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# NAM/CAR

## Search and Rescue

### Civil-Military Coordination



### Agenda Item 3.3

Fifth North American, Central American and Caribbean  
Working Group Meeting (NACC/WG/5)  
Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 22-26 May 2017

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# Status of SAR/Civil-Military Coordination

Since 2015



- States implementation of SAR-specific Operations Centers.
- Trinidad and Tobago A-SAR and AN-SEC Operations Center.
- Discussions/Negotiations on Letters of Agreements.
- Improved communication between Civil and Military Authorities.
- Regional EI for SAR: 53.25 %
  - ANS overall EI 60.52%.
  - 55.6 % SAR Safety Oversight Related PQs.
  - **49.87 %** SAR Service Provision Related PQs.



# SAR Needs



Training



Standardized/  
Harmonized SAR  
Documentation



Use of  
Standard  
Operating  
Procedures  
(SOPs)



Formalize  
appropriate  
Letters of  
Agreement

- Nationally  
and  
Regionally



Resources:  
Human and  
Fiscal to  
support  
National  
Contingency  
Plans



Efficient  
coordination  
and  
cooperation  
between  
Military and  
Civil  
Authorities

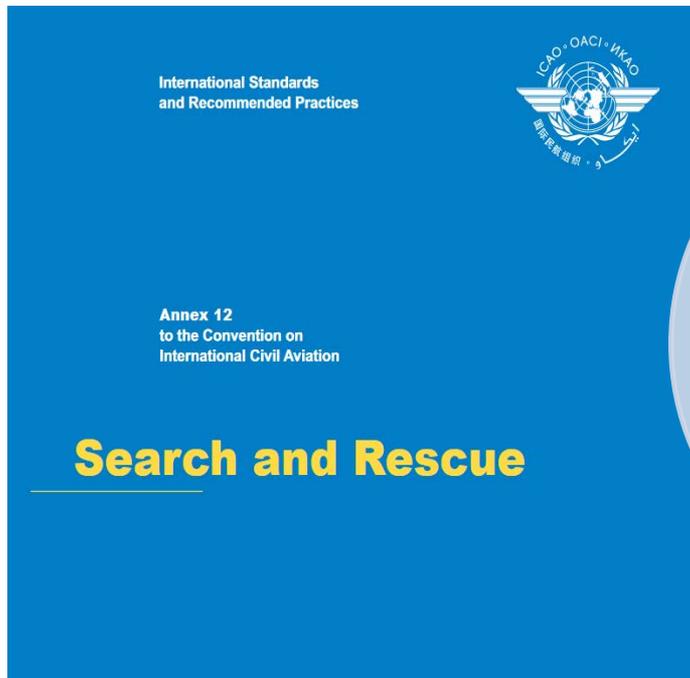


Implement a  
CDM process  
for SAR

- Trinidad and  
Tobago Best  
Practice



# SAR Agreements



## LoAs:

- Need for harmonization.
- Compliance with ICAO Annex 12.
- Compatible with the State(s) Legal Framework(s).
- Simple, Direct and legal.



# SAR Activity – Need for Awareness

Raising awareness and pro-active outreach measures for SAR activity are urgently needed at the national, regional and international levels

Needed at the highest levels of government

ICAO encourages for SARPs compliance and USOAP review

Discussion at the next NACC/DCA



# Consideration for the Meeting



- ANS overall EI 60.52%.
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  - 49.87 % SAR Service Provision.

Elevate the SAR to Task Force Status under the NACC/WG

- Ensure a more Hemispheric focus rather than regional

Incorporate SAR Activity as a project under the NACC NCLB Strategy

Create a Regional SAR Project under the NACC MCAAP



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Questions?