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Agenda Item 8: Any Other Business

Regional Workshop on Effective Delegation and Regional Cooperation

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
This Information Paper provides information on the Regional Workshop on Effective Delegation and Regional Cooperation, to be held at the ACSA facilities in San José, Costa Rica, from 12 to 15 October 2026. The workshop will promote a common understanding of effective delegation, clarify the respective roles and responsibilities of States and regional organizations, and provide practical approaches and tools to strengthen regional cooperation and delegation arrangements. It will be conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation into Spanish.	
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	• Every Flight is Safe and Secure • No Country Left Behind • The International Civil Aviation Convention and Other Treaties, Laws and Regulations Address All Challenges
<i>References:</i>	• Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention) • Annexes 11, 13 and 19 to the Chicago Convention • Article 83 bis of the Chicago Convention

1. Introduction

1.1. As aviation continues to grow and evolve, Member States are called upon to meet increasingly complex responsibilities under the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention) and its Annexes, particularly in the areas of safety oversight and accident investigation. Resource constraints, staffing shortages and increasing technical specialization make the pooling and sharing of resources an important means of supporting effective implementation.

1.2. Regional cooperation mechanisms, including Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs), Regional Accident and Incident Investigation Organizations (RAIOs), and Investigation Cooperation Mechanisms (ICMs), provide practical mechanisms through which States can share expertise, strengthen capacity and optimize the delivery of safety-related functions.

1.3. To support States in the NACC Region in establishing and managing effective delegation arrangements and strengthening regional cooperation, ICAO, in coordination with the Central American

Corporation for Air Navigation Services (COCESNA) and the Central American Agency for Aviation Safety (ACSA), will conduct the Regional Workshop on Effective Delegation and Regional Cooperation.

2. Workshop objectives and scope

2.1 The Regional Workshop on Effective Delegation and Regional Cooperation will provide a practical overview of effective delegation within the ICAO framework, moving from common concepts and legal foundations to implementation, oversight and monitoring. It will clarify State responsibilities and sovereignty considerations under the Chicago Convention, examine how RSOOs, RAIOS and ICMs can support Member States in safety oversight, accident and incident investigation and related regional activities, and address support throughout the USOAP CMA cycle.

2.2 Expected outcomes include:

- a) improved understanding of effective delegation, State responsibility and sovereignty within the ICAO framework;
- b) practical tools and approaches to strengthen delegation arrangements, regional cooperation and continued State oversight; and
- c) greater clarity on how RSOOs, RAIOS and ICMs can support safety oversight, accident and incident investigation, and USOAP CMA activities.

3. WORKSHOP ARRANGEMENTS AND REGISTRATION

3.1 The workshop will be held at the ACSA facilities in San José, Costa Rica, from 12 to 15 October 2026 and will also include a dedicated session on accident investigation. It will be delivered in English with simultaneous interpretation into Spanish.

3.2 The workshop is intended for Directors General of Civil Aviation; officials responsible for safety oversight or accident and incident investigation organizations; policymakers; and representatives and senior managers of RSOOs, RAIOS and ICMs.

3.3 The delivery format will be highly interactive and will facilitate the exchange of experience, good practices and lessons learned. Case studies and practical exercises will help participating States consider their readiness to delegate functions and to oversee delegated activities.

3.4 Participants should complete the online registration form at <https://forms.office.com/r/Sip6jTQSp8> by no later than 30 September 2026. Ref. number **2026-NACC/2300** must be entered in the first field of the registration form.

4. Action by the meeting

4.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) *note* the information regarding the Regional Workshop on Effective Delegation and Regional Cooperation, to be held in San José, Costa Rica, from 12 to 15 October 2026; and
- b) *encourage* civil aviation administrations and competent authorities to nominate relevant legal, technical, policy and managerial personnel and to complete registration by 30 September 2026.