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To: States, Territories

Subject: **Invitation – Webinar: Air Navigation Services (ANS) Provision and Oversight in a COVID-19 Context**
On line, 23 April 2021, at 12:00 noon EDT (1600 UTC)

Action

Required: 1) Register participation by **22 April 2021**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As part of ICAO Activities to support the sustainable return to normal operations levels, I wish to invite your Administration/Organization to participate in the Webinar: Air Navigation Services (ANS) Provision and Oversight in a COVID-19 Context, which will be provided in collaboration with United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on 23 April 2021 at 12:00 noon EDT (1600 UTC). The two-hour webinar, with time for questions and answers, will take place through the Zoom platform.

This event aims to support a constant recovery of air operations, promoting compliance with the responsibilities related to the provision and surveillance of air navigation services, incorporating the lessons learned through this process and resuming the activities that were postponed or reduced since the beginning of the pandemic.

It is expected that, with the information provided, States/Territories may implement improvements to contingency planning of air navigation service providers in the region and the continuation of safety oversight activities, taking into consideration the necessary controls to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in air navigation facilities.

The topics to be discussed will be:

1. ANS Safety Oversight

- Responsibilities regarding Air Traffic Control (ATC) personnel licensing and ratings
- Strategies for ANS inspections and audits (virtual, reduced, or hybrid)
- State safety risk management

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2. Continuity of air navigation services operations during the COVID-19 pandemic

- maintenance of personnel competencies in a reduced traffic environment
- enhanced procedures for ANS facilities
- ATC operational environment, enhanced working procedures
- Procedures to address involved facilities

Personnel from the air traffic control services and those responsible for ANS safety oversight of the States and Territories of the ICAO NAM/CAR Regions and representatives of invited International Organizations are expected to attend. The working languages of the meeting will be English, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided if sufficient participants of both languages provide timely registration.

I would appreciate confirmation of your participation by **22 April 2021** by registering here: https://icao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JrNynd--TEKvC7yevpEJAA

If you require any further information regarding the event, please contact Mr. Eddian Méndez, Regional Officer, Air Traffic Management and Search and Rescue (emendez@icao.int) or Mrs. Yolanda Terrazas, Assistant, (yterrazas@icao.int).

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


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Caribbean (NACC) Regional Office