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To: Mr. Sylvain Lefoyer, Regional Director of Civil Aviation Authority (DSAC)
for French Antilles and French Guiana
Mr. Francis Preux, Director, French West Indies and French Guiana, Air Navigation
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Lt. Col. Egbert Field, Director General, Guyana Civil Aviation Authority
H.E. Drs. Raymond Harold Landveld, Minister of Transport, Communication and Tourism,
Suriname

Subject: CAR/SAM Region ATM Contingency Management Framework (RACF) Workshop
(Panama City, Panama, 1 to 5 June 2026)

Action

Required: a) Submit working papers/presentations prior to **6 May 2026**
b) Register participants not later than **18 May 2026**

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite your Administration/Organization to the CAR/SAM Region Air Traffic Management (ATM) Contingency Management Framework (RACF) Workshop, organized jointly by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) North, Central America and Caribbean (NACC) and the South America (SAM) Regional Offices, supported by ICAO Headquarters and the Civil Aviation Authority of Panama, to be held at in Panama City from 1 to 5 June 2026.

This workshop is organized in direct response to the high-level outcomes of the Fourteenth Air Navigation Conference (AN-Conf/14) and the 42nd Session of the ICAO Assembly. Both governing bodies emphasized the critical need for enhancing global aviation resilience through robust crisis and contingency management. As the aviation landscape faces increasing airspace disruptions—ranging from conflict zones to natural disasters and other unforeseen technical events—it is imperative that ICAO Regions harmonize their response strategies to safeguard the safety and continuity of international air traffic.

The primary goal of this workshop is to strengthen ATM resilience across the CAR and SAM Regions. Specifically, the workshop will deep-dive into the operational requirements for managing airspace during large-scale disruptions, analyze recent global events that impacted international traffic flows to identify best practices in cross-regional coordination, and advance the development of the CAR and SAM Regions' ATM Contingency Management Frameworks, for presentation to GREPECAS for endorsement.

The workshop will be delivered in Spanish, with translation service to English. The Provisional Agenda is provided in **Appendix A**. General information on the site and facilities for the event are shown in **Appendix B**. A detailed programme will be supplied in due course. As they become available, documentation of the workshop will be posted on the website at:

<https://www.icao.int/SAM/meetingdocs?fid=78450#block-icao-page-title>.

Your Administration/Organization is encouraged to participate actively in the Workshop by submitting working papers/presentations related to the subjects contained in the Provisional Agenda prior to **6 May 2026**.

I would also appreciate it if you could, not later than **18 May 2026**, confirm the participation of your Administration/Organization by completing this form online:

<https://forms.office.com/r/kZcCR7TRG7>

For additional information regarding the event, please do not hesitate to contact ATM/SAR Officers, Mr. Fernando Hermoza (fhermoza@icao.int) from the SAM Office, and Mr. Eddian Mendez (emendez@icao.int) from the NACC Office.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

pi/Oscar Quesada-Carboni (Mar 19, 2026 10:39:28 CDT)

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Attachment

As indicated

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ICAO NACC (*For retransmission to CAR Region States and territories*)

Appendix

CAR/SAM Region ATM Contingency Management Framework Workshop

(Panama City, Panama 1 – 5 June 2026)

- Agenda Item 1:** Opening and welcoming remarks
- Agenda Item 2:** Current ICAO Contingency planning:
- a) Requirements, need and purpose.
 - b) ICAO CCT process.
 - c) CAR and SAM Regions contingency implementation experience.
 - d) States' experience and challenges in implementing their contingency plan.
 - e) Airspace users' experience during contingency events
- Agenda Item 3:** The New ICAO Regions ATM Contingency Management Framework (RACF)
- a) Cross-border coordination aspects of contingency management.
 - b) Lessons learnt concerning cross-regional enhancements of contingency arrangements.
 - c) Discuss the draft CAR and SAM RACFs.
 - d) Defining contingency arrangements for predetermined contingency events.
- Agenda Item 4:** Outcomes and Recommendations

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