



Agenda Item 6: Regional plan for the sustainability of air transport in the SAM Region

**PROGRESS AND FUTURE ACTIONS RELATED TO THE REGIONAL PLAN FOR THE
SUSTAINABILITY OF AIR TRANSPORT IN THE SAM REGION**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This working paper presents information on the progress made in the development of the Regional Plan for the Sustainability of Air Transport in the SAM Region, as well as the action required for its completion and approval.

REFERENCES

- Final Report of the RAAC/13 meeting “Declaration of Bogota” (Bogota, Colombia, 4-6 December 2013).
- Third meeting of Air Navigation and Flight Safety Directors of the SAM Region (AN&FS/3) (Lima, 22-24 August 2016).
- Resolutions formulated by the 39th Session of the ICAO Assembly (Montreal, Canada, 27 September to 6 October 2016).
- Nineteenth meeting/workshop of the SAM Implementation Group (Lima, Peru, 22-26 May 2017).
- Fourth meeting of Air Navigation and Flight Safety Directors of the SAM Region (AN&FS/4) (Lima, 2-4 October 2017).

**ICAO Strategic
Objectives:**

*A: Safety
C: Environmental protection*

1. Background

1.1 In view of the need to address the high growth rate of air transport in the South American Region, the RAAC/13 meeting deemed it advisable to establish a process for improving the capacity, efficiency and safety of the air traffic management system. Accordingly, the Directors General of the SAM Region, with the support of the following international organisations: IATA, ACI-LAC, CANSO and ALTA, pledged to attain 15 regional goals for the period 2014-2016 related to the objectives of the global air navigation plan and the global safety plan approved by the 38th Session of the ICAO Assembly. This pledge received the name of Declaration of Bogota.

1.2 The Declaration of Bogota had a time horizon of 2016 and served to initiate a result-based management process with clearly defined indicators, which were established in consultation with the States during a period of one year. The Region made significant progress and had a clear understanding of ICAO priorities, aligned with global planning.

1.3 Not all the intended goals were achieved, but taking into account the positive experience of the Declaration of Bogota, the SAM Region is in a position to assume a new commitment at the highest government level that will help prioritise the initiatives with greater impact on the safe and orderly development of air transport in South America, including the attainment of the goals of the Declaration of Bogota that are still pending, adopting an inspiring, charismatic, while ambitious vision for the Region.

1.4 In this regard, the need has been identified to draft a Regional Plan for the Sustainability of Air Transport in the SAM Region, which would serve as a management tool to support decision-making in the States to ensure the sustainable development of air transport until 2035, clearly aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) established by the United Nations to ensure the prosperity of humankind and environmental protection.

1.5 Regarding the SDGs, the 39th Session of the ICAO Assembly formulated Resolution A39/25 - *Aviation's contribution to the United Nations 2030 agenda for sustainable development*, urging member States to enhance their air transport systems by effectively implementing SARPs and policies, while including the aviation sector into their national development plans and assigning it higher priority, supported by robust air transport strategic plans and civil aviation master plans in order to attain the SDGs.

1.6 The Regional Plan for the Sustainability of Air Transport in the SAM Region is aimed at ensuring sustained growth of civil aviation in the Region, with emphasis on the following four axes:

- Air connectivity,
- Safety,
- Institutional building, and
- Environmental protection.

1.7 Accordingly, the plan focuses on trying to ensure that as many South Americans as possible enjoy the benefits of air transport, with greater connectivity, optimum safety conditions, duly strengthened civil aviation authorities acting with autonomy and independence, in harmony with nature and protecting the environment. The purpose is to steer priorities towards giving people better access to air transport, while addressing the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.

2. **Analysis**

2.1 The SAM Regional Office has been working for the past two years in the Regional Plan for the Sustainability of Air Transport in the SAM Region, and has been informing States on the progress being made through various venues, such as the Third meeting of Air Navigation and Flight Safety Directors of the SAM Region (AN&FS/3), the Nineteenth meeting/workshop of the SAM Implementation Group (SAM/IG/19), and other regional forums, such as workshops and seminars.

2.2 The consolidated initial draft of the Regional Plan for the Sustainability of Air Transport in the SAM Region was presented at the Fourth Meeting of Air Navigation and Flight Safety Directors of the SAM Region (AN&FS/4), together with a draft declaration document, and detailed documents for the connectivity, safety, institutional building and environmental protection axes.

2.3 Based on the information presented, the AN&FS/4 meeting initially recognised the importance of the four axes that could make up the Regional Plan for the Sustainability of Air Transport in the SAM Region: connectivity, safety, institutional building, and environmental protection, which are aligned with ICAO strategic objectives and with the sustainable development goals of the United Nations.

2.4 In addition, it agreed on the need to create a group of experts nominated by the States of the Region, who would be responsible for drafting the Regional Plan for the Sustainability of Air Transport in the SAM Region and the declaration for its implementation, using as a reference the documentation prepared by the ICAO SAM Regional Office for this purpose. The reference information is posted on the website https://www.icao.int/SAM/Pages/ES/MeetingsDocumentation_ES.aspx?m=2017-RAAC15.

2.5 In this sense, the AN&FS/4 meeting formulated the following draft conclusion to be submitted to the Fifteenth Meeting of the Civil Aviation Authorities of the SAM Region (RAAC/15) to be held in Asuncion, Paraguay, on 4-6 December 2017:

Draft Conclusion RAAC/15-XX – ACTION TO BE TAKEN FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE REGIONAL PLAN FOR THE SUSTAINABILITY OF AIR TRANSPORT IN THE SAM REGION AND THE DECLARATION OF IMPLEMENTATION

That, in order to have a regional plan for the sustainability of air transport in the SAM Region and a declaration of implementation, the Directors General of Civil Aviation of the SAM Region:

- a) initially recognise the importance of the four axes that could make up the Regional plan for the sustainability of air transport in the SAM Region: connectivity, safety, institutional building, and environmental protection, which are aligned with ICAO strategic objectives and with the sustainable development goals of the United Nations;
- b) undertake to nominate by 29 December 2017 the focal points and experts they deem necessary to make up the working groups that will be responsible for drafting the regional plan for the sustainability of air transport in the SAM Region and the declaration of implementation, based on the documentation prepared by the SAM Regional Office in this regard; and
- c) undertake to take action as needed to draft the aforementioned plan and its respective declaration by 29 June 2018.

2.6 It is expected that the text of the declaration of implementation, containing the commitments for the gradual achievement of the regional goals contemplated in the Regional Plan for the Sustainability of Air Transport in the SAM Region, as well as the plan drafted by the group of experts, will be officially endorsed by the SAM States at a summit of high air transport government authorities (Ministers or other officials) to be tentatively held in Lima, Peru, October 2018, date of the 70th Anniversary of the establishment of the ICAO South American Regional Office.

3. Suggested action

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) take note of the information presented in this paper;
- b) review the information presented in Section 2 of this working paper and proceed, if applicable, to adopt the draft conclusion shown in paragraph 2.5 of this working paper; and

- c) analyse any other related aspects it may deem appropriate.
