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Revised Strategy for the Eastern Caribbean Civil
Aviation Technical Group Management
(E/CAR/CATG)



Preliminary Work and Analysis



**Technical Assistance Missions (TEAMS) for ECCAA
Member States**

*Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and
the Grenadines, from 25 July to 5 August 2022*



Technical Assistance Missions (TEAMS) for ECCAA Member States

Dominica, Grenada and Saint Kitts and Nevis

7 to 19 November 2022



**Workshop on Air Traffic Services (ATS) Airspace
Concept for ECCAA Member States**

St. Johns, Antigua and Barbuda, 14 to 18 August 2023



Outcomes

Benefits?



Provided context regarding operations/service provision in the ECCAA Member States



Identified main challenges regarding ANS provision and oversight



Established/strengthened working relationships with key points of contact for States/ECCAA



Identified effective working methodology and support mechanisms to ensure viable progress to comply with ICAO SARPs and best practices

Limitations



- Conformity with the status quo
- Internal conflicts/disputes



- Limited regional resources.



- Overestimated expectations for immediate results.



- Traditional regional support mechanisms are not adequate for small States/ANSPs.



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To: Eastern Caribbean States and Territories

Dear Sir/Madam, Esteemed colleagues,

For several years, the ICAO NACC Regional Office has maintained an ambitious support Programme for the Eastern Caribbean, prioritizing regional approaches such as the strengthening of the civil aviation authority for the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), the Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Authority (ECCAA), as well as the Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System (CASSOS). You have my renewed commitment to support the States of the Eastern Caribbean.

Building upon eight years of experience working with this region in my previous role, since I have taken office as the NACC Regional Director, I have witnessed the ongoing challenges the States of the Eastern Caribbean face in complying with the international Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) established by ICAO in different areas, as well as the limitations to provide air navigation services by relatively small organizations, maintaining the levels of services expected by users. I have noted your comments regarding the need to maintain and expand the support provided to this subregion, tailoring more specifically to your needs and operational context, to ensure that the capacities in your States are developed to allow sustainable compliance with the ICAO SARPs and industry best practices.

In this regard, I have made the decision to implement a renewed emphasis on the Eastern Caribbean, which will foster a closer relationship between the NACC Regional Office and entities responsible for aviation safety and security oversight and the providers of air navigation, meteorology, and other services that are essential for the continuity and regularity of air transport in this subregion by promoting the development of specific projects that facilitate the use of available resources, avoiding duplication of efforts, and coordinating with potential donors on concrete proposals.

In the short term, this renewed emphasis will be evidenced by the re-establishment of in-person meetings for the main air navigation implementation subregional working groups, the Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Technical Group (E/CAR/CATG) and the Eastern Caribbean Network Technical Group (E/CAR/NTG). For a more in-depth action plan, our team will conduct an initial assessment of the projects and initiatives currently being implemented, or in the last planning phase in your States to develop comprehensive projects that complement those activities, providing additional assistance as required.


One important aspect worth mentioning is the partnership approach proposed by the revised NACC Strategic Assistance Programme (SAP), where high-level political commitment and sustained technical support will be required from your States, as agreed during the last North American,

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Central American and Caribbean Directors of Civil Aviation (NACC/DCA) Meeting. We will follow up with concrete ideas on how to put this new concept into action.

I hope this letter serves to reiterate our commitment to your States in support of the goals established by ICAO and to strengthen our ties of cooperation, joint work and collaboration to promote the socio-economic development of your States by meeting the expectations of our main stakeholders.

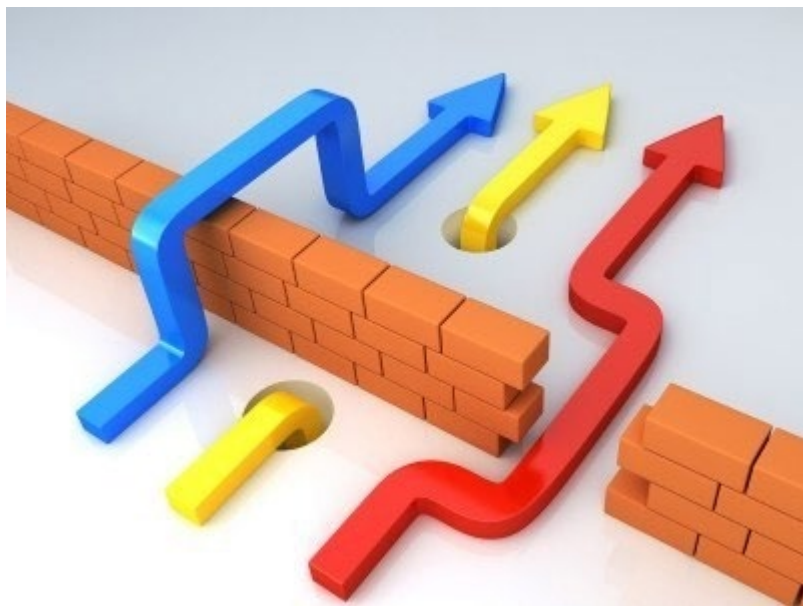
Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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Possible Solutions

Who can assist us?



Use the ECAR/CATG as a project-management mechanism leading to full implementation



Confirm political and technical will to address the identified challenges

Invest time and resources only in those States/committees ready for assistance



Establish and implement a project-based mechanism to support ANS provision and oversight.

Develop specific projects to address identified challenges for States/subregion



Identify and reach out to funding/resources available

MCAAP, SIPs, direct donors.



Link with current projects already funded (by ICAO and/or States).

Request support in kind for training guidance, expertise and direct support for oversight.

Immediate Actions

01

Collect Information

1. Current Projects
2. Main Priorities
3. Confirm Support from the State

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Identify/Draft Projects

1. Identify State/Regional Projects
2. Draft initial proposals
3. Identify possible sources/donors

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Update E/CAR/CATG ToR

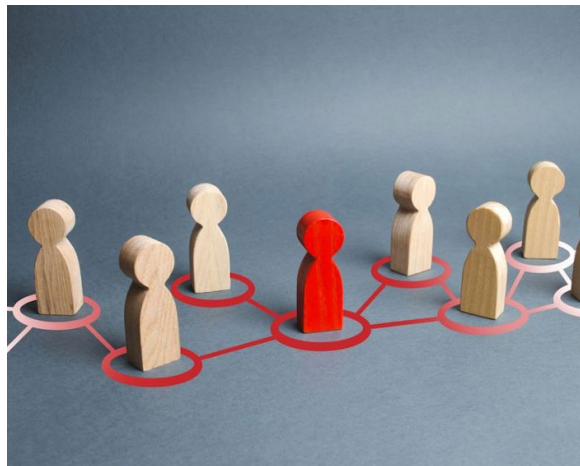
1. Review current ToR
2. Ensure Rapporteurs for each committee
3. Draft update proposal

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Plan for 2025 Activities

1. Decide follow-up mechanism.
2. Update of the E/CAR/CATG Work Programme and activities for 2025
3. Propose venue and date for 2025 Meeting.

Key to Success



Influence



Accountability



Teamwork



Thank You

