



Agenda

Item 1:

Review of the status of conclusions and actions

**OUTCOME OF THE SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF
CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES - RAAC/17**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
The purpose of this paper is to present the results of RAAC17, relevant to the SAM/IG, around regional priorities. The implementation of a Continuous Improvement Program for the strengthening of civil aviation systems in the SAM States is highlighted.	
Reference	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Report of the Seventeenth Meeting of Civil Aviation Authorities RAAC/17 (February – April 2023 asynchronous phase, Santiago de Chile, April 11 – 14 face-to-face phase)	
Strategic Objectives of ICAO:	<i>A - Safety B - Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency E - Environmental protection</i>

1. Background

1.1 RAAC17 was held with the aim of providing greater space for bilateral or multilateral meetings among the various attendees, while allowing Civil Aviation Directors to conduct a strategic exercise and assess the course of regional aviation post-pandemic, aligned with the IWAF/4 Declaration and looking ahead (2035), The Meeting was divided into two phases:

- An asynchronous virtual phase that ran from February 16 to April 21, 2023
- A face-to-face phase from April 11 to 14, 2023 that was held at the facilities of the National Aeronautical and Space Museum of Chile.

1.2 The virtual phase was attended by 31 delegates from twelve States and one territory from the SAM Region, one State from the NAAC Region, as well as International Organizations. It was a phase of the Meeting in which States and Organizations reviewed and commented on the different proposed study notes prior to the face-to-face Meeting. This was done under a collaborative environment that allowed for feedback in a remote, transparent, and flexible way.

1.3 The Regional Office prepared a virtual platform that allowed the exchange and dialogue on the notes, so that after the asynchronous phase, a summary of these exchanges was prepared and presented in the face-to-face phase of RAAC17 to reach agreements.

1.4 The List of Conclusions is shown in Appendix A to this Note. All the documents of the Meeting are available at the following link:

icao.int/SAM/Pages/ES/MeetingsDocumentation_ES.aspx?m=2023-RAAC17

2. Analysis

Follow-up to the implementation of capacity and efficiency improvements to air navigation

2.1 The Secretariat presented the Study Note on "Follow-up to the implementation of capacity and efficiency improvements to air navigation in the MAR states", which presents the progress of the implementation of improvements in Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency, in the areas of the ATM and its CNS platform, as well as the AIM/MET information support. and implementation of improvements in aerodromes.

2.2 The current priorities of the SAM Region to support air navigation capacity and efficiency initiatives, in the context of Aviation's recovery from the pandemic, were listed, including:

- a) Strengthening flight procedure design (IFPD) services and airspace planning. Promotion of the implementation of the PBN;
- b) strengthening of ATS services, in terms of aircraft separation, direct routing and UPR routes and the safety framework, through the following enablers:
 - i. Implementation of the AIDC and the AMHS. Management of Flight Plans. Interoperability;
 - ii. Availability of CNS systems that ensure ATS surveillance coverage, including Radar/ADS B data sharing initiatives, for the adjacent airspace between the FIR's, as well as improvements in pilot-controller communications; and
 - iii. Enactment of ATS Contingency Plans.
- c) promotion of the ATFM Operations Plan and implementation of ATFM services, according to the Phases of the Regional Guide;
- d) optimization of the AIM, implementation of the electronic AIP and planning for the enablers of the SWIM concept;
- e) availability of equipment and software for receiving images and meteorological products for AMO and MWO. Implementation of the OPMET exchange and application of the IWXXM. Implementation of QMS in the MET; and
- f) capabilities building in the States regarding national planning on airport use, aligned with their CAMP and regional goals. Initiatives in selected airports, to implement the A-CDM in a harmonized and scalable manner.

2.3 In addition, the importance of promoting PBN operations in the field of general aviation was highlighted, as well as the implementation in domestic airports that is already being developed in several States.

2.4 It was agreed to highlight the initiatives for the optimization of airspace, optimized separation of aircraft and the implementation of the PBN, recognizing their contribution to capacity and efficiency.

2.5 Likewise, the challenges of the Region to adopt performance-based planning within the framework of the ANP Regional Plan CAR/SAM, Volume III, and the need to continue generating strengths in the management of KPI indicators of the GANP were addressed.

2.6 The efficiency of services and airspace contributes directly to the recovery of Aviation in the Region, in the face of the difficult global economic context. Improvements in efficiency and capacity are crucial to drive the restoration of air connectivity in the Region, in line with the commitments of the Declaration of Fortaleza, Brazil¹.

2.7 The Meeting endorsed the list of priorities identified and ratified its commitment to the development of current GREPECAS projects, and its support for the working groups that carry out improvements for the capacity and efficiency of air navigation. Continued work in an integrated and cooperative manner with industry and stakeholders was encouraged.

