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Agenda Item 5: Update of the Action Plans of the Task Groups of the NACC/WG, of the NACC/WG Action Plan and of the regional activities in the Development of the Projects of the CAR/SAM Regional Planning and Implementation Group (GREPECAS)

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE AERODROMES AND GROUND AIDS (AGA) AREA

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This working paper presents the state of progress of the aerodrome programme's activities and its projects.

Action:	Suggested actions are presented in Section 3.
Strategic Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategic Objective 1 – Safety• Strategic Objective 2 – Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency
References:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Annex 14, Volume I, Aerodrome Design and Operations</i>• <i>e ICAO CAR/SAM Air Navigation Plan, Volume I – Basic (eANP) (Doc 8733)</i>• <i>Manual on Certification of Aerodromes (Doc 9774)</i>• <i>Airport Planning Manual (Doc 9184) – Part 1</i>

1. Introduction

1.1 As a follow-up to the decisions from the Eighteen Meeting of the CAR/SAM Regional Planning and Implementation Group (GREPECAS/18) and Second GREPECAS Programmes and Projects Review Committee (PPRC) Virtual Meeting (e-PPRC/02), Aerodrome Programme F carried out the following projects:

- a) Project F1: ***Aerodromes Certification and Safety***
- b) Project F2: ***Aerodrome planning***
- c) Project F3: ***Airport Collaborative Decision Making (A-CDM) Implementation***

1.2 Under the Regional Aviation Safety Group – Pan America (RASG-PA), the following projects are being carry out “**CAR/SAM Runway Safety Team (RST) Implementation Project**”, which is focused the implementation of effective RST at selected international aerodromes in the CAR and SAM Regions.

1.3 For the implementation and monitoring of GREPECAS and RASG-PA projects and in order to identify other needs in the AGA area in the North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) Region during the Seventh North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group Meeting (NACC/WG/7) it was decided to create the AGA Task Force according the following table:

Number	Conclusion/Decision	Responsible for action	Deadline
C/11	<p>AGA TASK FORCE (NACC/WG/AGA TF) That,</p> <p>a) States to approve the creation of an AGA Task Force (NACC/WG/AGA TF) for the coordination, preparation and implementation of projects, activities and development of guidance material in the region with the objective of increasing the safety, capacity and efficiency of navigation in the area of aerodromes and ground aids;</p> <p>b) States to nominate members to the AGA Task Force;</p> <p>c) NACC/WG/AGA TF to develop its Terms of Reference (ToRs) and work programme of the NACC/WG/AGA TF for the report prior to the NACC/WG/08 meeting.</p>	States, ICAO and other: NAM/CAR States, ICAO NACC, NACC/WG	Immediately and report progress by NACC/WG/08
C/12	<p>AGA CONTACT INFORMATION That, States and Territories send the complete contact information through a format (name, title, email, telephone) of State/Territory’s AGA focal points to the ICAO NACC Regional Office (NACC-AGA@icao.int) by 15 February 2023.</p>	States and ICAO	15 February 2023

2. Status

2.1 In order to implement the NACC/WG/7 meeting decisions, the ICAO NACC Regional Office sent a State letter requesting the indication of their AGA Focal Points (*Ref. NT-N1-1 — E.OSG-NACC94449, dated 6 September 2022*).

2.2 However, some States and Territories have not yet designated their AGA focal points for the ICAO NACC Regional Office such as Anguilla, Belize, Bonaire, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Guatemala, Montserrat, Saba, Saint Pierre et Miquelon, Sint Eustatius, Sint Maarten and Turks and Caicos Islands.

2.3 In the period of January to March 2023, virtual meetings were held to monitor and provide information on the AGA projects and activities, with ACI-LAC, ECCAA and COCESNA and the AGA focal points of the States and Territories from Aruba, Barbados, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Costa Rica, Curazao, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Trinidad and Tobago and United States.

2.4 During these virtual meetings, it was informed of the holding of the following events in the AGA area:

- Workshop on Runway Safety Team (RST), from 23 to 26 May 2023, at the ICAO NACC Regional Office, Mexico City, Mexico.
 - Funds from Project RLA/09/801 – Multi-Regional Civil Aviation Assistance Programme (MCAAP) and Project of Runway Safety Teams (RST) Implementation for the Central American States.
- First North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group - Aerodromes and Ground Aids Implementation Task Force Meeting (NACC/WG/AGA/TF1) from 3 to 7 July 2023, at the ICAO NACC Regional Office, Mexico City, Mexico.

2.5 In addition, the ICAO NACC Regional Office requested States and Territories through State Letter (*Ref. NT-NE57-3 — E.OSG-NACC95525*, dated 16 December 2023) to complete questionnaires to obtain and update data on the level of implementation of the GREPECAS and RASG-PA Projects in the AGA area, as well as to identify the challenges in the region. The questionnaires can be found at the following links:

- Questionnaire for State/Territory: <https://forms.office.com/r/H8UhJuKfEr>
- Questionnaire for international aerodromes: <https://forms.office.com/r/bcnbgYNErf>

2.6 However, there is a low level of questionnaires completed by States, Territories and international aerodromes, as shown in the table:

	States/Territories	International Aerodromes
Number of responded questionnaires	15	51
Number of unanswered questionnaires	16	95
Unanswered percentage	52%	65%

2.7 It is important to highlight the importance of answering the questionnaires for a better assessment of the needs and potential of mutual support between the States/Territories and the NACC ICAO Regional Office with the objective of increasing the safety, capacity and efficiency of air navigation in the area of aerodromes and ground aids in the NAM/CAR Region.

3. Suggested Actions

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) take note of the information provided in this working paper;
- b) support the NACC/WG/AGA/TF by assigning State/Territory's AGA Focal Points and participating in the meetings;
- c) comment on the projects processes, any challenge that the States/Territories encounter and that may be included in the scope of the NACC/WG/AGA/TF; and
- d) respond the aforementioned questionnaires in case your Administration/Organization has not yet answered.

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