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**Agenda Item 3 Follow-up on the NAM/CAR Regional Performance-Based Air Navigation
Implementation Plan (NAM/CAR RPBANIP) Progress
3.3 ANI/WG and other regional group progress reports**

ANI/WG PBN TASK FORCE PROGRESS REPORT

(Presented by the Rapporteur)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
This discussion paper presents the updated progress report of the PBN Taskforce taking into consideration deliberations of the PBN implementation during the NACC/WG/4	
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety• Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency• Security & Facilitation• Economic Development of Air Transport• Environmental Protection
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RPBANIP• First NAM/CAR Air Navigation Implementation Working Group Meeting (ANI/WG/1), Mexico City, Mexico, 29 July to 1 August 2013• PBN TF teleconferences

1. Introduction

1.1 During the NACC WG4 Meeting the PBN taskforce met as a Working Group Committee and discussed the following working papers/information papers:

- WP/08 (ANI/WG Chairman)
- WP/27 (ANI/WG PBN/TF Rapporteur)
- NI/18 (Cuba)
- IP/22 (COCESNA)
- IP/34 (Canada)
- IP/38 (Haiti)

1.2 The NACC WG4 PBN Working Group Committee discussed the Terms of Reference (ToRs), current membership and the work programme, taking into consideration the ANIWG Action Plan.

2. PBN TF Progress and results

Review of ToR and final work programme

2.1 During the first PBN Taskforce teleconference (Sep 13th 2013), a revision to the initial Terms of Reference (**Appendix A**) was agreed upon and there were several discussions relating to the content of the work programme. The NACC WG4 PBN Working Group agreed that the TORs were acceptable.

2.2 The tasks in the work programme were developed in order to:

- Identify deficiencies and constraints with PBN implementation, and to propose solutions that would facilitate resolution of such problems
- Develop and review material needed to meet the ICAO initiative on the introduction of Approach Procedure with Vertical Guidance (APV) approaches including Barometric Vertical Navigation (Baro-VNAV) and Required Navigation Performance-Authorization Required (RNP-AR) as part of the PBN initiative
- Assist with coordination of PBN routes with adjacent regions to ensure Global harmonization

2.3 The work programme (**Appendix B**) was amended by the NACC/WG/4 PBN Working Group to meet the requirements of the ANI/WG Action Plan.

2.4 **Appendix C** shows the ANI WG PBN TF comments to ANI WG PBN Implementation action plan

Activities carried out

2.5 During the teleconferences, the taskforce (TF) has had several discussions on the issues relating to PBN implementation within the NACC Region. It was a common consensus that although many States/Territories/International Organizations (S/T/O's) were on their way to meeting the mandates of ICAO Assembly Resolution A37 – 11, with regard to PBN approaches with APV, there are still some States which are having difficulties. It was also voiced that some of the PBN approaches that have been implemented are not being used by Operators. The TF proposes collaborate with States, Territories and International Organizations such as IATA and CANSO in order to find a solution to this issue.

2.6 In order to determine an accurate status of PBN implementation within the Region as well as determine roadblocks, the TF developed a survey form (**Appendix D**) which has been promulgated by the NACC Regional Office. The responses from (S/T/O's) will be analysed and a report will be provided to the NACC RO showing common implementation issues, with recommendations for solutions.

2.7 Lack of PBN training has been identified by many TF members as a major impediment to progress. The high cost of training courses as well as travel and accommodation makes it difficult for some (S/T/O's) to ensure that their personnel are adequately trained. The TF agreed that the ICAO website provided an excellent resource for basic PBN training. However, technically intensive areas such as Procedure Design and Validation, Terminal Airspace Design, Route restructuring, Conducting Safety Assessments etc., require a more detailed training program. The task force will work with ICAO to explore the possibilities of adding more advanced PBN training to the web resource.

2.8 The TF recognises the issue with regard to harmonization of routes across the various Regions. PBN implementation is Global and requires coordination with adjoining Regional Offices. The TF will work through the NACC RO to ensure that the CDM process is applied to route restructuring and will also provide assistance with regard to updating of LOA's. A list of proposed routes will be tabulated and provided to the ICAO NACC RO.

