



Agenda Item 2

E/CAR/WG transition to E/CAR CATG

2.1 E/CAR DCA/24 mandate for E/CAR/WG transition to E/CAR CATG

E/CAR/WG TRANSITION TO E/CAR/CATG AND THE NEW AIR NAVIGATION IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP (ANI/WG)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
This working paper presents a briefing on the transition of the Working Groups into the E/CAR/CATG and ANI/WG as part of the improvements requested by the DCAs to enhance the efficiency in the implementation of the air navigation issues.	
References:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24th Eastern Caribbean Directors of Civil Aviation (E/CAR/DCA/24) Meeting, Martinique, French Antilles, October 2012• Fourth Meeting of North American, Central American and Caribbean Directors of Civil Aviation (NACC/DCA/4), San Pedro Sula, Honduras, June 2011	
Strategic Objectives	<i>This working paper is related to Strategic Objectives: A. Safety – Enhance global civil aviation safety C. Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development of Air Transport</i>

1. Introduction

1.1 The 4th Meeting of Directors of the NAM and CAR Regions formulated Conclusion NACC/DCA/4/9 *Consolidation of Sub-Regional Working Groups in the CAR Region*, that mandated ICAO to study options to seek improved efficiency and effectiveness in the existing sub-regional working group mechanism, which supports air navigation implementation and present the results and proposal to the sub-regional Directors of Civil Aviation meetings scheduled in 2012.

1.2 The 96th Meeting of Directors General of Civil Aviation of Central America and Panama (DGAC/CAP/96), held in Mexico City, Mexico, from 22 to 25 May 2012, considered options for the future implementation mechanism of the CAR Region ANP and developed a proposal combining the best aspects of the options applicable to the region, which is summarized as follows:

- The three existing sub-regional working groups are geographically consolidated, incorporating the NAM Region, similar to the existing NACC Working Group.
- Organize air navigation areas by combining those that are most inter-related and integrated in order to create a NAM/CAR Working Group combining the ATM, CNS and AIM fields, which would hold face-to-face annual meetings and work remotely between meetings.
- The AGA, MET and SAR fields would work separately based on the respective projects.
- Critical and urgent multi-disciplinary programmes that are worked by projects might require specific events in addition to the annual meeting, but these cases would be kept to a minimum and prioritized to prevent a proliferation of additional events.
- The NACC/WG would be retained, involving all air navigation fields, meeting every three years prior to the NACC Directors of Civil Aviation meeting.

1.3 The Twelfth Meeting of Directors of Civil Aviation of the Central Caribbean (C/CAR/DCA/12), held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, from 10 to 13 July 2012, reviewed the proposal and agreed with the proposed mechanism for future implementation of the ANP in the CAR Region, formulating the following recommendations for consideration in the evolution of the proposal:

- The frequency of face-to-face meetings of the new working group should be “as necessary,” maximizing the use of virtual meetings.
- The participation of the AGA, MET and SAR fields in the meetings of the new working group should be based on meeting content.
- If the new working group will include the NAM Region, ICAO will convey the proposal to the NAM States and Territories in the name of the States and Territories of the CAR Region.
- The coordination between the NAM, CAR and SAM Regions will continue to be the responsibility of the ICAO Regional Offices and GREPECAS mechanism.

1. Discussion

2.1 ICAO conducted the discussion of the consolidation of the working groups in all the three sub regional Meetings of Directors of Civil Aviation of 2012 (DGAC/CAP/96, C/CAR/DCA/12 and E/CAR/DCA/24) where finally a consensus was agreed for this consolidation in the E/CAR/DCA/24 through its Conclusion 24/7 – *New NAM/CAR Air Navigation Implementation Working Group*, where the establishment of the new NAM/CAR Air Navigation Implementation Working Group (NAM/CAR ANI/WG) was completed as follows:

- consolidate the three existing sub-regional working groups and incorporate the NAM Region, similar to the existing NACC Working Group (NACC/WG);
- normally limit the scope of work to those air navigation areas that are most inter-related and integrated combining the ATM, CNS and AIM fields;
- separate AGA, MET, and SAR fields to work based on their respective projects, but include those areas in the triennial NACC/WG meetings;
- normally hold face-to-face meetings at most once a year, as required, and work remotely between meetings maximizing the use of correspondence and virtual meetings; and
- represent the Eastern Caribbean in the NAM/CAR ANI/WG meetings with a delegation having decision-making authority on behalf of the sub-region;

2.2 In this same conclusion 24/7, the E/CAR/DCA mandated that E/CAR States/Territories continue the sub-regional work independently with a newly named E/CAR Civil Aviation Technical Group, still reporting to the E/CAR DCAs as well as to the new NAM/CAR ANI/WG, and retaining the existing Chairperson and Committees, with continued remote support from ICAO and in the event ICAO attendance at E/CAR Civil Aviation Technical Group meetings is requested, the E/CAR States will provide funding to accommodate travel expenses.

