

# 2023 FIRST TELECONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL CONTINUOUS MONITORING COORDINATORS WORKING GROUP (NCMC/WG/1) FOR THE NAM/CAR REGIONS

19 April 2023

**List of Participants** – refer to the **Attachment**

## *References:*

1. NCMC Working Group Proposed Work Programme in the Fifth NAM/CAR Regional Meeting for National Continuous Monitoring Coordinators (NCMC/5), Mexico City, Mexico, 15 – 16 November 2022
2. Invitation ref. E.OSG-NACC96697 dated 22 March 2023

## *Objective:*

Establishment of the methodology for gathering information from the States related to common problems that the National Continuous Monitoring Coordinators (NCMCs) may have in the development of their activities and everything that it entails, with the purpose of seeking regional and individual solutions as appropriate with the support of the participating States and in coordination with the ICAO NACC Regional Office.

## *Agenda*

1. Establishment of a methodology to collect information on States' common problems
2. Identification of technical areas that require support
3. Identification of training needs
4. Identification of internal problems for carrying out the self-assessment or any phase of the cycle of activities of the NCMCs in their States
5. Establishment of lines of action on the issues found

## *Introduction*

During the teleconferences held during the pandemic, a review of the progress of the NCMC work programme was carried out, which led to the adjustment of the existing work methodology of the WG, and the activation of 2 groups (the English and Spanish-speaking countries) was agreed, coordinated and monitored by the ICAO NACC Regional Office.

The establishment of the NAM/CAR NCMC/WG and its Terms of Reference (ToRs) are based on the Declaration of Intent (DoI) for the No Country Left Behind Strategy (NCLB) of the ICAO NACC Regional Office, agreed upon during the Sixth Meeting of Directors of Civil Aviation of North America, Central America, and the Caribbean (NACC/DCA/6), held in Nassau, Bahamas from 10 to 12 May 2016.

This meeting constitutes the beginning of the 2023 Work Programme in compliance with the provisions above.

The Secretariat reviewed the agenda items and introduced Mrs. Shemeka Forbes from Bahamas, the rapporteur of the English-speaking WG. Later, all the attendees presented themselves, to begin with the discussion of the agenda.

## *Discussion*

### **1. Establishment of the methodology to collect information on States' common problems**

1.1 The Secretariat explained that the purpose of the WG is to identify challenges or situations of specific assistance required by States in order to seek solutions and make them known to the highest levels of management in the States (example: NACC DCA).

1.2 The Secretariat proposed the use of the Microsoft Forms platform, as a methodology for collecting information. The proposal was accepted by all participant States.

Action 1: That all NCMC/States fill out the form through the Microsoft forms platform by **19 June 2023**, as the information collection methodology and all States approve the proposal.

### **2. Identification of technical areas that require support.**

2.1 The Secretariat indicated that, according to the data collected in the On Line Framework (OLF), in the NACC States, the technical areas that need the most support in terms of effective implementation are:

- Aerodromes and Ground Aids (AGA)
- Air Navigations Systems (ANS)
- Aircraft Accident and incident investigation (AIG)

2.2 The information mentioned in the previous item may not be accurate, since many of the NACC States have not received complete audits by ICAO in the last ten years. In addition, each State has its operational complexities or may have changed structurally or politically. The States expressed that they have other areas that need support, such as ATM.

### **3. Identification of training needs**

3.1 The Secretariat urged the participants to send the requested information transparently in order to help create action plans and meet the needs of the States. The Secretariat gave an example of the Systemic Assistance Programme (SAP) Champion States providing training support in the Region, with United States and ICAO Regional Office working together.

3.2 Some items expressed training is required:

- establishment of training programmes,
- updating regulations,
- development of surveillance programmes,
- certifications

**4. Identification of internal problems for carrying out the self-assessment or any phase of the cycle of activities of the NCMCs in their States**

4.1 During the discussion of the topic, the Secretariat mentioned one of the challenges in carrying out the self-assessment was caused by the lack of knowledge of the system and the established requirements in ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) of the technical personnel due to staff turnover.

4.2 Other common challenges that affect the completion of NCMCs' functions are:

- lack of administrative or senior management support in the authorities;
- lack of empowerment as NCMC to request information from the technical areas; and
- lack of resources, among others.

**5. Establishment of lines of action on the issues found.**

5.1 The Secretariat mentioned as one of the possible lines of action, the creation of Ad hoc technical Group to resolve specific situations, as well as the request for support from Systemic Assistance Programme (SAP) “Champion States”, the use of training centres, universities and requests of consultancies if applicable, in order to generate more solutions.

*Agreements/Action Items*

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