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**Fourth Meeting of Rapporteurs of the North American, Central American, and Caribbean  
(NACC/WG/RAP/04)  
Online, 6-7 May 2026**

**Agenda Item 3: Status of the different Task Force Action Plans, with discussion of outstanding activities, challenges, and next steps.**

**AVIATION SYSTEM BLOCK UPGRADES TASK FORCE (ASBU/TF) ACTION PLAN**

(Presented by the ASBU/TF Rapporteur)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The following Informative Note updates readers about the background of the ASBU/TF, outstanding activities and challenges.

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| <i>Strategic Objectives:</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency</li></ul>   |
| <i>References:</i>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tenth Meeting of the North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group (NACC/WG/10) Tulum, Mexico, September 8-12, 2025</li></ul> |

**1. Introduction**

1.1 The ASBU/TF was established in 2017 with the purpose of promoting Block implementation and assisting States in the elaboration and/or update of their National Air Navigation Plans (NANP), mainly by providing training and supporting material to the States. Highlights of its work are the elaboration of tracking tools to monitor progress implementing elements and the elaboration of NANP in 18 States. Although progress has been made there is still a long way to go and work to be done, this paper summarizes the outstanding activities and the challenges faced by the group.

## 2. Future activities

2.1 After a review of the Caribbean (CAR) Region data an implementation gap was identified consisting of States having NANPs based on outdated Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) versions, or no plan at all, with only some partial planning elements, inconsistent integration of operational needs, ASBU modules and regional priorities and limited opportunities for a systematic monitoring of progress. The solution to address this situation is the execution of the CAR Regional Programme for Completion and Update of NANPs, which aims to achieve 100% completion or update of NANP in all CAR States by December 2028, fully aligned with the GANP (v8). Maps 1 and 2 on the **Appendix** shows current progress on NANP development.

2.2 Scope of work for this project covers updating the existing NANP or the development of a new document for those who haven't elaborated it yet. In the first case the program will focus on aligning the document to the ASBU elements, integrating performance – based planning, inclusion of resilience and crisis preparedness provisions, and harmonizing regional with national priorities.

2.3 In the second case, States will develop a document that is aligned with the latest version of GANP and the CAR / SAM RANP Vol I – III while considering regional priorities in terms of Communication, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS) modernization, performance based navigation (PBN), Surveillance, Aeronautical Information Management (AIM) digitalization, Meteorology (MET) and Air traffic flow management (ATFM) and is cross – sectional with cybersecurity, sustainability, gender, and human performance.

2.4 With the purpose of simplifying complex tasks the project has 5 components which are: 1) training programs, 2) annual country missions, 3) annual NANP Progress and Evaluation Workshop, 3) development of a CAR Regional Air Navigation Planning Framework and 5) monitoring, reporting and performance measurement.

2.5 Expected outcomes for the project are: 1) each CAR State with a complete or update NANP by 2028, fully aligned with GANP v8 and regional priorities, 2) improved operational efficiency and safety performance, 3) strengthened resilience and crisis preparedness, 4) enhanced regional harmonization, 5) and the establishment of a planning culture in the CAR region. Table # 1 lists the expected deliverables of the project.

2.6 During the period 2026 – 2028 there are nine scheduled workshops and one final online evaluation workshop, the implementation schedule can be found on the annex of this information paper. At the ASBU/TF we are confident that this program will enhance air navigation planning in the region and boost efficiency in daily operations.

2.7 Although the development and implementation of NANP is the group's focus, efforts have been directed towards the calculation of Key Performance Indicators (KPI), and there are plans to program workshops for KPI 06 and 09 and collaborative work with Airspace Management and Capacity Building Task Force (ACMB/TF).

### **3. Challenges**

3.1 Implementing an ambitious program like the one described before doesn't come without any risks or challenges that must be dealt with. Funding and staffing are by far the most challenging obstacles faced by the group, since at least two specialists from each State are needed to attend the workshops and collaborate with the program's activities. Therefore, communication with high – level authorities within Air Navigation Services Providers (ANSP) and Civil Aviation Authorities (CAA) is key to guarantee the allocation of funds and personnel.

3.2 Participation is very low, with only one representative as a member, clearly limiting the group's productivity and ability to develop helpful material to the States. The most relevant challenges identified in the implementation of GANP and ASBU like non-existent or outdated NANP, regional harmonization or conceptual clarity on elements and KPI's would be addressed on the CAR Regional Programme for Completion and Update of NANP or other scheduled workshops.

