



**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
South American Regional Office**

**SAM REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S VIRTUAL MEETING
ON THE RESPONSE OF THE REGION TO COVID-19**

EXECUTIVE REPORT

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1. INTRODUCTION

The SAM Director General's Virtual Meeting on the Response of the SAM Region to COVID-19 was held on line on 24 April 2020, at 14.00 hs.

2. OPENING OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING

Mr. Fabio Rabbani, SAM Office Regional Director, opened the meeting thanking the participants for the efforts to participate and for the working papers presented and setting the objectives of the meeting

The meeting counted with simultaneous interpretation.

3. AGENDA

The following agenda was adopted:

Agenda Item 1: SAM Response to first weeks of the COVID-19 sanitary crisis

Agenda Item 2: Presentation of initiatives for recovery

Agenda Item 3: Designation of focal points by States and organizations from the industry and way forward

Agenda Item 4: Other matters

4. ATTENDANCE

Thirteen SAM States, six international organisations and one aircraft manufacturer attended the Meeting, totalling 51 participants. The list of participants is shown on page 4.

5. DEVELOPMENT OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING

The extraordinary meeting of SAM Directors General of Civil Aviation (DGCA's (RAAC/17), on the Response of the SAM Region to COVID-19, was prepared using virtual means and in a continuous mode, with synchronic and non-synchronic activities. A series of three panels were prepared with CAAs Directors from Brazil, Colombia and Ecuador, also with FAA's Western Hemisphere representative, as well as the industry associations ALTA, ACI-LAC and CANSO. These panels are were posted on the SAM webpage as podcasts with a summary of the discussions, transcriptions and in both English and Spanish.

6. Working Papers (WPs) from the Secretariat (ICAO) were prepared and presented for the agenda item discussions, in addition, several WPs were presented by Argentina, Colombia, Paraguay, ACI-LAC, IATA and LACAC. Also, Information Papers (IPs) were presented by SRVSOP technical committee,

about its 2020 programme, and by CANSO sharing guidance documentation for Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs).

7. ICAO Technical Cooperation Bureau (TCB) also participated and offered their services to States with assistance packages for COVID19 contingency measures that will be available to States in the following weeks in areas such as protective and screening equipment for instance: thermal cameras, thermometers, air navigation, training for risk awareness, etc.

8. The meeting widely supported ICAO SAM Regional Office's leadership and initiatives and concluded on two main action items to work together in an orderly, informed and safe manner:

- a) The creation of a strategic group to work on the guidelines for a regional recovery strategy that contemplates operational, sanitary, financial, communication and other areas that tackle issues faced by the Region. This work should be a collaborative effort among States, industry, regional organizations, SRVSOP, in close coordination with CAPSCA and other international organizations.
- b) Request SRVSOP Aviation Medicine Panel to develop a sanitary protocol, harmonized regionally and globally and in coordination with CAPSCA guidelines.

9. These action items should follow these proposed guidance principles:

- Ensure Regional Harmonization, observe the Global guidelines and directives
- Collaboration of all stakeholders, including the use CAPSCA program and PAHO/WHO
- Coordination, avoiding any redundancy on existing and ongoing initiatives
- Transparency
- Non-discrimination
- Reduction of asymmetries among States
- Extensive use of technology available for passenger screening
- Flexibility
- Aviation Safety
- Continuous update adapted to the constantly changes conditions.

10. For developing the SAM recovery strategy, States and industry associations were requested to provide the names of focal points by 28 April. SAM Regional Office will convene a first meeting among the focal points in the week 27-30 April.

11. A communication strategy also needs to be developed to properly coordinate, harmonize and inform all stakeholders on the outcomes and progress of the plan.

12. On the concluding remarks, Mr. Fabio Rabbani expressed his gratitude for the support and participation of all States and industry associations. He expressed that in order to build the path towards allowing the system to reach the level of development it had prior to the crisis, the recovery strategy needs immediate action, taking into consideration the ideas that all shared and adhering to the guidance principles of communication and collaboration. Additionally, these principles should be applied in coordination with NACC Regional Office and LACAC, and avoiding always the duplication of efforts, with leadership based on a humble attitude for mutual support. The work ahead of the focal points appointed by States and industry associations should create a basket of measures, guidelines for a gradual reactivation of the system closely

coordinated with CAPSCA, WHO and ICAO, always respecting national decisions and quickly adapting to change. The reactivation plan will give guidelines, and priorities for decision-making, and the understanding of the impact these measures will generate.

13. He concluded saying that the information sharing and collaborative work should help States on their Development of public policies for reopening, considering biosafety, operational safety, financial sustainability of the sector and CAAs.

LISTA DE PARTICIPANTES / LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**ARGENTINA**

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COLOMBIA

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