Supporting Continuous Safety Improvement in SAM States

2.8 States were informed about the follow-up to the implementation of safety improvements in the MAR States, based on the guidelines established in the 2019-2022 Edition of the SAM Region Safety Plan (SAMSP).

2.9 States noted the performance of the SAM Region in the effective implementation (IA) of the eight (8) critical elements of a safety oversight system. On this matter, States were informed that the extension of the deadlines between audits, as well as the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, could be affecting the commitment of some States to make their continuous improvement.

1.1 In this regard, and in order to support States in improving their EI and achieving 95% EI by 2030 (GASP Objective 2 and SAMSP), the MAR Office proposed to RAAC/17 to implement a *Continuous Improvement Program for the strengthening of civil aviation systems in SAM States*. The dates of the 2023 on-site technical assistance visits were coordinated with States, and the confidential nature of the reports of these missions between the State and ICAO was highlighted.

1.2 Following the asynchronous analysis of the improvement component in effective implementation (EI) of the eight critical elements in the asynchronous phase, the Meeting agreed on the following conclusion:

¹ "DECLARATION TO PROMOTE CONNECTIVITY THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY OF AIR TRANSPORT IN THE PAN AMERICAN REGION – VISION 2020-2035", which reflects the vision of the proposed Regional Plan for the Sustainability of Air Transport in the SAM Region and the commitment of the States to support the implementation of the development of the national and regional action plans necessary for the implementation of said vision.

CONCLUSION RAAC17/02	APPROVAL OF THE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME TO STRENGTHEN CIVIL AVIATION SYSTEMS OF SAM STATES	
<p><i>What</i></p> <p>a) Approve the Continuous Improvement Program to Strengthen Civil Aviation Systems of SAM States, in accordance with Appendix A of this part of the report²;</p> <p>b) finish coordinating on the dates of the on-site technical assistance visits with those States that requested them;</p> <p>c) encourage the participation of States that have not yet commented on the continuous improvement program to participate in the programme;</p> <p>d) continue keeping the confidentiality of the mission reports of the Regional Office to the States;</p> <p>e) ratify States commitment to follow up on the agreed work plan for the improvement of their civil aviation systems.</p>	<p><i>Expected Impact:</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Political/Global</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Interregional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economical</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operational/Technical</p>	
<p><i>Why: To enable the SAM States to strengthen their civil aviation systems and achieve the goals established in the SAMSP; National Aviation Safety Plans (NASPs); <u>Regional Air Navigation Plan Vol. III and National Air Navigation Plans of the SAM States that are intended to achieve the implementation of the Basic Building Blocks (BBBs).</u></i></p>		
<p><i>When: Since the approval</i></p>	<p><i>Status:</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valid</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Invalid</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Finalized</p>	
<p><i>Who: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> States <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretariat <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify):</i></p>		

3. Suggested action

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Take note of the information submitted;
- b) analyse the context of the RAAC/17 discussions, including addressing priorities for air navigation, within the scope of the commitments of the SAM/IG and its contributing groups; and
- c) analyse the scope of the Continuous Improvement Program for the Strengthening of Civil Aviation Systems in the MAR States.

² See pages 29 to 34 of the RAAC17 Report.

Appendix A

RAAC17 Conclusions List

N°	Title
RAAC17/01	MECHANISM FOR MEASUREMENT AND EVALUATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PERFORMANCE IN THE SAM REGION
RAAC17/02	APPROVAL OF THE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME TO STRENGTHEN CIVIL AVIATION SYSTEMS OF SAM STATES
RAAC17/03	COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SSP/SMS IN THE STATES OF THE SAM REGION
RAAC 17/04	STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY VISIT OF CIVIL AVIATION IN THE SAM REGION
RAAC17/05	CREATION OF A GUIDE ON PROVISIONS AGAINST CYBER ATTACKS AND INTERFERENCE, TO INCLUDE IN NATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY PLANS (NCASP) AND OTHER RELEVANT NATIONAL PROGRAMMES
RAAC 17/06	RESOURCES ALLOCATION FOR UAS/RPAS PROCESSES IN CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATIONS AND ACCIDENT AND INCIDENT INVESTIGATION AUTHORITIES OF SAM STATES
RAAC 17/07	UTILIZATION OF THE AVSEC/FAL/RG GROUP AND/OR RELATED SEMINARS TO ADDRESS FACILITATION ISSUES WITH ALL STAKEHOLDERS (MIGRATION, CUSTOMS, POLICE, AVSEC/FAL, INDUSTRY)
RAAC 17/08	UNRULY PASSENGERS
RAAC 17/09	ACTIVITIES ON AVIATION SECURITY
RAAC 17/10	AIR TRANSPORT FACILITATION
RAAC 17/11	PROMOTION OF GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT IN AVIATION
RAAC 17/12	INCLUSION AND REDUCTION OF BARRIERS TO AIR TRANSPORT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND THE ELDERLY

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