

**Meeting with the Heads of the Regional Civil Aviation Bodies  
on  
Regional Cooperation**

**Time/Date:** 0900 to 1000 hours, 23 September 2013

**Site:** Conference Room 5, ICAO

**Participants:**

**Regional Civil Aviation Bodies**

- ICAO (Secretary General, Directors and Regional Directors)
- ACAC (Director General and President)
- AFCAC (Secretary General and President)
- AU
- ECAC (Executive Secretary and President)
- EU
- LACAC (Secretary and President)

**ICAO**

- D/ATB, D/ANB, D/TCB, A/D/LEB
- All ICAO Regional Directors

**Others**

- Coordinators of ACAC, AFCAC, ECAC and LACAC Group at ICAO
- Observer – Asian PAC Group Coordinator at ICAO
- Head of Office, European Commission in Montreal

**Draft Agenda:** In accordance with the Memoranda of Cooperation (MOCs) concluded in 2010 and in order to harmonize and maximize collaboration of intra- and inter-regional activities, it is proposed to convene a single high-level meeting between ICAO and four regional civil aviation bodies (and two regional organizations (TBD) on the occasion of the 38th Session of the ICAO Assembly. The proposed meeting will discuss the following subjects:

- Perspective of and expectation from the 38th Session of the ICAO Assembly;
- Implementation of the five strategic objectives on a regional basis;
- Review of priorities and areas of cooperation in each region (e.g. regional events);
- Development of joint work programmes for 2014-2015-2016 triennium;
- Collection, assessment and harmonization of data;
- Coordination of the scheduling of regional meetings; and
- Establishment of regular consultation and cooperation mechanisms

**Background notes:**

- Six similar but separate MOCs providing a framework for enhanced cooperation were signed with ACAC, AFCAC, AU, ECAC, LACAC in September 2010 and with EU in April/May 2011. The MOCs create a framework for greater regional cooperation in the technical and policy aspects of international civil aviation.
- The process includes: improved mechanisms for consultation and cooperation, including electronic information sharing; coordinated programme planning and implementation between ICAO and the regional civil aviation bodies; and joint training and capacity building.
- Collaboration between ICAO and the regional civil aviation bodies/regional organizations has resulted in States working in harmony with respect to operational regulations, requirements and procedures in order to ensure uniform implementation of SARPs for the sake of flight safety and efficiency.
- The ICAO Regional Offices have ensured ICAO's participation in the Assemblies of the regional civil aviation bodies or other relevant high level meetings of such bodies, with a view to seeking an opportunity to provide input to their work programmes. ICAO continues to encourage participation of the regional civil aviation bodies at relevant ICAO meetings.
- At its 37th Session, the Assembly endorsed an ICAO Policy and Framework for Regional Cooperation. The Appendix to Assembly working paper (A38-WP/xx) contains details of progress made in implementing this Policy.
- Since ICAO does not have sufficient resources dedicated to assist the Member States, coordination will need to be strengthened in these areas between ICAO and the regional civil aviation bodies/groups.
- The proposed meeting will reconfirm that both ICAO and the regional organizations/regional civil aviation bodies continue to share costs and resources related to regional activities with increased involvement from States in the respective regions in order to increase efficiency and avoid duplication of efforts.

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