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                     9.2   Regional Project RLA/09/801- Go-Team Concept

ICAO REGIONAL PROJECT RLA/09/801 — GO-TEAM CONCEPT

(Presented by Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This information paper presents a summary of the establishment of Go-Teams to assist project member States with implementation of Performance-Based Navigation (PBN), State Safety Programmes (SSPs) and Safety Management Systems (SMS), Air Traffic Services Inter-Facility Data Communication (AIDC), ATS Messages Handling Systems (AMHS), aerodrome certification, Runway Safety Teams (RSTs), etc.

Strategic Objective:	• Safety
References:	• Third Project Steering Committee Meeting (SCM/3) Meeting, Trinidad and Tobago, 29 April 2014

1.   Introduction

1.1   In order to support CAR Region States with national level implementation of future systems and services in accordance with the NAM/CAR Regional Performance-Based Air Navigation Implementation Plan (RPBANIP), the NACC Directors of Civil Aviation adopted Conclusion NACC/DCA/4/2 – *ICAO Regional Project for the Caribbean Region – Implementation of Performance-Based Air Navigation Systems (RLA/09/801).*

1.2   This Project is a tool for member States to streamline air navigation implementation matters and contributes to a safer, more secure, efficient and economic air transport system. It provides a means to support the social and economic development of participant States/Territories and international organizations through standardization and harmonization of aeronautical activities based upon proven and modern methodologies and technologies for the provision of air navigation services within the CAR Region.

2.   Objective

2.1   The Go-Team is a mutual supporting mechanism to assist States with developing implementation capacity (qualified staff), implementation of air navigation and safety matters based on regional priorities contained in the RPBANIP (PBN, Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM), SMS/SSP, aerodrome certification, RSTs, Aeronautical Information Management (AIM), AIDC, telecommunication improvements, etc.) through technical assistance, assessments and gap analysis, expert recommendations and lessons learned.

2.2   These coordinated and regionally deployed Go-Teams, lead by ICAO NACC Regional Office, allows participation by existing regional expertise to support implementation of regional requirements according to priorities derived from deficiencies.

3.   Framework

3.1   Go-Team outcomes will include assistance in areas requiring implementation such as:

- Gap analysis of implementation status (PBN, ATFM, SMS/SSP, aerodrome certification, RST, AIM, AIDC, telecommunication improvements, etc.)
- Recommendations on implementation activities, action plan updates/improvements
- Support with current implementation

3.2   Go-Teams will be formed by a maximum of three experts from project members and the ICAO NACC Regional Office. The total cost associated with Go-Team deployment will be covered by the project. A maximum of five days shall be authorized for each Go-Team mission.

3.3   All Go-Teams will be led by the ICAO NACC Regional Office in close coordination with the member State/Territory receiving the Go-Team.

4.   Procedures to Deploy a Go-Team

4.1   Project member States can send a request to the ICAO NACC Regional Office based on regional priorities, including the scope of the request, time-frame and location. The ICAO NACC Regional Office will propose the organization of a Go-Team based on the particular concerns of a Project member State/Territory.

4.2   The ICAO NACC Regional Office will review all requests received and prioritize accordingly based on the activity. ICAO will develop Terms of Reference for Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and identify the SME and his/her availability to participate in the Go-Team.

4.3   The project member State/Territory will commit to implementation of the action plan resulting from the Go-Team mission and provide feedback on the progress made to the ICAO NACC Regional Office on a monthly basis.

4.4   Activities that may be requested, as applicable, in a Go-Team mission:

- Collect required data and practices to maintain data integrity
- Conduct risk analysis and assessments

- Complete and/or improve implementation action plans (PBN, ATFM, SMS/SSP, aerodrome certification, AIM, AIDC, RST, telecommunication improvements, etc.)
- Provide guidance to establish the regulatory framework, certification process and other mechanisms, as required
- Provide necessary assistance to States for implementation and sustainment of State capabilities (PBN, ATFM, SMS/SSP, aerodrome certification, AIM, AIDC, telecommunication improvements, etc.)
- Assist with air navigation operational approval
- Conduct other implementation related activities (PBN, SMS/SSP, Aerodrome certification, AIM, AIDC, telecommunication improvements, etc.) as assigned
- Provide mission report to ICAO NACC Regional Office

5. **Proposed Safety Implementation Go-Teams 2014**

5.1 The safety implementation Go-Team schedule for 2014 is included in the **Appendix** to this information paper.

6. **Conclusion**

6.1 The ESC is invited to take note of the establishment of Go-Teams to assist State/Territory project members with implementation of safety related matters such as SSPs, SMS, RSTs and aerodrome certification.

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Proposed Safety Implementation Go-Teams 2014

Implementation Go-Teams	State	Proposed dates
State Safety Programme (SSP)	Curacao	May (completed)
Aerodrome Certification	Dominican Republic	September
Runway Safety Team (RST)	Guatemala ECCAA	October November

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