
Agenda Item 4: Other matters

4.1 Under this agenda item, the meeting discussed:

- a) digital network interconnection; and
- b) the cost of the REDDIG implementation project.

Digital network interconnection

4.2 The meeting took note of the regional agreements reached for the interconnection of digital networks and, to the extent possible, for the interoperation of those networks implemented or to be implemented at the boundaries of the CAR/SAM Regions. In this respect, it was noted that, pursuant to Recommendation 9/1 and Conclusions 9/8 and 13/28 of the RAN CAR/SAM/3 meeting, the ICAO Regional Offices were coordinating the study of the interconnection of the MEVA, E-CAR and REDDIG networks through an informal meeting mechanism. It was also noted that, within the CNS Committee of the ATM/CNS Subgroup, GREPECAS had considered the development of guidance material on the matter and had recognized that the informal meeting mechanism coordinated by ICAO was the appropriate forum for defining the interconnection solution.

4.3 The meeting agreed that the REDDIG network environment could grow internally and, to the extent permitted by the other neighboring network environments, it could expand beyond the Region. It was noted that the network was ready for this and that the inter-networking of the REDDIG with other digital networks, which was a function through the corresponding interfaces, could be done in open systems. Nevertheless, networking would be impossible in the case of those networks that only provide the physical medium for point-to-point links, and the interconnection would be reduced to a physical interface to extend the physical media from one network environment to another.

4.4 The meeting took note that the RLA/98/019 project, in coordination with the ICAO Regional Office, is providing advice for the solution of the problem of interconnection between REDDIG and other digital networks.