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Agenda Item 3: Air Navigation Matters

3.2 Follow-up on the implementation of the NAM/CAR Regional Performance Based Air Navigation Plan (RPBANIP) in Central America and the Central Caribbean

FOLLOW-UP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAM/CAR REGIONAL PERFORMANCE BASED AIR NAVIGATION PLAN (NAM/CAR RPBANIP)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This working paper shows the progress reported and the updates to the NAM/CAR Regional Performance Based Air Navigation Plan (NAM/CAR RPBANIP) presented to the NACC/DCA/04 Meeting, as well as coordination carried out by ICAO to follow-up on the implementation actions of the RPBANIP.

References:

- Report of the Fourth Meeting of North American, Central American and Caribbean Directors of Civil Aviation (NACC/DCA/4), San Pedro Sula, Honduras, 20 to 24 June 2011
- Report of the Third North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group Meeting, NACC/WG/3 Guatemala City, Guatemala, 9 to 13 May 2011
- NAM/CAR Regional Performance Based Air Navigation Plan (NAM/CAR RPBANIP)

http://www.mexico.icao.int/RegionalGroups/NAMCARRPBANIPV02May2011es.pdf

Strategic Objectives This working paper is related to Strategic Objectives A and C.

1. Introduction

1.1 The NACC/DCA/4 Meeting was informed on the results of the NACC/WG/3 Meeting, the meeting of the sub-regional working groups (C/CAR/WG, CA/ANE/WG and E/CAR/WG) during this event as well as on the progress achieved in implementing the NAM/CAR RPBANIP, the benefits obtained from the Plan, and an update of the respective Terms of Reference (ToRs) and work programmes was provided.

- 1.2 Likewise, The Meeting reviewed the Executive Summary of the NACC/WG/3 Meeting report (Appendix A to NACC/DCA/4 WP/05) including the draft conclusions and modified Draft Conclusion 3/4 items a) and b).
- 1.3 In reviewing the implementation of the NAM/CAR RPBANIP, the Meeting noted the work achieved, the areas for work by the NAM/CAR Regions States/Territories and COCESNA; and the work improvements identified for the NACC/WG and its sub-regional working groups, highlighting the need for more active participation by State experts from each air navigation field within each working group and the use of more technological means (email, phone, ICAO webpage, virtual meetings, etc.) to carry out the work of the various groups.

2. Follow-up to Implementation Activities of the RPBANIP

- 2.1 The updated version of the NAM/CAR RPBANIP (V-2.0) is available at the following web page: http://www.mexico.icao.int/RegionalGroups/NAMCARRPBANIPV02May2011en.pdf.
- 2.2 Through ICAO State Letter Ref.: NE57-2 EMX0583 dated 9 June 2011 concerning the final report of the NACC/WG/3, Subregional Working Groups were encouraged to send updates of their action plans by 31 December 2011.
- 2.3 The progress reported to the NACC/DCA/4 by each Working Group is included in **Appendix A** to this paper.
- 2.4 Since August 2011 to date, several teleconferences have been held with the Chairpersons of each one of the Working Groups in order to support them and provide them guidance in the follow-up of the activities of the RPBANIP, as well as to highlight achievements and operational benefits obtained through these implementations.
- 2.5 From the analysis of established times, the envisaged activities and the corresponding action plans in the Regional Performance Objectives (RPOs), the following was concluded:
 - a) many of the due dates and person responsible for RPOs activities requiere to be validated, in view that in several cases their dates have expired or no report of its compliance has been notified
 - b) there are no detailed action plans for some RPOs, as the case of RPOs 10 , 11 and 12 for the C/CAR/WG and for the RPOs associated with ATM, AIM, MET, SAR and SMS in the case of the CA/ANE/WG
 - c) ICAO has not been informed of updates to the action plans based on the NAM/CAR RPBANIP (V-2.0).

3. Benefits Reported from the Implementation of the RPBANIP

3.1 The operational benefits reported to the NACC/DCA/4 meetings by each Working Group are presented in **Appendix B** to this paper.

3.2 As part of the measurement process, ICAO will introduce a Regional Performance Review Report (RPRR) for air navigation systems, starting in 2012, through which States may establish a mechanism for data collection, processing and storage and to provide the information to the ICAO NACC Regional Office for the identified regional performance-based metrics.

