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Caribbean Working Group (NACC/WG/RAP/03)**
(ICAO NACC Regional Office, from 24 to 27 March 2025)

**Agenda Item 4: Review of GREPECAS CAR/SAM Projects, and coordinated NACC/WG planning
with GREPECAS**

ATM/ATFM/GREPECAS PROJECTS

(Presented by Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
<p>This working paper presents recent developments, consolidation efforts, and regional coordination initiatives in Air Traffic Management (ATM) and Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) in the NAM/CAR Regions. It highlights the establishment of the Airspace Management and Capacity Balancing Task Force (AMCB/TF), the ongoing alignment of activities with GREPECAS Projects, and regional priorities including Free Route Airspace (FRA), performance-based navigation (PBN), and contingency planning.</p> <p>The paper also summarizes next steps in the 6-month work plan for AMCB/TF and regional coordination.</p>	
Action:	The Meeting is invited to review and take note of the updates, endorse the direction of AMCB/TF, and suggest any additional coordination or support mechanisms.
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety• Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency• Economic Development of Air Transport• Environmental Protection
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP, Doc 9750)• ICAO ATM Operational Concept (Doc 9854)• Manual on Air Traffic Flow Management (Doc 9971)• GREPECAS/22 Final Report• AO/TF/5–ATFM/TF/7–CIIFRA/9 Summary of Discussions (Orlando, United States, March 2025)• AMCB/TF Terms of Reference (ToR), March 2025• List of Valid Conclusions and Decisions – NAM/CAR Regions

1. Introduction

The ICAO NACC Office continues to advance its ATM and ATFM work programs by consolidating efforts and aligning with regional and global frameworks. The recent merger of the Airspace Optimization and ATFM Task Forces into the Airspace Management and Capacity Balancing Task Force (AMCB/TF) reflects a strategic realignment based on efficiency, harmonization, and collaborative regional planning.

2. Background

During the AO/TF/5 and ATFM/TF/7 meetings held in Orlando, Florida, States and stakeholders supported the integration of the task forces to streamline efforts in ATM capacity management and regional coordination. This consolidation supports the implementation of key components of the GANP and aligns with GREPECAS priorities.

3. Key Areas of Progress and Planning

- Finalization of AMCB/TF Terms of Reference and work programme.
- Regional equipment status mapping (data collection from States on current and future CNS/ATM systems).
- Support for FRA and NEOSPACE regional project with SAM Office.
- ATFM harmonization: minimum requirements, cross-border procedures, special events planning (World Cup, Olympics).
- KPI and ASBU alignment with GREPECAS and CADENA initiatives.

4. Next Steps (6-Month Work Plan)

- Collect regional equipment status data and identify gaps.
- Coordinate one virtual meeting and one in-person mission to validate FRA routes.
- Finalize harmonized ATFM framework and KPIs with GREPECAS linkage.

5. Suggested Actions

5.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) Take note of the updates presented in this paper;
- b) Endorse the direction and structure of the AMCB/TF;
- c) Provide feedback on coordination with SAM and other regional entities; and
- d) Suggest additional initiatives or adjustments to the 6-month work plan.