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**First Meeting of the North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group (NACC/WG)
Airspace Management and Capacity Balancing Task Force and Tenth Meeting of the CANSO IATA
ICAO Free Route Airspace Team (AMCB/TF/1/CIIFRA/10)
Mexico City, Mexico, 22 to 26 September 2025**

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Draft Agenda and Schedule

DRAFT AGENDA AND SCHEDULE

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Draft Agenda and Schedule are presented in **Appendices A** and **B** to this working paper, respectively.

The items of the Draft Agenda have been presented in a format that aligns with the ICAO strategic objectives.

The Meeting will meet in plenary with the option to propose Ad hoc Groups to deal with specific matters, if necessary.

Action:	The Meeting is invited to approve the Draft Agenda and Schedule for the Meeting as presented in Appendices A and B, respectively.
Strategic Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety• Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency

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**APPENDIX A
DRAFT AGENDA**

- Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Draft Agenda and Schedule**
- Agenda Item 2: CANSO Air Traffic Flow Management Data Exchange Network for the Americas
 (CADENA) Regional Implementation Group (RIG) and Air Navigation Service
 Providers (ANSPs) Updates**
- Agenda Item 3: Strategic Framework and Priorities of the AMCB Task Force**
- Agenda Item 4: Regional Initiatives and Technical Progress of the AMCB Task Force**
- Agenda Item 5: Other Business**

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DRAFTAGENDA EXPLANATORY NOTES**Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Draft Agenda and Schedule**

Under this agenda item, the Meeting shall review the agenda and schedule and adopt them. The objectives and overall expectations of the meeting will be presented.

Agenda Item 2: CANSO Air Traffic Flow Management Data Exchange Network for the Americas (CADENA) Regional Implementation Group (RIG) and Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs) Updates

Under this agenda item, CADENA will facilitate the RIG session, during which ANSPs will present operational updates and conduct comprehensive end-of-season reviews. This session will provide a platform to exchange information on recent activities, challenges, and progress across the region.

CADENA will present a status update and data-driven analysis on ongoing regional route optimization initiatives, including:

- User Preferred Route (UPR) Trials
- Strategic Direct Route (SDR) Trials
- Inter-Flight Information Region (FIR) Direct Routing (DCT) Trials
- Inter-FIR SDR Trials

As a follow-up to the Orlando meeting (March 2025), CADENA will highlight specific progress made on these optimization trials, presenting key takeaways from ANSPs and airline stakeholders such as JetBlue, United Airlines, and others. The agenda item will also include operational adjustments and implementation experiences shared by Trinidad and Tobago, COSESNA, and additional regional partners.

Further topics will include:

- Updates on the Aeronautical information circulars (AICs) and Aeronautical information Publication (AIP) issuance process to support route implementation
- Status of contingency training coordination among ANSPs
- Recent developments in regional capacity calculation procedures

CADENA will conclude with a summary of anticipated tasks and shared goals for the NAM/CAR Regions, with a focus on strengthening inter-ANSP coordination, advancing route optimization, and improving overall implementation timelines as the region prepares for the upcoming operational cycle.

Agenda Item 3: Strategic Framework and Priorities of the AMCB Task Force

Under this agenda item, the AMCB/TF will outline its strategic vision, operational focus areas, and regional coordination priorities, incorporating the merged efforts of the former ATFM and AO Task Forces. The session will include the following key discussions:

1. Operational Lessons from the 2025 CAF-CON (Copa América–FIFA Confederation Cup).

A review of initial outcomes and coordination efforts related to the Copa América–FIFA Confederation Cup (CAF-CON), with a focus on traffic flow strategies, contingency measures, and regional capacity management during high-demand periods across North and Central American venues.

2. Planning and Preparedness for the World Cup 2026

Presentation on collaborative regional planning efforts to support the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Discussions will include infrastructure readiness, harmonized Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) procedures across FIRs, cross-border coordination, and contingency planning to ensure operational resilience.

3. Calendar of Major Sporting Events (2025–2028)

Overview of upcoming major international sporting events through 2028 with associated airspace and traffic management implications. ANSPs will be encouraged to share expected challenges, identify support needs, and align planning efforts under a unified AMCB strategy.

4. Cross-Border Collaboration and Data-Driven Approaches

- **Enhancing Cross-Border ATFM Integration** Progress updates on regional cross-border ATFM initiatives. Emphasis will be placed on lessons learned from recent operations, improved data exchange protocols, and joint analysis tools that enhance predictability and capacity planning across FIR boundaries.
- **Data and Metrics Framework** Discussion of metrics improvement initiatives identified during previous meetings (e.g., Havana), with a focus on supporting real-time decision-making and regional performance tracking in line with ICAO Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and global system harmonization efforts.

Agenda Item 4: Regional Initiatives and Technical Progress of the AMCB Task Force

Under this agenda item, the Secretariat and rapporteurs will highlight the ongoing regional efforts under the AMCB/TF to enhance airspace efficiency and support the implementation of Free Route Airspace (FRA and Strategic Direct Routes (SDRs). The presentations and discussions will focus on cross-border collaboration, harmonized procedures, and operational results contributing to a more flexible and performance-based airspace environment.