3. Suggested Action

- 3.1 The Meeting is invited to:
 - a) note the implementation results achieved in the NACC/WG/3 meeting, presented in Appendix A based on task described in the NAM/CAR RPBANIP, as described in the updated version of the NAM/CAR RPBANIP (V-2.0);
 - b) analyse the information on performance metrics, presented in Appendix B to this working paper;
 - c) report the NAM/CAR RPBANIP progress and benefits achieved to date; and
 - d) update the corresponding RPO action plans taking into account the notes provided in paragraph 2.5.

PROGRESS REPORTED AT THE NACC/WG/3 MEETING BASED ON THE REGIONAL PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES (RPOS) INCLUDED IN THE NAM/CAR RPBANIP (V2.0)

RPO		Achievements				
	CA/ANE/WG	C/CAR/WG	E/CAR/WG			
1. PBN IMPLEMENTATION	Central American States and COCESNA adopted a PBN airspace concept. Implementation Project of a new classification and reorganization of	Adoption of a PBN airspace concept, to be completed by CCAR States and Territories on 30 November 2011.	States and Territories adopted a PBN airspace concept for the Piarco FIR.			
1.1 OPTIMIZATION OF THE ATS ROUTE STRUCTURE IN THE UPPER AIRSPACE 1.2 OPTIMIZATION OF THE ATS ROUTE STRUCTURE IN THE TERMINAL AIRSPACE	Honduras and Guatemala's airspace. Several RNAV routes were implemented in the Central-America FIR upper airspace. RNAV routes were implemented, and CDOs for some aerodromes in El Salvador and Honduras.	Several RNAV Routes were implemented Implementation Project RNP 10 in the Gulf of Mexico in October 2011 a) RNAV routes were implemented, and CDOs for some aerodromes b) Dominican Republic published CDOs for all its aerodromes	Several RNAV Routes were implemented Implementation Project RNP 10 at east of parallel 57° W, short term a) RNAV routes were implemented for some aerodromes b) Implementation of CDOs on short term for the aerodromes to Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago			
1.3 IMPLEMENT RNP APPROACHES	a) RNAV (GNSS) Approaches published for the aerodromes in Honduras. b) The States of El Salvador and Nicaragua don't have implementation projects on RNAV (GNSS) Approaches. c) States are required to comply with Assembly resolution A37-11	a) RNAV (GNSS) Approaches published for some aerodromes b) Dominican Republic published RNAV (GNSS) Approaches for all its aerodromes	c) RNAV (GNSS) Approaches published for some aerodromes			
	IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO	IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO	IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO			
2. IMPLEMENTATION OF FLEXIBLE USE OF AIRSPACE (FUA)	a) There exists agreements ATS with military authority b) Some States established a Civil-Militar Coordination Committee IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO	a) There exists agreements ATS with military authority b) Some States established a Civil-Militar Coordination Committee IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO	Some States established a Civil-Militar Coordination Committee IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO.			
3. TO IMPROVE THE ATM SITUATIONAL AWARENESS	a) New ATC Center at San Pedro Sula, Honduras b) Radar data sharing among Central American States c) Individual automation of ATS System d) CPL implementation agreed between COCESNA and Mexico	a) Automatic Exchange of flight plans (CPL) between the ARTCC in Miami and the ACC in La Havana, as well as between the ACC in La Havana and the ACC in Merida. b) Automation of some Control centers. c) Radar data Exchange and for AIDC between Canada, United States and Mexico; testing process for AIDC between Cuba and United States. d) Implementation of ADS-B in the Gulf of Mexico, and in the domestic airspace of United States.	a) Recommendations for resolving missing and duplicated flight plans completed — notified at the E/CAR/DCA/23 Meeting. b) Automation of PIARCO ACC in progress			
	IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO	IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO	IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO			

