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# To: States, Territories and International Organizations

Subject: Unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) Webinar for NAM/CAR/SAM Regions (Zoom, 17 and 18 November 2020, GTM-04, 9:00 AM Mexico; 10:00 AM Montreal)

Action Required: **On-line registration by 15 November 2020** 

#### Sir/Madam,

Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) represent an innovation in technology for aviation and as an emerging element in the market, they have come to expand the options available to supplement transport of important deliverables. Since the COVID-19 outbreak, UAS operations have come to represent the application of efficient and safe operations with low contact requirements.

ICAO continues to produce Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPS) for international Instrument flight rules (IFR) operations for Remote piloted aircraft systems (RPAS). ICAO has also been working to further support UAS for the States and industry by developing model UAS regulations and companion guidance material, UAS for humanitarian aid and emergency response (U-AID) guidance, Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) operations, UAS traffic management (UTM) and online UAS fundamentals training.

In this regard, ICAO invites you to the *Unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) Webinar for NAM/CAR/SAM Regions* that will be held on 17 and 18 November 2020 at GMT-04, 9:00 AM Mexico; 10:00 AM Montreal; 2 sessions of two hours each.

In the first session ICAO will provide information about ICAO SARPs, Model UAS Regulations and advisory circulars, U-AID, BVLOS operations and UTM to support States and encourage harmonization.

The second session will provide experiences of UAS regulation strategy implementation, public education campaign, and lessons learned from United States (Federal Aviation Administration, FAA) and from other NACC and SAM States. The draft agenda for both sessions is **attached**.

The webinar will include procedures for personnel in the areas of technical operations, regulatory development, aircraft operation and certification and national Air Traffic Management (ATM) operations.

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The event is aimed at all States and will have simultaneous translation of the English and Spanish languages. Please register participants online by 15 November 2020, using the following link: https://icao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_Ebp9ATINQ1S2Sj-fy614dg

If you require any further information regarding the webinar, please contact, Mrs. Mayda Ávila (<u>mavila@icao.int</u>), Regional Officer, Communications, Navigation and Surveillance, or Mr. Gabriel Gutiérrez, Assistant, (<u>ggutierrez@icao.int</u>), from the ICAO NACC Regional Office.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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**Enclosure**: As indicated

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# PROVISIONAL AGENDA

# **Opening Ceremony**

- i. Opening words from ICAO
- ii. Opening words from the Federal Aviation Authority

#### Session 1 (17 November 2020)

- 1. ICAO UAS Model Regulations and companion advisory circulars
- 2. U-Aid (humanitarian aid and emergency response) guidance
- 3. BVLOS operations
- 4. UTM component
- 5. ICAO RPAS SARPs

# Session 2 (18 November 2020)

- 1. United States (Federal Aviation Administration)
  - a. UAS Regulatory Structure
  - b. Public Education Campaign
  - c. Lesson learned
- 2. NACC and SAM States regulation process
  - Experience of some States in the implementation of their regulation.

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