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Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 28 to 30 April 2014

Agenda Item 10: Air Transport

10.1 Multi-Regional ICAO/LACAC Air Transport Conference

ICAO- LACAC MULTI-REGIONAL AIR TRANSPORT CONFERENCE

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In response to a specific request from the NACC States at the 2013 Thirteenth Meeting of Directors of Civil Aviation of the Central Caribbean (C/CAR/DCA/13), ICAO Headquarters, the NACC and SAM Regional Offices, the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC) and Jamaica as host State are organizing a Multi-Regional Air Transport Conference to be held in Montego Bay, Jamaica, from 7 to 9 October 2014.

*Strategic
Objective:*

- Economic Development of Air Transport

1. Introduction

1.1 Air transport plays an essential role in the global and regional economy, and States require information on how to address challenges to aviation growth, restrictions on traffic rights, air carrier ownership and control, as well as inadequate infrastructure funding.

1.2 Questions arise related to how to optimize the obvious economic and societal contributions provided by air transport and tourism to world connectivity and economic development, how the efficiency and productivity of airport and air navigation services impact airline profitability, among others, which need to be answered in the best context. Therefore, and following a specific request from States during the C/CAR/DCA/13 Meeting in Havana, Cuba, and aware that similar queries take place in other ICAO Regions, the NACC Regional Office initiated coordination to conduct a Multi-Regional Air Transport Conference with the ICAO Headquarters Air Transport Bureau, LACAC and the SAM Regional Office. With outstanding support from Jamaica, the Multi-Regional Air Transport Conference will be held in Montego Bay, Jamaica, from 7 to 9 October 2014.

1.3 Some of the topics being considered during this three-day conference are the following:

- *Air Transport and Tourism: Why and How to Maximize Synergies*
- *Enhancing Connectivity through Technology*
- *Regulatory Responses to Consumer Concerns*
- *International Agreements: Securing the Foundation for Balanced Liberalization*
- *Air Cargo: an Engine of Global and Regional Development*
- *Cooperation for Connectivity*
- *Aircraft Leasing*
- *The Costs of Regulatory Divergence*
- *Moving Towards Seamless Travel*
- *The Impact of Taxation on Air Transport's Development*
- *Tools to Foster Convergence*

1.4 Experts from the aviation community as well as high-level State/Territory representatives are expected to attend. The President of the ICAO Council, Director of the ICAO Air Transport Bureau, NACC and SAM Regional Directors and LACAC Secretary among many others will address the conference.

1.5 In order to provide the audience with a broad view of the air transport sector, international organizations and service providers such as Airports Council International (ACI), Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO), International Air Transport Association (IATA), Latin American and Caribbean Air Transport Association (ALTA), The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA) and World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) will be asked to share their experience and perspectives.

1.6 In addition, it is expected that a Declaration by the regions in support of the (Sixth Air Transport Conference (AT/6Conf) outcomes will conclude the event.

2. Conclusion

2.1 The Meeting is invited to take note of this important Multi-Regional Air Transport Conference and urge States/Territories along with all interested parties to attend this important conference to improve knowledge in this challenging and increasingly complex area of the aviation industry. The corresponding invitation letter will be issued shortly.