RPO	Achievements						
	CA/ANE/WG	C/CAR/WG	E/CAR/WG				
4. TO IMPROVE THE BALANCE BETWEEN DEMAND AND CAPACITY (DCB)	a) ATFM Implementation Project between all the Central American States and COCESNA b) COCESNA Periodic Coordination between Mexico and the United States. c) Project to define ATS capacity and AAR for the Central American aerodromes on a short term. IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO	a) ATFM Implementation Project b) Periodic Coordination between Cuba and Mexico and the United States c) ATS and AAR Capacity defined for the Cancun and Mexico. aerodromes IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO	a) ATFM Implementation Project. b) Periodic Coordination between Trinidad and Tobago and the United States c) ATS and AAR Capacity defined for the Trinidad, Tobago and Guadalupe aerodromes IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO				
5. TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW ICAO	Preparation phase completed: impact	Preparation phase completed: impact	Preparation phase completed: identification				
FLIGHT PLAN FORM	identification (matrix) and implicated parts identification IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO	identification (matrix) and implicated parts identification IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO	of impact (matrix) and identification of implicated parts IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO				
6. TO IMPROVE THE SAR SYSTEM	a) COBUSA in charge of SAR implementation activities established in the NAM/CAR RPBANIP. b) Cooperation agreements between civil and military authorities in the provision of a SAR service. SAR agreements are needed with international agencies to improve response capacity on the high seas. States don't have enough SAR resources. c) Reported failures in the activation of the ELT on 406 Mhz. Regulations are hoped to be published for the registry of this beacon code.	a) The CCAR SAR Committee in charge of de SAR established implementation activities in the NAM/CAR RPBANIP. b) SAR agreements exist between the civil aviation authorities in ECAR. Some States established a Civil-Military Coordination Committee for the provision of a SAR service. c) SAR agreements exist between several CCAR States (RCCs/SRCs: Costa Rica, Cuba, Curazao, United States, Mexico, Dominican Republic). SAR agreements are needed with international agencies to improve response capacity on the high seas	SAR agreements exist between the civil aviation authorities of the ECAR. Some States established a Civil-Military Coordination Committee for the provision of SAR services. SAR agreements are needed with international agencies to improve response capacity on the high seas.				
7. TO IMPROVE OPERATION CAPACITY	IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO Best practices adopted by States to	IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO Best practices adopted by States to	IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO Best practices adopted by States to				
AND EFICIENCY AT AERODROMES	prevent runway incursions/excursions IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO	prevent runway incursions/excursions IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO	prevent runway incursions/excursions IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO				
8. PROTECTION AND OPTIMAL USE OF THE RADIOFRECUENCY SPECTRUM	a) Follow-up and regional coordination by States for the protection of the radiofrecuency spectrum assigned to aviation in the CMR-12 b) Civil aviation experts have taken part in the delegation of their States in the UIT CMR Meetings. c) ICAO disseminated the policy about the requirements about the radiofrecuency spectrum assigned to aeronautic. d) The management of the radiofrecuency spectrum has been implemented as well as the regional frequency coordination IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO.	a) Follow-up and regional coordination by States for the protection of the radiofrecuency spectrum assigned to aviation in the CMR-12 b) Civil aviation experts have taken part in the delegation of their States in the UIT CMR Meetings. c) ICAO policy about the requirements about the radiofrecuency spectrum assigned to aeronautic. d) The management of the radiofrecuency spectrum has been implemented as well as the regional frequency coordination IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO.	a) Follow-up and regional coordination by States for the protection of the radiofrecuency spectrum assigned to aviation in the CMR-12 b) Civil aviation experts have taken part in the delegation of their States in the UIT CMR Meetings. c) ICAO policy about the requirements about the radiofrecuency spectrum assigned to aeronautic. d) The management of the radiofrecuency spectrum has been implemented as well as the regional frequency coordination IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO.				
	More follow-up from States is required with their Spectrum Management Authorities.	More follow-up from States is required with their Spectrum Management Authorities.	More follow-up from States is required with their Spectrum Management Authorities.				

RPO	Achievements					
	CA/ANE/WG	C/CAR/WG	E/CAR/WG			
9. OPTIMIZATION OF THE COMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE	 a) Several improvements to ATS b) Implementation agreement in the oral circuits Belize APP – Merida ACC c) Improvements to the CAMSAT network d) Completion of the MEVA II REDDIG interconnection e) OLDI CENAMER-San Pedro Sula implementation f) Radar's updated and data sharing COCESNA-Mexico, COCESNA-Cuba, etc. g) ADS-B data recollection h) A review has been completed on the state of performance of the current aeronautical fixed services (AFS) and to identify deficiencies or improvements (AFTN, oral circuits ATS, Communications A/T) i) Coordination and testing for implementation aspects of the applications T-T of the ATN (AMHS and OLDI) j) Technical Revision of the CAMSAT network for the implementation of the ATN. 	 a) Dominican Republic, Haiti and Curaçao met in March of 2011, and have agreed to perform a preliminary study for the implementation of a repeater station, in Barahona, Dominican Republic. b) Mexico will install a VSAT station from MEVA-II system using the equipment in two months and hopes to have it running before the end of 2011. FOLLOW-UP BY MEVA TMG c) Expansion of the MEVA II network: New Node in Atlanta, USA, and AMHS circuits d) Implementation of radar data sharing between the La Havana Centers (San Julian Radar) and CENAMER (Grand Cayman Radar). e) Cuba and Jamaica have signed an agreement for the radar data sharing. f) The review of the state of performance of the current aeronautical fixed services (AFS) and identify deficiencies or improvements (AFTN, oral ATS circuits, communications A/T) g) Coordination and testing for the aspects of the implementation of applications T-T of the ATN (AMHS and AIDC) h) Technical revision of the MEVA network for the implementation of the ATN. i) Recollection of ADS-B data: Cuba, USA and Jamaica 	 a) Phase III completed for New AFS Network (MPLS Network) b) The review of the state of performance of the current aeronautical fixed services (AFS) and identify deficiencies or improvements (AFTN, oral ATS circuits, communications A/T) c) Coordination and testing for the aspects of the implementation of applications T-T of the ATN (AMHS) d) Technical revision of the ECAR network for the implementation of the ATN. 			
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10.IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WGS-84 AND e-TOD	Elaboration of geodetic surveys oriented to the determination of obstacles and the terrain and actualization of the primary and secondary data network according to Doc 9674 and Doc 9881 IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO	Elaboration of WGS84 geodetic surveys oriented to the determination of obstacles and the terrain and actualization of the primary and secondary data network according to Doc 9674 and Doc 9881 IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO	Elaboration of geodetic surveys oriented to the determination of obstacles and the terrain and actualization of the primary and secondary data network according to Doc 9674 and Doc 9881 IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO			

