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To: States, Territories and International Organizations

Subject: **Invitation – Seventh Meeting of the Search and Rescue (SAR) Implementation Task Force of the North American, Central America and Caribbean Working Group (NACC/WG/SAR/TF/7)**
Mexico City, Mexico, 3 to 7 August 2026

Action

Required: 1) Transmittal of additional items to the Draft Agenda by **3 July 2026**;
2) submission of documentation by the deadlines provided in this letter;
3) register participation by **17 July 2026**.

Dear Sir/Madam,

To follow-up on the support for implementation of ICAO requirements concerning Search and Rescue (SAR) services, I wish to invite your Administration/Organization to participate in the Seventh Meeting of the Search and Rescue (SAR) Implementation Task Force of the North American, Central America and Caribbean Working Group (NACC/WG/SAR/TF/7) to be held at the ICAO NACC Regional Office, Mexico City, Mexico, from 3 to 7 August 2026.

Representatives of States and Territories of the ICAO NAM/CAR Regions and of invited international organizations are expected to attend. The working languages of the meeting will be English and Spanish, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided if sufficient participants of both languages provide timely registration.

The objectives of this meeting are a) to raise awareness of the importance of planning mass rescue operations; b) to review ICAO requirements for Rescue Coordination Centres and Sub-Centres; c) Review of SAR topics of the CAR/SAM Regions Air Navigation Plan; and d) civil-military coordination and maritime-aeronautical SAR matters. The Draft Agenda and Schedule of the event are at **Appendices A and B** respectively. States wishing to submit proposals for the addition of items should do so by **3 July 2026**.

I would appreciate confirmation of your participation by **17 July 2026** by registering here: <https://forms.office.com/r/rJhvCT0w2W>

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All meeting documentation will be placed in the Meetings Section of the following web page: [NACC - Meetings](#) as it becomes available. Taking into consideration the availability of documentation in electronic format, no hard copies will be distributed during the event.

Documentation that your Administration/Organization may wish to submit/present at the meeting should be forwarded to this office by e-mail as soon as practicable in Microsoft Word/PowerPoint format using the attached templates. Working papers should be brief, action-oriented, and focused with a four-page limit excluding any appendices.

Working Papers must be submitted in both languages, English and Spanish. Information Papers will be published only in the language(s) presented. The deadline to receive documentation is **17 July 2026**.

If you require any further information regarding the event, please contact Mr. Eddian Méndez, Regional Officer, Air Traffic Management, or his Assistant Mr. Alejandro Macias, to the following e-mail nacc-atm@icao.int.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Christopher Barks
Regional Director
North American, Central American and
Caribbean (NACC) Regional Office

Enclosure:

*A – Draft Agenda; B – Schedule; C- Working Paper template;
D – Information Paper template; E – Appendix template*

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**APPENDIX A
DRAFT AGENDA**

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda and Schedule

Agenda Item 2: Regional and Global Search and Rescue (SAR) Affairs

- 2.1 Follow-up to valid Conclusions/Decisions
- 2.2 Follow-up to the implementation of the requirements of rescue coordination centres and subcentres of the CAR Region
- 2.3 Monitoring the implementation of the requirements of the Global Aviation Distress and Safety System (GADSS).

Agenda Item 3: SAR Coordination Affairs

- 3.1 Follow up to the SAR Agreements of the CAR Region
- 3.2 SAR Exercises in the CAR Region
- 3.3 Maritime and Aeronautical SAR coordination

Agenda Item 4: Work Programme and Activities of the NACC/WG Search and Rescue Implementation Task Force (SAR)

- 4.1 Follow-up and update of the work programme
- 4.2 Approval of the Work Programme and Activities of the SAR Implementation Task Force

Agenda Item 5: Other Business

Workshop: Workshop on Mass Rescue Operations (MRO)

- a) Introduction to the concepts of Mass Rescue Operations (MRO).
- b) MRO readiness strategy.
- c) Identification of the roles and responsibilities for MROs.
- d) Strategies for inter-institutional coordination, communication and organization.
- e) Necessary components of MRO plans (national, regional and port) with a tactical action plan for MRO incidents

**DRAFT AGENDA
EXPLANATORY NOTES**

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda and Schedule

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will review the agenda and schedule and adopt them. The objectives and overall expectations of the meeting will be presented.

Agenda Item 2: Regional and Global Search and Rescue (SAR) Affairs

Under this agenda item, the valid Conclusions and Decisions of previous meetings will be followed up. In the same way, the implementation of the requirements of the rescue coordination centres and subcentres of the CAR Region will be monitored, with the aim of updating the regional monitoring dashboard for implementation, as well as the requirements of the Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System (GADSS).

Agenda Item 3: SAR Coordination Affairs

The Meeting will follow up on the SAR Agreements pending signature and will address actions to promote SAR exercises in the CAR Region, as well as on aeronautical and maritime SAR coordination.

Agenda Item 4: Work Programme and Activities of the NACC/WG Search and Rescue Implementation Task Force (SAR)

The Meeting will follow up on the Task Force's work programme and activities and propose updates thereto.

Agenda Item 5: Other Business

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will analyse any other matter than cannot be addressed under the previous agenda items.

Workshop:

Workshop on Mass Rescue Operations (MRO)

This workshop will raise awareness and provide fundamental knowledge about the unique challenges associated with Mass Rescue Operations (MROs), emphasizing the importance of interoperability, collaboration and communication between agencies. It will include a hands-on MRO exercise in the vicinity of an airport, integrating didactic presentations and case studies.

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Mexico City, Mexico, 3 to 7 August 2026/Ciudad de México, México, 3 al 7 de agosto de 2026

**APPENDIX B/APÉNDICE B
DRAFT SCHEDULE/HORARIO PROVISIONAL**

Time	Monday/Lunes 3 Aug	Tuesday/Martes 4 Aug	Wednesday/ Miércoles 5 Aug	Thursday/Jueves 6 Aug	Friday/Viernes 7 Aug
08:30–09:00	<i>Registration/ Registro</i>				
09:00–09:30	<i>Opening Ceremony & Photo/ Inauguración y Foto de Grupo</i>	Workshop/Taller	Agenda Item 1/ Cuestión 1 del Orden del Día	Agenda Item 3 / Cuestión 3 del Orden del Día	Agenda Item 5/ Cuestión 5 del Orden del Día
09:30–10:30	Workshop/Taller		Agenda Item 2/ Cuestión 2 del Orden del Día		
10:30–11:00	<i>Coffee break/Pausa para el café</i>				
11:00–12:30	Workshop/Taller	Workshop/Taller	Agenda Item 2 (cont.) / Cuestión 2 del Orden del Día (cont.)	Agenda Item 4 (cont.) / Cuestión 4 del Orden del Día (cont.)	Review of draft summary of discussions / Revisión del borrador del sumario de discusiones
	<i>Lunch time/Almuerzo</i>				<i>Closing/Clausura</i>
13:30–15:30	Workshop/Taller	Workshop/Taller	Agenda Item 2 (cont.) / Cuestión 2 del Orden del Día (cont.)	Agenda Item 4 (cont.) / Cuestión 4 del Orden del Día (cont.)	