations (STO)	AMCB/TF + IATA/CANSO/United States	AIM, SAR, Dominican Republic	Space operations CONOPS (adapted 14 CFR 420/450)	MCAAP Prop. 05 - USD 14,800
ATM / Airspace	10 NM longitudinal separation minimum (NAM/CAR/SAM coordination)	SAM/IG	AMCB/TF (CAR)	Project B-1 GREPECAS-NEOSPACE	-
GANP / KPI	Action plan for GANP KPIs in the CAR Region (RANP Volume III)	Secretariat / GADHOC	GREPECAS, SAM/IG	Regional Data Exchange (CADENA, United States)	-
CNS	Minimum Operational Network (MON) and NAVAID CONOPS for GNSS resilience	CNS/TF (multidisciplinary)	AGA, AIM, ATM	NAVAID CONOPS (first version)	MCAAP Prop. 10 - USD 52,000

Pillar / Area	Activity / Line of Action	Responsible Task Force(s)	Joint Work (other Groups)	Synergies to be Used	Identified Resources
CNS	Regional implementation of CPDLC	CNS/TF	ATM	FAA-SENEAM model (Oakland/ZAK, May 2026)	MCAAP Prop. 15 - USD 30,000
CNS	AIDC between Kingston FIR and Bogotá FIR	CNS/TF	ATM (LHD mitigation)	CAR/SAM interface	MCAAP Prop. 11 - USD 8,800
CNS	Frequency management validation in the CAR Region (WRC-27)	CNS/FREQ/TF	-	CAR Frequency Finder tool	MCAAP Prop. 07 - USD 29,500
CNS	Expansion of automated NAM-ICD/ADE data exchange (Bahamas, TCI, E/CAR)	FAA / regional ANSPs	E/CAR/CATG, AMCB/TF	NAM-ICD Rev. G	FAA technical resources
CNS	Clarification and independent assessment of WAAS performance outside the United States	FAA	CNS/TF	ICAO Doc 9613 PBN	-
CNS	Modernization of CNS infrastructure and power systems in the Caribbean (CCTA Project)	FAA	E/CAR/CATG, AMCB/TF	RTCA 2015 recommendations	FAA funding and human resources
CNS	United States New Air Traffic Control System (BNATCS)	FAA	CNS/TF, AMCB/TF	modernskies.faa.gov	FAA three-year investment framework
CNS	Cybersecurity of air navigation services	Regional CNS Officer	All Task Forces	ICAO Annex 17; Resolutions A39-19/A40-19/A41-19	ICAO Cybersecurity Strategy
CNS	ADS-B surveillance: data exchange, CONOPS and monitoring tool	SURV/TF	AMCB/TF	ICAO Surveillance Panel; Annex 10, Volume IV	United States, COCESNA, ICAO
MET	Regional dissemination of OPMET in IWXXM and METNO advisories	COMM/TF + MET/TF	AIM (AMHS/SWIM)	Ad Hoc Group (Cuba + Washington ROC)	-
MET	Aircraft-Based Observations (ABO)	MET/TF + SURV/TF	WMO, CANSO, COCESNA, SENEAM	WMO ABO/AMDAR Programme	Aircraft data sources from States
MET	Integration of meteorological and climate information for resilience	MET/TF	ENV/SUS/WG, ATM	ENV/SUS/WG/1 outcomes	-
MET	MEVA III Network: modernization, contingency and transition towards SWIM IT	COMM/TF	MET/TF, AIM/TF	AMHS to SWIM	-
SAR	Lack of compliance with RCC requirements, GADSS/ADT/LADR, SAREX and SAR agreements	SAR/TF	AMCB/TF, maritime authorities	USCG support; France-Brazil model	SRR/RCC/RSC; Programa SRSAT
Subregional / MCAAP	Eastern Caribbean 2027-2030 priorities and portfolio of nine MCAAP proposals	E/CAR/CATG; Oficina Regional NACC	AGA, ATM, CNS	DSA subsidies, SMEs, interpretation/translation	MCAAP budget ~USD 207,100; 21 Member States

APPENDIX C**PROPOSED JOINT WORKING PROCEDURE BETWEEN THE NACC/WG AND THE SAM REGION (SAM/IG)**

Purpose: to establish a recurring procedure to coordinate the outcomes of the NACC/WG with those of the SAM Region before submitting matters to GREPECAS, and to systematically follow up on GREPECAS activities and conclusions that are relevant to the NACC/WG work programme.

1. Independent meetings. Meetings of the SAM Region Implementation Group (SAM/IG) and of the NACC/WG shall be conducted independently, in accordance with their respective schedules, agendas and procedures, without the need for prior synchronization of meeting dates.
2. NACC/WG and SAM/IG executive virtual joint meeting. Once the outcomes of both meetings have been obtained, a joint meeting shall be held between the Secretariats of the ICAO NACC and SAM Regional Offices and the Rapporteurs of the relevant Task Forces of both Regions, either in person or virtually. This meeting shall define: (a) the common topics identified between the outcomes of SAM/IG and NACC/WG; and (b) follow-up actions and joint activities, projects, proposals or joint regional positions to be submitted to GREPECAS, including the responsible parties and preparation deadlines. The NACC Office shall coordinate this NACC/WG and SAM/IG joint meeting in October or November of each year, assuming that GREPECAS is held in March/April of the following year.
3. Based on the NACC/WG and SAM/IG joint meeting, ad hoc groups may be agreed upon to address specific topics and advance the work.
4. Follow-up to GREPECAS activities and conclusions. The NACC/WG Secretariat, in coordination with the SAM/IG Secretariat, shall maintain a consolidated record of the status of GREPECAS conclusions and decisions, indicating for each matter its status (valid, completed or superseded), the responsible Task Force and the target date. This record shall be updated following its joint NACC/WG and SAM/IG assessment, and after each GREPECAS meeting, and shall be presented at each Rapporteurs Meeting (NACC/WG/RAP) and at each subsequent NACC/WG Meeting.