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Agenda Item 5 Toward More Effective Implementation Support

THE FOURTEENTH AIR NAVIGATION CONFERENCE (AN-CONF/14)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This information paper addresses the coordination of efforts by of the NAM/CAR Regions for the active States' participation in the AN-Conf/14, to be held in person from 26 August to 6 September 2024 at ICAO Headquarters, in Montreal, Canada.

*Strategic
Objectives:*

- Safety
- Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency
- Security & Facilitation
- Economic Development of Air Transport
- Environmental Protection

1. Introduction

1.1 The Fourteenth Air Navigation Conference (AN-Conf/14), to be held in person from 26 August to 6 September 2024 at ICAO Headquarters in Montreal, Canada, has the theme "*Performance Improvement Driving Sustainability*".

1.2 The purpose of the AN-Conf/14 is to reach a global consensus on which performance improvement initiatives can best help ICAO, Member States, and industry address, with limited resources, global environmental challenges and rapidly evolving aviation operations and technologies. The conference will serve as a forum for a detailed technical analysis that will allow to agree on a series of high-level recommendations on air navigation and safety. The aforementioned recommendations will be submitted for approval to the Council and, when appropriate, to the 42nd Session of the Assembly, to be held in 2025.

2. Discussion

2.1 The Twenty-first Meeting of the CAR/SAM Regional Planning and Implementation Group (GREPECAS/21) encouraged States to commence the preparation of participating in the AN-Conf/14 and approved the Conclusion 21-20 – “Teleconferences in preparation for the Fourteenth Air Navigation Conference and coordination mechanism for potential AN-Conf working papers”, for that:

“ICAO coordinate, through one or more teleconferences, the preparation and submission of States working papers and/or information papers for the Fourteenth Air Navigation Conference, including its respective coordination with international civil aviation organizations from the CAR/SAM Regions by 30 June 2024.”

2.2 Therefore, the ICAO NACC Regional Office sent State Letter Ref. E.OSG-NACC111265, dated 26 March 2024, inviting representatives of States and International Organizations to participate in two bilingual teleconferences to coordinate the efforts of the NAM/CAR Regions for the active States’ participation in the AN-Conf/14. The results of this preparation meetings for the AN-Conf/14 was:

- On the first coordination teleconference held on 17 April 2024, it was discussed about the mechanism and agenda of AN-Conf/14, with the participation of more than 40 representatives from 16 States/Territories and COCESNA.
- On the second coordination teleconference held on 12 June 2024, it was reviewed the agenda of AN-Conf/14, discussed and identified States documentation to be presented at the AN-Conf/14, with the participation of more than 20 representatives from 7 States/Territories, COCESNA, IATA and LACAC. Twelve (12) Working Papers (WPs) from the NAM and CAR Region States were discussed, as well as nine (09) WPs from the SAM Region States presented by LACAC.

2.3 During the last teleconference, the LACAC presented its platform for coordination and sharing of documentation for the AN-Conf/14 and offered their Platform for continuing the sharing of papers and supports to these papers for LACAC members and non-members

2.4 The ICAO NACC Regional Office sent State Letter Ref. E.OSG-NACC112234, dated 18 June 2024, thanking all States, Territories and aviation stakeholders for participating in the aforementioned coordination teleconferences and especially to the States that shared their proposal for documentation to be presented at the AN-Conf/14.

3. Conclusion

3.1 The Secretariat emphasized the importance of States international organizations participation in the AN-Conf/14. The Conference is a necessary building block between the 41st and 42nd Sessions of the Assembly. It provides a forum to:

- describe the work that is already prioritized and underway in the ICAO 2023-2025 Business Plan;
- understand new priorities for ICAO's future work; and
- offer timely direction to the Organization as it prepares to present a Business Plan to the 42nd Session of the Assembly in 2025 that sets out a reprioritized work programme and the related resources required.

3.2 Finally, the AN-Conf/14 is intended to call for an intentional refocusing of effort so that priority can be given to existing or new technical activities that best support the achievement of the Long-term aspirational goal for international aviation (LTAG) of net zero carbon emissions by 2050 and of other priority focus areas where ICAO activity is essential in order to secure an aviation system that continues to be safe and efficient, with improved resilience.