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RPO		Achievements	Achievements						
	CA/ANE/WG	C/CAR/WG	E/CAR/WG						
11.IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AIM TRANSITION	a) ISO 9001-2008 re-certification of the AIS Quality Management System (QMS), within the Management Integrated System COCESNA (SIGC) b) the implementation of a Geographical Information System (GIS) for the production of aeronautical cartography of the Central America AIP. c) Electronic version of the integrated documentation of aeronautical information (IAIP) in Central America d) Elaboration of an Implementation Plan for the transition to AIM	Elaboration of an Implementation Plan for the transition to AIM	a) E/CAR plan for transition of AIS to AIM – new target completion date is 31 December 2011. b) NOTAM Contingency Plan development included in Action Plan c) Elaboration of an Implementation Plan for the transition to AIM						
	IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO	IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO	IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO						
12.TO IMPROVE THE AVAILABILITY OF METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION	The DGAC in Costa Rica is about to sign a protocol with the Emergency National Comision to obtain necessary information and send it to the Tegucigalpa MWO for the preparation of the volcanic ash SIGMET.		AFTN terminals to be implemented in Antigua and Barbados						
	IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO	IMPLEMENTATION: There is no report on the progress	IMPLEMENTATION: According to RPO						

APPENDIX B

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MONITORING OF AIR NAVIGATION SYSTEMS PERFORMANCE TABLE 1. METRICS AND ACHIEVEMENTS: C/CAR SUBREGION - May 2011

	FIR								
Key Performance Area and Corresponding Metrics	Central America	CURACAO (Aruba, Curacao, Bonaire)	HAVANA	Port-au- Prince	Kingston	United States (Houston Miami Nassau)	Santo Domingo	Mexico	
Efficiency Estimated fuel savings (year 2000 as baseline); Percent of flights departing on-time; Percentage of instrument runway ends with an approach procedure with vertical guidance (APV), (BARO-VNAV and/or augmented GNSS) either as the primary approach or as a back-up for precision approaches; PBN Routes implemented and published in en-route; Number of certified aircrafts and pilots for PBN operations for en-route and TMA; Percent of flights with normal flight duration; Percent of flights with normal flight duration; Traffic movements i.e. # of movements; Unused capacity i.e. # of movements; Number of ATC automated systems that are interconnected; Number of terminal areas with SID/STAR implemented.	Costa Rica: 2009=191, 227.152 litres 18 RNAV implemented Routes.	RNAV route network will be reviewed in 2011	-5 RNAV routes will be implemented – by June 2010 Analysis of delays for more than 15 minutes due to operational errors in progress	2 RNAV routes extended from WATRS airspace	RNAV route network will be reviewed in 2011	RNAV Routes network in the Gulf of Mexico to be reviewed in April 2012.	16 RNAV routes implemented, 3 extended from the WATRS airspace.	3,638,931 tons. 10 RNAV Routes 8 Automated systems: Tijuana, Guadalajara, Mexico, Puerto Vallarta, Cancun, Monterrey, Merida, Mazatlan.	
Safety Number of runway incursions per year; Number of operational errors per year; Number of accidents per 100,000 departures; Number of fatalities per 100,000 departures; Number of LHD reports	Based on implemented comprehensive quality system, analysis ongoing of statistics, operational errors and incident occurrences for continuous improvements in air navigation services	Aruba: collecting information ongoing - NA: analysis of statistics ongoing regarding LHDs and Runway incursions.	Percentage of 0.02% Incidents per number of air operations	Analysis of LHDs ongoing to mitigate occurrences.	Analysis of LHDs ongoing	Extensive matured evaluation process based on quality assurance principles. Operational improvements based on SMS risk analysis to ensure level of air navigation services in the	Analysis ongoing of operational errors and incident occurrences reported by users		