2.9 PBN is a gate to gate concept and is not restricted only to the implementation of PBN approaches or high level RNAV/RNP routes. The integration of approach and en-route takes place in the Terminal airspace. Terminal Airspace Design is a high priority within the NACC Region and an ICAO/CANSO Regional Workshop on Airspace Concept Redesign and Operational Approval of Performance - Based Navigation (PBN) was held in Mexico City from 25 to 29 November 2013. General reports were that while the workshop was informative, participants were expecting more hands – on training. The TF will support ICAO to review and complement the necessary information/activities for the next PBN related event for more hands-on exercises and implementation discussion and activities.

2.10 Collaborative Decision Making (CDM) is an area which many (S/T/O's) have not engaged in regarding PBN planning. This is a critical step in the planning and design process of airspace, routes and approaches, and the TF is working to assist (S/T/O's) to incorporate this important part of the process into their implementation plan.

Deliverables and results

2.11 Drawing reference to the amended work programme, (Appendix B), tasks (1), (2), (3) and (15) have been completed. There was a delay in completing task (3), which affected the timelines of tasks (4) & (5) respectively. Work continues in the other tasks.

2.12 The PBN taskforce suggests that:

- A recommendation is made to the Directors of Civil Aviation to ensure that a high level of emphasis is placed on PBN training and associated disciplines, such as Airspace Design, Procedure Design, Operational Approvals, Safety/Risk Assessments, Performance Metering etc. and that States, Territories and International Organizations should take advantage of the many programs being offered by ICAO.
- States, Territories and International Organizations recognize the need to engage in CDM in all phases of PBN implementation.
- The ICAO NACC Regional Office in collaboration with the PBN TF, explore the possibility of including more advanced PBN training courses to the on-line training programs.

2.13 One of the issues recognized by the rapporteur is the lack of participation/contribution by some of the members of the TF. At the working group meeting, it is suggested that the nomination list be amended/updated by (S/T/O's) to ensure that the membership list is valid and that persons recognise the responsibilities associated with being a TF member.

3. Suggested Actions

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) Review and approve the PBN TF's ToR and work programme; completing those members that have not designated their persons (Haiti and Mexico)
- b) Evaluate the progress of the PBN TF;
- c) Approve the recommendations and improvements suggested by the TF; and
- d) Propose any other action or task as deem necessary

APPENDIX A
TASK FORCE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PERFORMANCE-BASED NAVIGATION (PBN)
AIRSPACE CONCEPT

1. *Background*

1.1 During the first ANI/WG meeting, a PBN Implementation Task Force was formed in order to streamline related air navigation implementation activities. This Task Force shall carry out specific studies to support Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) implementation in the NAM/CAR Regions in accordance with the NAM/CAR RPBANIP, as well as update and report progress to the ANI/WG based on the action plan for these tasks.

2. *Responsibilities*

The Task Force is responsible for:

- a) Work Programme Management
- b) Continued refinement and ongoing review of the NAMCAR PBN Implementation Plan and monitoring and reporting on its application in the Regions
- c) Assisting States with optimizing the Air Traffic Services (ATS) route structure within the NAM/CAR Regions based on PBN Airspace Concept implementation
- d) Carrying out specific studies, developing guidance material and organizing workshops and seminars to assist States with Area Navigation/Required Navigation Performance (RNAV/RNP) implementation in the en-route, terminal, and approach flight phases, taking into account the PBN concept according to the ICAO Strategic Objectives and Global Plan Initiatives (GPIs)
- e) Assisting States with preparation and review of their PBN Implementation Plan to ensure regional harmonization and possible inclusion in ICAO regional documentation
- f) Identifying deficiencies and constraints with PBN implementation, and propose solutions that would facilitate resolution of such problems
- g) Developing and reviewing material needed to meet the ICAO initiative on the introduction of Approach Procedure with Vertical Guidance (APV) approaches including Barometric Vertical Navigation (Baro-VNAV) and Required Navigation Performance-Authorization Required (RNP-AR) as part of the PBN initiative
- h) Addressing other regional PBN implementation issues, including those related to safety management
- i) Reviewing activities of PBN Task Forces from other regions, including their PBN implementation action plans, to ensure harmonization and avoid duplication of work

