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Caribbean

- *Caribbean Aviation Resilience and Recovery Group (CARRG)*
  - This group has been established to enhance collaboration on the development of disaster resilience and recovery partnerships throughout the Caribbean aviation sector. The CAARG will facilitate information sharing prior to, during, and after an event, and provide human and equipment resources as needed to re-establish air traffic and airport operations following a disaster event.
  - Current participants include: Barbados, Belize, ECCAA, Guyana, Haiti, Sint Maarten, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago

Central America

- *Central American Partnership (CAP)*
  - With funding support from the U.S. Department of State, the FAA established the CAP program to provide capacity-building support to aviation authorities and airports for the seven Central American countries. In collaboration with COCESNA, the CAP will focus on implementation of international standards, providing technical training, and assisting authorities in modernizing air navigation, airport technologies, and operational procedures that increase efficiency and safety of regional air navigation.
  - Current participants include: Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

South America

- *U.S.-Brazil Aviation Partnership (AP)*
  - The U.S.-Brazil AP was launched in 2012 as a public-private partnership to enhance bilateral cooperation in areas such as airport expansion, airspace management, safety, commercial space cooperation, and security. Over twenty workshops, seminars and reverse trade missions have occurred in the first three phases of the AP. The next (fourth) phase of the AP will include four technical workshops, four reverse trade missions and six webinars on various aviation and security topics.

Other Regional Activities

- *ICAO NACC Safety Oversight System (SOS) Project*
  - The main objective of the ICAO NACC SOS Project is to increase the level of safety oversight within the NACC Region and establish a solid and permanent monitoring system as part of the NACC Systemic Assistance Program (SAP), in particular the SAP Sustainability Phase. The NACC SAP is a strategy to ensure compliance with ICAO

SARPS and the resolution of Significant Safety Concerns. The FAA has agreed to provide SMEs, in-kind contributions, and/or training in support of the SOS Project.

- *RLA09801 Multi-regional Civil Aviation Assistance Program (MCAAP)*
  - The FAA provides in-kind contributions to this ICAO regional technical cooperation project supporting regional implementation of safety and air navigation initiatives. So far in 2020, the FAA has agreed to provide technical SMEs to participate in technical assistance missions in Jamaica and Barbados.

- *Cybersecurity*
  - In an effort to enhance the aviation community's resiliency to a cyber-attack, the FAA has provided regional workshops and table-top exercises to define common principles, best practices, and methods to identify, assess, and mitigate cybersecurity risks and threats.
  - The FAA hosted a regional tabletop event for the Caribbean region in 2018. The next cybersecurity event will be conducted with Mexican authorities later this year.