



Agenda Item 8: Other business

**ATS CONTINGENCY FRAMEWORK PLAN FOR THE SAM REGION
(MCATS/SAM)**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
This paper presents the development of MCATS/SAM and the recommendation for its publication in the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) of the States.	
Action:	The suggested action is shown in Section 3.
<i>Strategic objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety• Air navigation capacity and efficiency
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doc 10066 – PANS-AIM• Doc 8126 – AIS Manual• Doc 7030 – Regional supplementary procedures (SUPPs)• Report of the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the SAM Implementation Group (SAMIG/25)• Report of the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the SAM Implementation Group (SAMIG/26)• Report of the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the SAM Implementation Group (SAMIG/27)

1. Introduction

1.1 The SAMIG/25 meeting approved the ATS Contingency Framework Plan for the SAM Region (MCATS/SAM).

1.2 The SAMIG/26 meeting reviewed opportunities for improving the MCATS/SAM and created an *ad hoc* group to work on these opportunities.

1.3 Doc 8126 - *AIS Manual*, in line with Doc 10066 - PANS-AIM, outlines what the State AIP should contain, in its three sections.

2. Discussion

2.1 The SAMIG/25 meeting, through Conclusions 2-4 and 2-5, adopted the ATS Contingency Framework Plan for the SAM Region (MCATS/SAM), developed by the GESEA 4 CONT PLAN *ad hoc* Group, so that the ATS contingency plans of each State in the Region can be prepared on the basis of the

provisions contained in the Framework Plan, thus contributing to their harmonisation.

2.2 The SAM/IG/26 meeting was presented with WP/2.13, related to identified opportunities for improvement, and aimed at achieving the objectives of the MCATS/SAM--*inter alia*, those related to the harmonisation and contingency response capability of the States. The final report of the aforementioned meeting outlined the phases of the CONT PLAN Project. Phase 3 is linked to the "(...) standardisation and updating of these plans (...), with mandatory coordination between neighbouring States and updated letters of operational agreement".

2.3 The meeting of the GESEA PLAN CONT *ad hoc* group, held on 19 October 2021, created a task force--on a temporary basis--to address the proposals set out therein, related to:

- the terms of reference of the Coordination and Support Team (ECA), following the identification of the need to proceed with the actions concerning the notification of a contingency situation in a SAM State and, consequently, those related to the roles to be adopted by each member of the team, which led to the update of Appendix E to the MCATS/SAM; and
- the development of standard mechanisms to support actions related to the preparation, coordination and updating of contingency measures to be included in LEVEL 2 ATS Contingency Plans, which led to the introduction of a new appendix to the MCATS/SAM: Appendix I

2.4 The text that was included in Appendix E addresses the following aspects:

- Name of the contingency team: change from ECA (Contingency Coordination Team) to CCT (Contingency Coordination Team);
- Characteristics of the CCT: creation, time frame and collaborative decision-making (CDM);
- Objectives linked to the coordination of measures and the flow of information;
- Roles and actions of CCT members;
- Update of the terms of reference (ToR) of the CCT; and
- CCT performance monitoring. 6.3.2.

2.5 The text that was included in Appendix I contemplates the following elements:

- Objectives;
- Updating procedures; and
- Minimum content to be published in the AIP.

2.6 With regard to the "Minimum Content to be published in the AIP (...)", the aspects described in Appendix C - Basic Elements of the Plan - of the MCATS/SAM were considered and will be published in section ENR 1.15 of the AIP. In this regard, it should be noted that, since ICAO Doc 10066 - *Aeronautical Information Management* and Doc 8126 - *AIS Manual* do not specify a section in the AIP in which the information related to Level 2 ATS Contingency Plans is to be included, it was agreed in the GESEA framework that SAM States standardise the publication of their respective plans in the aforementioned section.

2.7 Regarding the previous point, the publication of contingency plans in section ENR 1.15 of the AIP could be included as a regional supplementary procedure (ICAO Doc 7030).

2.8 The Meeting should recall that ICAO Regional Supplementary Procedures (SUPPS) represent the regulatory aspect of the air navigation plan prepared by the regional air navigation (RAN)

conferences to meet the needs of certain areas that are not covered by global provisions. The SUPPS supplement the requirements for facilities and services set forth in the publications of the air navigation plan.

2.9 The regional supplementary procedures are generally developed at regional air navigation conferences and take effect after consideration by the Air Navigation Commission and approval by the Council.

2.10 Amendments to the regional supplementary procedures may be proposed by any contracting State (or group of States), as set forth in Section 2, or by an international organisation, as set forth in Section 3, or may be required as a consequence of action taken by the Council when adopting or amending standards and recommended practices, or when approving or amending procedures for air navigation services, as set forth in Section 4 of Doc 7030.

2.11 The Meeting should urge the SAM Implementation Group (SAMIG) to study this matter, with a view to initiating the process of amendment of Doc 7030 - SUPPS, in order to include the publication of ATS contingency plans in section ENR 1.15 of the AIP, as part of the supplementary procedures for the SAM Region.

3. Suggested action

3.1. The Meeting is invited to:

- a) take note of the information provided in this working paper;
- b) support the action recommended in item 2.11; and
- c) consider other actions it may deem appropriate.