3. **Working Methods**

The Task Force will:

- a) Present its work programme containing activities in terms of objectives, responsibilities, deliverables and timelines
- b) Avoid duplicating work within the ANI/WG and maintain close coordination among the existing entities to optimize use of available resources and experience
- c) Designate, as necessary, ad hoc groups to work on specific topics and activities and organize clearly defined tasks and activities
- d) Coordinate tasks to maximize efficiency and reduce costs via electronic means including emails, telephone and teleconference calls, and convene meetings as necessary
- e) Report on and coordinate the progress of assigned tasks to the ANI/WG

4. **Work Programme – will be included**

5. **Membership:**

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NACC ANI/WG PBN TASKFORCE WORK PROGRAMME 2013-2015

Task Name/Area	Deliverables	START DATE (DD/MM/YY)	END DATE (DD/MM/YY)	PERCENTAGE COMPLETED (%)	RESPONSIBLE	REMARKS
IMPLEMENTATION OF PERFORMANCE BASED NAVIGATION (PBN)						
1. Establish a Regional PBN Task Force to assist with implementation	NACC PBN TASKFORCE to aid with facilitating PBN implementation as identified in NAMCAR RPBANIP	July 2013	28/Oct/13	100%	ICAO ICAO NACC/States Territories/International Organizations	COMPLETED
2. Conduct a review of NAM/CAR RPBANIP RPO (1) and make suggestions/recommendations to ICAO (if required)	TASKFORCE ensures that PBN initiatives within the RPBANIP are current/valid and cater to the needs of the operations within the region	July 2013	15/Dec/2013	100%	NAM/CAR PBN TASKFORCE	COMPLETED
3. Develop and promulgate a survey form to all States within the region to establish updated PBN implementation status and also to identify roadblocks	Current status of PBN implementation within the region is known. Roadblocks are identified, reported to ICAO NACC Regional Office and the TASKFORCE will work with ICAO and the States involved to develop plan of action to solve the problems	1/Nov/2013	15/Dec/2013 Target date exceeded	100%	NAM/CAR PBN TASKFORCE/ ICAO NACC	COMPLETED February 28 th 2014 Survey Form promulgated by NACC Regional Office
4. Report Regional PBN Implementation status to ICAO NACC Office with recommendations on solving implementation issues		1/Apr/ 2014	30/Jun/ 2014	Not started	NAM/CAR PBN TASKFORCE Rapporteur	VALID
5. Develop plan of action to assist those States which have not already developed a PBN implementation plan	All States within the NAMCAR region will have up-to-date plans in a Standardized format which are aligned with the NAMCAR	1/April/ 2014	30/Dec/14	Not started	NAM/CAR PBN TASKFORCE/ ICAO NACC	VALID