1. Concept Overview and Regional FRA Approaches

The AMCB/TF will present the CAR/SAM FRA implementation framework as discussed in the March 2025 Orlando meeting. Key topics include regional alignment through the CAR/SAM Planning and Implementation Regional Group (GREPECAS), coordinated efforts to establish seamless FRA across FIRs, and updates on harmonized procedures and route optimization goals that benefit both operators and ANSPs.

2. SENEAM will deliver a presentation on the implementation of SDRs in Mexican airspace, including an overview of the process, procedural updates, and initial results, as well as challenges and opportunities identified during initial implementation, including feedback from adjacent FIRs and airspace users.

3. ANSP Collaboration and Task Force Involvement

ANSPs will share updates on their involvement in the regional optimization process in partnership with CANSO, IATA, and ICAO. This includes SDR development tailored to national airspace, the operational benefits observed—such as reductions in fuel consumption and flight time—and lessons learned from cross-border collaboration, as highlighted during the Orlando discussions.

4. Next Steps and Collaborative Goals

The AMCB/TF will outline the next steps to accelerate FRA and SDR progress in the NAM/CAR regions. This will include alignment with the CAR/SAM Regional Roadmap, integration of ongoing coordination initiatives, and identification of priority FIRs for future implementation. The discussion will emphasize the need for sustained collaboration, interoperability, and inclusive participation in line with ICAO's "No Country Left Behind" initiative.

Agenda Item 5: Other Business

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will address any additional matters not covered in previous agenda items. This section will provide an opportunity to discuss emerging topics, clarify outstanding issues from the Havana meeting, and bring forward any new items of relevance.

1. Follow-Up on valid conclusions/ decisions from previous meetings

A follow-up to valid conclusions/ decisions from previous meetings will be conducted, and any unresolved questions or action items from the Orlando meeting will be revisited to ensure continuity and address any pending updates.

2. Emerging Operational Needs and Priorities

Participants are invited to raise new operational needs, regional challenges, or priorities identified since the last meeting. This includes recent regulatory developments, technology advancements, or stakeholder feedback that could impact ongoing projects.

3. Collaborative Opportunities and Strategic Partnerships

Time will be dedicated to exploring potential collaborative efforts, whether through partnerships with ANSPs, airlines, or industry organizations. Attendees are encouraged to share insights or proposals for enhancing cross-regional coordination and efficiency in line with GREPECAS and ICAO objectives.

4. Miscellaneous Topics of Relevance

Any other relevant business or special interest topics proposed by participants will be discussed here to ensure all perspectives and concerns are addressed.

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APPENDIX/APÉNDICE B
PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE/HORARIO PROVISIONAL

Time/ Horario	Monday 22 September / Lunes 22 de septiembre	Tuesday 23 September / Martes 4 de septiembre	Wednesday 24 September/ Miércoles 5 de septiembre	Thursday 25 September/ Jueves 25 de septiembre	Friday 26 September / Viernes 26 de septiembre
08:00–09:00	Registration/ Registro				
09:00–09:30	Opening Ceremony & Photo / Inauguración y Foto de Grupo	Agenda Item 2 / Cuestión 2 del Orden del Día (cont.)	Agenda Item 3 / Cuestión 3 del Orden del Día (cont.)	Agenda Item 4/ Cuestión 4 del Orden del Día	Agenda Item 4 / Cuestión 4 del Orden del Día (cont.)
09:30–10:30					
10:30–11:00	Coffee break/Pausa para café				
11:00–12:30	Agenda Item 2 / Cuestión 2 del Orden del Día	Agenda Item 2 / Cuestión 2 del Orden del Día (cont.)	Agenda Item 3 / Cuestión 3 del Orden del Día (cont.)	Agenda Item 4/ Cuestión 4 del Orden del Día (cont.)	Agenda Item 5 / Cuestión 5 del Orden del Día
12:30–13:30	Lunch time/Tiempo para almuerzo				Closing/Clausura
13:30–15:00	Agenda Item 2 / Cuestión 2 del Orden del Día (cont.)	Agenda Item 3 / Cuestión 3 del Orden del Día	Agenda Item 3 / Cuestión 3 del Orden del Día (cont.)	Agenda Item 4/ Cuestión 4 del Orden del Día (cont.)	
15:00–15:30	Coffee break/Pausa para café				
15:30-16:30	Agenda Item 2 / Cuestión 2 del Orden del Día (cont.)	Agenda Item 3 / Cuestión 2 del Orden del Día (cont.)	Agenda Item 3 / Cuestión 3 del Orden del Día (cont.)	Agenda Item 4/ Cuestión 4 del Orden del Día (cont.)	
	Conclude / Conclusiones	Conclude / Conclusiones	Conclude / Conclusiones	Conclude / Conclusiones	

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