



WORKING PAPER

AVSEC/FAL/RG/9 — WP/07
14/03/19

**Ninth Meeting of the ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR and SAM Aviation Security and
Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG/9)**

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 25 to 29 March 2019

**Agenda Item 4: Programmes and projects – Aviation security (AVSEC)
4.2 Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP) and NAM/CAR and SAM
Regional Roadmap Implementation**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUPS IN LINE WITH THE NAM/CAR/SAM
GASeP REGIONAL ROADMAP**

(Presented by Argentina)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
As agreed by the NAM/CAR and SAM Regional Conference held in Panama on 24-27 July 2018, the activities of the Regional Group must be carried out in accordance with the regional roadmap and the priority objectives, which are aligned with GASeP objectives and goals, in order to optimise and implement the agreed regional strategy.	
Action:	The suggested action is presented in Section 4.
Strategic objectives:	Aviation security and facilitation
References:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annex 17• GASeP• Conclusions of the NAM/CAR and SAM Regional Conference on Aviation Security for the Americas, the Caribbean, and Panama• Regional roadmap (conclusions of the Panama meeting)• Second High-level conference on aviation security (HLCAS/2)• ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR/SAM terms of reference, work programme, and projects

1. Introduction

1.1 The Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP) defines as a common objective the strengthening of aviation security, through the attainment of five key priority outcomes, one of which is to increase cooperation and support.

1.2 The Second High-Level Conference (HLCAS/2) held in Montreal on 29-30 November 2018 acknowledged the need to support regional initiatives and design mechanisms to ensure the successful implementation of regional roadmaps, encouraging States to support and actively participate in regional endeavours.

1.3 The NAM-CAR and SAM Regional Conference held in Panama on 24-27 July 2018 agreed to assign the AVSEC/FAL regional group the responsibility of keeping the regional roadmap up to date, as a living document that contributes to the attainment of the five key priority outcomes of GAsEP in the NAM-CAR and SAM Regions.

1.4 Taking into account that the proposed objectives cannot be attained individually or in an uncoordinated manner, there is a need to pool initiatives and efforts through the RG working groups, organising tasks under each priority action established in the GAsEP in order to implement the regional strategy.

2. **Coordination of common AVSEC interests**

2.1 At present, States submit information and working papers based on their specific needs, creating working groups to address the various issues.

2.2 Likewise, AVSEC working groups on civil aviation cyber security and implementation of the Global Aviation Security Plan (GAsEP) and the working group on the NAM/CAR and SAM Regional roadmap are active and present their progress at each meeting.

2.3 It is suggested that the proposal should also include the FAL group “Training material for the Facilitation Course for instructors”, and the AVSEC / FAL groups on “Procedures for the implementation of the One stop security system (OSS), the Montreal Protocol 2014 (MP14), and the Beijing Convention”.

2.4 Notwithstanding the above, the lack of coordination among the States of the Region when establishing the working groups has prevented the regional group from completing some priority actions requested from the AVSEC-FAL.

3. **Establishment of working groups based on priority objectives**

3.1 The initiative of creating five working groups will avoid duplication of efforts and permit an effective and efficient implementation of the five key priorities described in the GAsEP.

3.2 The working groups should cover the five areas related to the priority outcomes of GAsEP, namely:

- a) Group on risk awareness and response: Understanding and prioritising risk is essential for policies and measures that are effective and sustainable. Undertaking risk assessments will help to identify vulnerabilities and deficiencies, which can then be promptly addressed in a practical way, with optimal use of resources.
- b) Group for the development of a security culture and human capability: The promotion of a security culture is critical to achieve the best possible security outcomes. It should be applied from top management down to all individuals involved in the organisation. All the staff must be well trained, motivated and specialised.
- c) Group on technological resources and innovation: Promoting and applying better technologies and innovative techniques to increase aviation security effectiveness while ensuring operational efficiency.
- d) Group on oversight and quality assurance: The use of effective quality and oversight controls ensures effective aviation security, not only globally, but also nationally and locally.
- e) Group on cooperation and support: Cooperation between the ICAO NAM/CAR and SAM Regional Offices, and also among States, organisations and entities concerned, will enable a quick and efficient attainment of the key aviation security objectives.

4. **Conclusion**

4.1 The purpose of this working paper is to establish five working groups (WGs), one for each priority action defined in the GAsEP, with a view to drafting working papers on specific actions to be carried out by the AVSEC/FAL regional group.

Likewise, it is suggested that this work modality be also applied to FAL-related issues.

5. **Suggested action**

5.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) review the working paper and discuss its contents;
- b) consider the convenience of adopting the relevant modifications; and
- c) submit to the consideration of the States the establishment of working groups to address the five key priority outcomes of the regional aviation security roadmap in order to meet its objectives.