Task Name/Area	Deliverables	START DATE (DD/MM/YY)	END DATE (DD/MM/YY)	PERCENTAGE COMPLETED (%)	RESPONSIBLE	REMARKS
	RPBANIP					
6. Assist states with establishing CDM with stakeholders	Ensure harmonization of procedures and reduce implementation obstacles	1/Jan/14	30/Dec/14	20%	NAM/CAR PBN TASKFORCE	ON-GOING
7. Based on implementation of FPL 2012, conduct a study on whether automated systems in use within the region provide ATCOs with PBN status of flights	Report identifying if the information displayed to ATCOs on their situational displays is sufficient	1/Jan/14	30/Dec/14	30%	NAM/CAR PBN TASKFORCE	ON-GOING
8. Request from States/Territories an updated list of PBN Capabilities of aircraft operating in their region/airspace (in collaboration with IATA)	Valid database with up-to-date information on PBN capabilities of all aircraft within the region	1/Jan/14	30/Dec/14	Not started	NAM/CAR PBN TASKFORCE/ ICAO NACC	VALID
9. Work with States/Territories to utilize Safety Assessment methods recommended by ICAO in implementing PBN procedures	A safety assessment model/template for all States within the region to utilize	15/Jan/14	31/DEC/14	10%	NAM/CAR PBN TASKFORCE	ON-GOING
10. Assist States within region with modifying LOAs	Templates for States to follow in developing LOA's Assistance from the TASKFORCE, through ICAO, in collaborating with other regions (E.g SAM, NAT, AFI etc.)	1 January 2014	30 Dec/2014	15%	NAM/CAR PBN TASKFORCE/ICAO NACC	ON-GOING
11. Develop PBN proposal for amendment to the applicable regional documentation	Model/Template for States to utilize in developing their PBN proposal for amendment	1 June 2014	30/Dec /2014	Not Started	NAM/CAR PBN TASKFORCE	VALID

Task Name/Area	Deliverables	START DATE (DD/MM/YY)	END DATE (DD/MM/YY)	PERCENTAGE COMPLETED (%)	RESPONSIBLE	REMARKS
12. Assist States in developing training programme/briefings for Pilots, ATCOs, operators and regulators	Standardized Model for States to utilize in designing the PBN training programs	30 Jun 2014	December 2015	Not Started	NAM/CAR PBN TASKFORCE/ICAO NACC	VALID
13. Work with States./Territories to utilize the ICAO recommended performance measurement programmes	Up to date information available on performance status of implemented procedures	June 2014	December 2015	Not Started	NAM/CAR PBN TASKFORCE	VALID
14. Develop a template to assist States in developing a)TMA airspace b) Continental airspace c) Oceanic airspace re-design plan	Template assisting States in re-designing TMA	June 2014	June 2015	Not Started	NAM/CAR PBN TASKFORCE	VALID
15. Assist States/Territories with the monitoring process of PBN initiatives that have been implemented	Analysis of regional implementation	Dec 2014	Dec 2016			
16. Coordination of progress within TF Members	Inputs to ANI/WG Rapporteur for presentation to NACC/WG/04 Meeting	31/Jan/14	28/Feb/14	100%	TF Rapporteur	Completed
17. ANI/WG PBN Task Force Meeting	Follow-up activities	03/Oct/14	03/Oct/14		All Members	VALID

APPENDIX C

ANI WG PBN TF COMMENTS TO ANI WG PBN IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN

Task Name	Start	End	Observation/comments
a) Implement Collaborative Decision-Making (CDM) process in coordination with stakeholders	April 2014	Dec 2016	PBN-TF as outlined in work program task #6, has created an ad-hoc WG to address this issue
b) Implement PBN airspace concept for oceanic, continental and terminal areas in accordance with the ICAO PBN Manual	April 2014	Dec 2016	PBN-TF has amended its work program item #14 to include the development of a template to assist States in developing oceanic, continental and TMA airspace re-design plans
c) Update Letters of Agreement between ATC units	April 2014	Dec 2016	PBN-TF work program item #10 addresses this issue
d) Publish regulations and procedures for PBN operational approval	April 2014	Dec 2016	PBN-TF work program item #11 addresses this issue
e) Evaluate and implement PBN requirements for ATC automated systems, as required	April 2014	Dec 2016	PBN-TF work program item #7 addresses this issue
f) Analyze and enhance air communication, navigation (ground navaids GNSS) and surveillance infrastructure in accordance with PBN requirements	April 2014	Dec 2018	PBN-TF will coordinate with the SACCSA
g) Develop and implement PBN training programme for pilots, ATCOs, operators and regulators, as well as implementation of GNSS technologies	April 2014	Dec 2018	PBN-TF work program item #12 addresses this issue
h) Optimize the ATS route structure through implementation of RNAV routes between major city pairs with navigation specification RNAV-5 /2 for en-route operations	April 2014	Dec 2016	PBN-TF work program item #14 addresses this issue
i) Implement CDOs/CCOs for SIDs/STARS in terminal areas based on RNAV 1-2 and RNP 1-/2 navigation specification, as required	April 2014	Dec 2016	PBN-TF work program item #14 addresses this issue