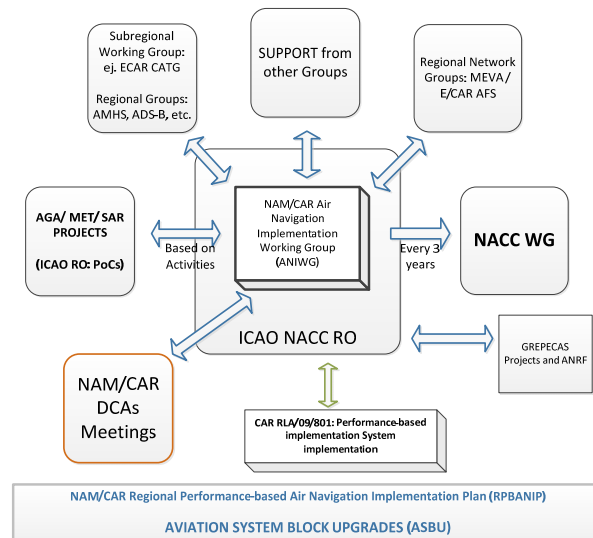
2.3 Similar the Director of Civil Aviation agreed that the NACC/WG could still be retained, as it encompasses both the NAM and CAR Regions. In addition, its triennial meeting serves as a useful forum to prepare ANP implementation matters for review by the triennial NACC/DCA meetings, which are held in the year following the triennial ICAO Assembly sessions.

2.4 Given that agreement had been reached by the entire CAR Region, ICAO was requested to implement the new mechanism starting the beginning of 2013, ensuring adequate transition from the previous sub-regional to the new regional working mechanism. Commencement of the first NAM/CAR ANI/WG Meeting is planned to be held during 29 July to 1 August 2013 to consider the results of the AN-Conf/12 and consequential revision required to the NAM/CAR RPBANIP.

2.4 In 2013, ICAO has conducted two teleconferences in support of the transition to the new working group ANI/WG highlighting the following issues:

- The formal establishment of the ANI/WG was informed through the ICAO State Letter EMX0944 dated 24 October 2012: New NAM/CAR Air Navigation Implementation Working Group).
- The objective of the ANI/WG is to consolidate the existing sub-regional working groups (Central Caribbean, Eastern Caribbean and Central America), reduce the number of meetings, avoid duplication, expedite the work progress, and improve regional harmonization focused on the ATM, CNS and AIM air navigation fields. The participation of the group will include all the CAR and NAM States/territories. Also the group will assist in the implementation of the NAM air navigation activities and NAM Plan in harmonization with the CAR air navigation activities.
- It was informed that the first ANI/WG Meeting (ANI/WG/1) will be carried out in the ICAO NACC Regional Office in Mexico City from 29 July to 1 August.
- ICAO presented draft terms of Reference (ToR) for the ANI/WG for initial comments and observations. ICAO described the expected work plans for the ANI/WG, emphasizing that the current work plans for the subregional working groups will be maintained and updated to become the ANI/WG action plan. It was recalled that all the air navigation tasks and activities will be adjusted to reflect the ASBU methodology.
- It was explained that the ANI/WG shall be meeting annually except for every third year where the NACC Working Group will be meeting. It was recalled that the NACC Working Group groups all air navigation fields (AGA, AIM, ATM, CNS; MET and SAR). A chairperson and a vice chairperson shall be elected for a three years session.

- Discussion on the preparation for the ANI/WG/1 Meeting – ICAO explained the work coordination that the ANI/WG will have with the existing regional Air navigation implementation groups, projects and meetings as follows; where the ICAO NACC Regional Office will function as secretariat and coordinator with the other groups and projects ensuring the alignment of the activities with the NAM/CAR Regional Performance-based Air Navigation Implementation Plan (ASBU) and ICAO objectives:



2.5 Similarly the E/CAR/CATG/1 chairman with the assistance of ICAO has conducted several teleconferences in support of the transition to the new working group CATG highlighting the following issues:

- Explanation of the activities and work programme to be continued from the E/CAR/WG
- Scope of the activities and the need to improve the group efficiency and coordination
- Follow-up to the E/CAR Committees
- Agenda item organization for the first E/CAR/CATG Meeting and
- ANI/WG support by the E/CAR/CATG

3. Suggested Actions

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- Take note of the information of these transitions;
- review and propose improvements for the new E/CAR/CATG and
- take any other action as deem necessary.