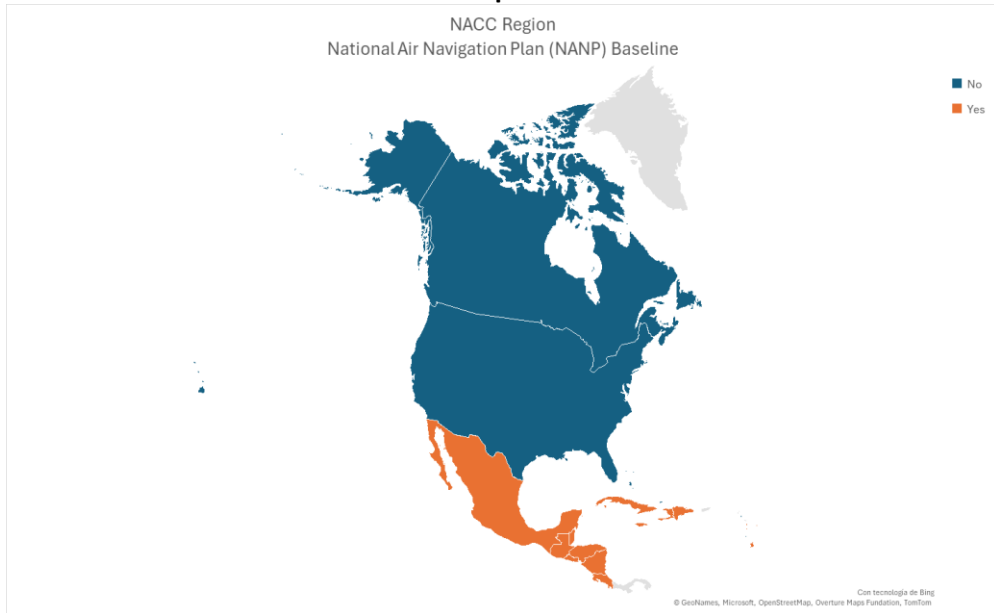
### **4. Next steps**

4.1 Participants at the Meeting are invited to propose delegates from their organizations who may be interested in joining the work group.

4.2 Rapporteurs from the different work groups are encouraged to take note of the information presented and to actively participate in the development of the CAR Regional Programme for Completion and Update of NANP or other scheduled workshops.

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**APPENDIX**  
**Map # 1**



**Map # 2**  
**NACC Territories with a NANP**



**Table # 1****CAR Regional Programme for Completion and Update of National Air Navigation Plans Deliverables**

| Deliverable                                | Description   | Due           |
|--|---|---------------|
| GANP v8 Training Package                   | Complete training material for ICAO NACC and States   | Q2, Q3 2026   |
| Regional NANP Guidance                     | Document including templates, KPIs, operational needs | Q4 2026       |
| Annual Missions Report                     | Three missions per year                               | 2026–2028     |
| NANP Progress Dashboard                    | Quarterly updates                                     | 2026–2028     |
| Annual CAR NANP Evaluation Workshop Report | Consolidated progress and recommendations             | Nov each year |
| Final CAR NANP Completion Report           | Full regional completion                              | Dec 2028      |

**Table # 2****Implementation Schedule 2026 – 2028**

| Year | Timeframe | Type of Event | Location                        | Event Name   |
|------|-----------|---------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 2026 | Q3        | National      | El Salvador                     | NANP Workshop for: : Belize, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and COCESNA)  |
| 2026 | Q4        | Regional      | ICAO NACC                       | Workshop to support Develop of the State National Navigation Plan (Progress Workshop)  |
| 2027 | Q1        | National      | Trinidad and Tobago or Barbados | NANP Workshop for: Trinidad & Tobago, Barbados, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vicent and the Grenadines) |
| 2027 | Q1        | National      | Mexico                          | NANP Workshop for: Mexico, Cuba and Dominican Republic   |
| 2027 | Q2        | National      | Jamaica                         | NANP Mission   |
|      |           |               |                                 | This mission will cover Bahamas, Haiti, Jamaica  |
| 2027 | Q3        | National      | Curacao or Aruba                | Workshop to support Develop of the State National Navigation Plan  |
| 2027 | Q4        | Regional      | ICAO NACC                       | Workshop to support Develop of the State National Navigation Plan (Progress Workshop)  |
| 2028 | Q1        | Regional      | Dominican Republic              | Follow up workshop for CAR States  |
| 2028 | Q2        | Regional      | To be determined                | Follow up workshop for CAR States  |
| 2028 | Q4        | Regional      | ICAO NACC                       | Final Evaluation Workshop (Online)   |