Task Name	Start	End	Observation/comments
j) Design and implement PBN APV in accordance with Assembly Resolution A37-11	April 2014	Dec 2016	PBN-TF work program item #14 addresses this issue
k) Conduct PBN safety assessment based ATC simulations (fast time and/or real time), live trials, etc., as required	April 2014	Dec 2016	PBN-TF work program item #09 addresses this issue
l) Develop performance measurement programme	April 2014	Dec 2016	PBN-TF work program item #13 addresses this issue
m) Develop post-implementation PBN Safety Assessment Programme	April 2014	Dec 2016	PBN-TF work program item #09 addresses this issue
n) Monitor implementation progress	April 2014	Dec 2018	PBN-TF work program item #15 addresses this issue



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28 February 2014

To: States, Territories and International Organizations

Subject: **Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) Implementation Status Survey**

Action

Required: **Complete and submit survey by 20 March 2014**

Sir/Madam:

Please find enclosed a PBN implementation status survey prepared by the NAM/CAR Air Navigation Implementation Working Group (ANI/WG) PBN Implementation Airspace Concept Task Force. The Task Force was formed in order to streamline air navigation implementation related activities, carry out specific studies to support PBN implementation in the NAM/CAR Regions in accordance with the NAM/CAR Regional Performance-Based Air Navigation Implementation Plan (NAM/CAR RPBANIP), and based on the action plan for these tasks, update and report progress to the ANI/WG.

The survey corresponds to a PBN Task Force deliverable. Its main purpose is to collect information on PBN planning and implementation status from all States and Air Navigation Service Providers in order to update the regional PBN strategy and propose recommendations for improving PBN implementation in the NAM/CAR Regions.

The survey results will be discussed at the upcoming Fourth North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group Meeting (NACC/WG/4) to be held in Ottawa, Canada, from 24 to 28 March 2014. Therefore, the completed survey must be submitted to this office by **20 March 2014**.

If you need further details, please contact Mr. Riaaz Mohammed, PBN TF Rapporteur (rmohammed@caa.gov.tt); Mr. Victor Hernandez, Regional Officer ATM/SAR (vhernandez@icao.int); and/or his assistant, Ms. Ana Valencia (avalencia@icao.int).

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



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**ATTACHMENT
ICAO NACC PBN TASK FORCE SURVEY FORM**

State/Organization: _____

Date: _____

Item	Question	Answer		Comments <i>Details of your answer</i>
		Yes	No	
1A	Does your State/Organization have a Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) Implementation Plan or Roadmap?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1B	Is this plan being followed? If not, what are the roadblocks/limitations to implementation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1C	Are there areas of PBN implementation in which your State/Organization require assistance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2A	What is the percentage of aerodromes in your State/Organization that have PBN approach procedures?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2B	Do operators utilize the PBN approaches? If not, why?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	Has your State/Organization engaged in Collaborative Decision Making (CDM) with relevant stakeholders in regard to PBN implementation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	Are your controller work positions automated and, if so, do they clearly display PBN equipment capability to the air traffic controller (ATCO)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	Do you have Standard Instrument Departure (SIDs) and Standard Instrument Arrival (STARs) at your international aerodromes? (Indicate if they are conventional or PBN).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Have you implemented any Continuous Climb Operations (CCOs)/ Continuous Descent Operations (CDOs)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7	List PBN training received by the professionals responsible for PBN implementation in your State/Organization.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8	Do you use Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) as replacement/back-up for conventional NAVAIDS?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9	Do you have plans to restructure your airspace(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10	Identify what augmentation system are you using or planning (Ground-Based Augmentation System (GBAS) Satellite-Based Augmentation System (SBAS), Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS), etc.) (include date).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11	Has your State/ Organization implemented Electronic Terrain and Obstacle Data (e-TOD)? Identify what areas and at how many international airports.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	