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Key Performance Area and Corresponding Metrics

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TABLE 2. METRICS AND ACHIEVEMENTS: E/CAR SUB REGION - May 2011

	FIR							
Key Performance Area and			PIARCO				SAN JUAN	
Corresponding Metrics	OECS **	Barbados	Trinidad and Tobago	France (Guadalupe and Martinique)	UK (Montserrat)	Sint Maarten, St Eustatius and Saba	UK (Anguilla, British Virgin Islands - BVI)	United States (Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands)
Percentage of instrument runway ends with an approach procedure with vertical guidance (APV), (BARO-VNAV and/or augmented GNSS) either as the primary approach or as a back-up for precision approaches; PBN Routes implemented and published in en-route; Number of terminal areas with SID/STAR implemented.	Dominica, Saint Kitts y Nevis, Santa Lucia: RNAV (GNSS) = 6	RNAV: 2 SIDs, 2 APPs (RNP) = 4	RNAV GNSS: 4 APPs (RNP) = 4	RNAV GNSS: 4 STARs, 2 APPs (RNP) = 6		RNAV GNSS: 1 SIDs, 3 STARs, 1 APP (RNP) = 5		RNAV (GPS): 8 SIDs, 10 STARs, 10 APPs (RNP) = 28

^{**:} OECS: Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada Saint Kitts y Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

TABLE 3. METRICS AND ACHIEVEMENTS: Central America SUB REGION and Mexico: May - 2011

Performance Metrics	Belize	Costa Rica	El Salvador	Guatemala	Honduras	Nicaragua	Mexico	COCESNA
Efficiency Estimated fuel savings (year 2000 as baseline);	40% 2008 to date	0% 2009=191, 227.152 litres		Information not available 0%	90%		3,638,931 tons	N/A
Percent of flights departing on-time;	80%	Not available		In implementation process 50%	85%			N/A
Percentage of instrument runway ends with an approach procedure with vertical guidance (APV), (BARO-VNAV and/or augmented GNSS) either as the primary approach or as a back-up for precision approaches;	NIL Approaches ILS 90%	0 1 in process	NIL	0%	95%	NIL		N/A
PBN Routes implemented and published in en-route;	No	0	NIL	6 STAR a) 3 RWY 01, b) 3 RWY 19	0%	NIL	10 RNAV routes	18 PBN routes
Number of certified aircrafts and pilots for PBN operations for en- route and TMA;	NIL	Not available			40%		Aircrafts: 130 Pilots: 300	N/A
Percent of flights with normal flight duration;	90%	Not available		Information not available 0%	90%			NIL
Traffic movements i.e. # of movements;		160.213 VFR/IFR		100%	50%		2010= 950,000 2009= 1,822,465 2008= 2,044,239 2007= 2,136,908 2006= 1,979,273 2005= 1,698,004	2006: 124400 2007: 132132 2008: 139934 2009; 145125 2010 104000* *to August 2010
Unused capacity i.e. # of movements;				In process 20%	5%			N/A
Number of ATC automated systems that are interconnected;		5			25%		8: Tijuana, Guadalajara, México, Puerto Vallarta, Cancun, Monterrey, Mérida, Mazatlan	6. Note: corresponds to the integration of 6 radars from different States with whom COCESNA has agreements/radar data exchange.
Number of terminal areas with SID/STAR implemented;	0	2	1	2	2	NIL		N/A
Safety Number of runway incursions per year;	3	2006=6 2009=0			8%		2010= 0 2009= 0	N/A

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	Performance Metrics	Belize	Costa Rica	El Salvador	Guatemala	Honduras	Nicaragua	Mexico	COCESNA
•	Number of operational errors per year;	6	6			10%		2010= 11 2009= 11	Working in the 2010 statistics
•	Number of accidents per 100,000 departures;	8	1			4%		2010= 5.242134 2009= 4.735106	N/A
•	Number of fatalities per 100,000 departures;	8	1			4%		2010=3.58 2009=2.27	N/A
•	Number of LHD reports.				N/A	10%		2009=3 2010=3	2008: 29 2009: 22 2010: 12 * *to September 2010.