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Sixth Eastern Caribbean Network Technical Group (E/CAR/NTG/6) and Fourth Eastern Caribbean Radar Data Sharing Ad-hoc Group (E/CAR/RD/4) Meetings
Miami, United States, 13 - 14 July 2015

Agenda Item 6: Update of E/CAR/NTG and RDS Terms of Reference and Work Programme

E/CAR/NTG FUTURE MEETING AND UPDATE TO ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RD AD HOC GROUP'S TASKS

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
This paper proposes the activities and the duration of the E/CAR/NTG/7 and E/CAR/RD/5 Meeting and proposes an update to the E/CAR/NTG Terms of Reference and work programme and Radar Data Sharing Ad hoc Group Tasks.	
Action	Suggested action is presented in section 3
Strategic Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety• Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency
References:	Fifth Eastern Caribbean Network Technical Group (E/CAR/NTG/5) and Third Eastern Caribbean Radar Data Sharing Ad hoc Group (E/CAR/RD/3) Meetings, Guadeloupe, French Antilles, France, 22 to 24 October 2014.

1. Introduction

1.1 The annual E/CAR/NTG meetings have proven to be very productive and effective, rapidly solving problems like the original E/CAR AFS Network issues; implementation of the MPLS Network; implementation of failure reporting features; coordination on new services implementation; and establishing awareness on Network health, changes and expansion. Similarly the joint execution of these meeting with the Radar Data Sharing Ad hoc Group activities has also demonstrated an efficient and cost-effective implementation.

1.2 The E/CAR States and Territories recognized the challenges faced by States to fund participation at meetings and recalled that the last two NTG meetings were combined with E/CAR/CATG meetings, as the current NTG/6 meeting. The combination of meetings seems to be very cost-effective for delegates to participate.

1.3 During the last E/CAR/NTG Meeting, the E/CAR States and Territories recognized that the E/CAR AFS communication network and RDS tasks will be key components of the ICAO Aviation System Block upgrades (ASBU) implementation, and so the existing work programme and terms of reference need to be reviewed and updated accordingly. In this regard, the following decision was agreed:

DECISION**E/CAR/NTG/5/15****UPDATE THE E/CAR/NTG AND RDS WORK PROGRAMME AND TERMS OF REFERENCE ALIGNING THEM TO THE RPBANIP AND ASBU METHODOLOGY**

That, in order to align the E/CAR/NTG and RDS activities with the ICAO ASBU methodology, the ECAR/NTG and RDS update by the E/CAR/DCA/26 Meeting, the E/CAR/NTG and RDS work programme and terms of reference, aligning them to the RPBANIP and ASBU methodology.

2. Discussion***E/CAR/NTG FUTURE MEETINGS***

2.1 Following the same mechanism of joined meetings, and based on the E/CAR/CATG rotational scheme the 2016 E/CAR/CATG/3 Meeting is expected in Saint Kitts and Nevis. The E/CAR/NTG has agreed that the E/CAR/NTG meeting be carried out in conjunction with the Radar Data Sharing Ad hoc Group Meeting, so the E/CAR/NTG/7 and E/CAR/RD/5 Meetings are also expected to be held. The following key scheduled activities are for 2016 for the E/CAR radar display acquisition process:

- ECAR Radar Display Tender- preparation of RFP: June-Oct. 2015
- ECAR RD Tender- process: Jan.-March 2016
- ECAR RD Selection: April 2016
- ECAR RD Implementation: July-Dec. 2016

2.2 Considering the aforementioned tasks, it will be desirable to have the selection process made later in 2016, for example June 2016 and so a three-day meeting for the E/CAR/NTG and E/CAR/RD discussion and activities is projected.

2.3 Pending the outcome of discussions at the CATG/02 Meeting on the date for the next meeting, the NTG and RD Groups shall review the duration of the meetings to match them with the one of the E/CAR/CATG Meeting for 2016. Meanwhile the E/CAR/NTG and CNS Committee Rapporteur will continue to hold periodic teleconferences hosted by the E/CAR AFS Network provider, Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago (TSTT) with the support of the ICAO NACC Regional Office.

UPDATE TO TERMS OF REFERENCE

2.4 Regarding the decision E/CAR/NTG/5/15, an update work programme and terms of reference for the E/CAR/NTG is presented in the Appendix, aligning them to the RPBANIP and ASBU methodology.

2.5 The E/CAR/RD Group is an Ad hoc group of the E/CAR CNS Committee and so the CNS Committee shall amend the tasks assigned to the Radar Data Sharing now relating them as Surveillance data activities in line with the RPBANIP and ASBU methodology.

3. Suggested actions

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) analyse the proposal for the next E/CAR/NTG Meeting;
- b) review and approve the update to the E/CAR/NTG work programme and terms of reference; and
- c) review the clarification on the E/CAR/RD Group action for amendment of their tasks by the CNS Committee.

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