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(NACC/DCA/12)**

Placencia, Belize, 9-11 July 2024

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Schedule

AGENDA AND SCHEDULE

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
The Provisional Agenda and schedule are presented at Appendices A and B , respectively.	
Action:	Under Section 2.
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper relates to all ICAO Strategic Objectives

1. Introduction

1.1 The Provisional Revised Agenda is presented in a format that aligns the subjects with the Strategic Objectives and programmes of ICAO.

1.2 In order to encourage the participation of decision-makers and to make the best use of time, a new more dynamic format is introduced to foster greater participation and discussion geared toward an executive, decision-making level. This will include discussion tables and panels on key topics, followed by the immediate recording of draft actions and decisions pertaining to those discussions.

1.3 The Meeting will meet in plenary through the aforementioned dynamics and with the option for the Chairperson to propose Ad hoc Groups to deal with specific matters, if necessary.

2 Suggested Action

2.1 The Meeting is invited to approve the Provisional Revised Agenda and Schedule for the NACC/DCA/12 Meeting as presented in Appendices A and B to this paper, respectively.

**APPENDIX A
PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

- Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Schedule**
- Agenda Item 2: ICAO Transformational Objectives**
- Agenda Item 3: Aviation Security (AVSEC) and Facilitation (FAL)**
- Agenda Item 4 Working session: Challenges of, and Solutions to, the Effective Implementation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs)**
- Agenda Item 5 Toward More Effective Implementation Support**
- Agenda Item 6 Gender Equality in Aviation Panel**
- Agenda Item 7 Pathway to Sustainable Aviation**
- Agenda Item 8 Challenges to Air Connectivity in the Americas Panel**
- Agenda Item 9 ICAO 80th Anniversary Activities**
- Agenda Item 10: Ratification of International Air Law Instruments and Outstanding Contributions**
- Agenda Item 11: NACC/DCA Meeting Valid and Draft Conclusions and Decisions**
- Agenda Item 12: Other Business**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
EXPLANATORY NOTES**

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Schedule

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will elect a Chairperson and will review and adopt the agenda and schedule. The objectives and overall expectations of the meeting will be presented.

Agenda Item 2: ICAO Transformational Objectives

Under this agenda item the Secretariat will provide a presentation on the implementation progress of the ICAO transformational objectives.

Agenda Item 3: Aviation Security (AVSEC) and Facilitation (FAL)

Under this agenda item, and as part of the Year of Facilitation, a short presentation will be provided to encourage discussions on key topics to allow the Meeting to align views, clarify implementation matters and share best practices. Among those matters: ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR and SAM Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG) enhancements and actions, changes to the work programme of the Regional Group, the promotion of activities related to the Year of Facilitation (in recognition of the anniversary for Annex 9), a broader explanation of the implementation status as per the NACC dashboards and other AVSEC/FAL progress. The progress of the AVSEC/FAL projects and initiatives will be updated and ideas will be exchanged on the topic. Moreover, the Meeting will be informed on the implementation groups (Central American expert group and Eastern Caribbean (E/CAR) national coordination, etc.), as well as on updates to the Aviation Security Training Centres (ASTCs), and cyber security matters.

Agenda Item 4: Working session: Challenges of, and Solutions to, the Effective Implementation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs)

The Secretariat will provide a brief overview of the:

- a) status of the Effective Implementation (EI) of the States Safety Oversight Systems in relation with the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA); and
- b) status of the EI of the Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP) in the NAM/CAR Regions

The purpose of the working session is for participants to discuss the current status of EI of ICAO SARPs and, principally, to identify the root causes and key challenges to EI and to propose solutions. The Secretariat will record these challenges and suggested solutions in order to design more effective approaches to implementation support. Participants will be assigned to tables consisting of approximately 8-10 participants representing a variety of States, Territories, and International Organizations. Every attempt will be made to organize tables by language ability of participants since interpretation will not be available at all the tables. Each table will be assigned a Rapporteur to present the major conclusions of their respective table's discussion. Secretariat staff will circulate among the tables to answer questions and encourage discussion.

Agenda Item 5 Toward More Effective Implementation Support

During this agenda item, the Secretariat will report out on the discussions and proposals emanating from the Agenda Item 4) Working Session on Challenges of and Solutions to Effective Implementation of ICAO SARPs. The Secretariat and participants will also provide:

- a) a summary of the 2024 Global Implementation Support Symposium (GISS)
- b) an update on RASG-PA and other safety projects and initiatives
- c) a summary of progress on key air navigation initiatives;
- d) a concise overview of the Fourteenth Air Navigation Conference (AN-Conf/14), to be held in Montreal, Canada, from 26 August 2024 to 6 September 2024.
- e) the importance of Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs) and Regional Accident Investigation Organizations to the effective implementation of ICAO SARPs; and
- f) the importance of communication, coordination, and collaboration among all actors involved in implementation support, and the importance of partnerships in this regard.

States and International Organizations are invited to share their experience and suggestions on how to improve implementation support.

Agenda Item 6 Gender Equality in Aviation Panel

Under this agenda item, key ICAO, government, and industry participants will discuss the challenges to greater participation by women in the aviation field. Rather than just focusing on the hiring stage, the panel will explore how to encourage a greater interest in aviation by women, ensuring women are competitive and do not face barriers in the hiring process, and address structural obstacles to career advancement for women in the aviation sector. The panel will conclude with recommendations to the Meeting on how to alleviate these challenges.

Agenda Item 7 Pathway to Sustainable Aviation

Under this agenda Item, participants will discuss progress in addressing aviation's environmental impacts, including the Long-Term Global Aspirational Goals (LTAGs), ICAO's assistance, Capacity-building and Training for Sustainable Aviation Fuels Programme (ACT-SAF), the Assembly (A41) recommendations, the Carbon Offsetting Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), States' Action Plans on CO2 emissions reduction activities, the environmental assistance and capacity building projects, the State's/region's implementation status, and the actions to follow to achieve these environment goals. States and International Organizations are invited to share progress and best practices in order to achieve greater regional progress on addressing aviation's environmental impact.

Agenda Item 8 Challenges to Air Connectivity in the Americas Panel

Under this agenda item, participants will be provided a brief overview of the ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR/SAM *Capacity Building Workshop on Economic Regulation and Oversight* (Panama City, Panama, 21 to 23 May 2024, followed by a moderated panel to discuss proposals to encourage greater air connectivity, especially intra-regional connectivity. The Meeting will review the progress of the initiatives on air cargo, regional air transport agreements, and will discuss and exchange experiences on other air transport development matters.

Agenda Item 9 ICAO 80th Anniversary Activities

Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will provide an overview of ICAO 80th Anniversary activities and participants are encouraged to provide brief interventions on their respective activities.

Agenda Item 10: Ratification of International Air Law Instruments

The Secretariat will provide information on the main provisions and benefits of six key international air law treaties, the ratification process, as well as on the resources available for States to assist them with ratification matters. Directors General will be invited to make use of a tracking matrix whereby they could periodically inform ICAO of their State's progress towards ratification whenever they reach an important milestone in the process. The list of all air law instruments will be provided to each State for follow-up and prompt ratification.

Agenda Item 11: NACC/DCA Meeting Valid and Draft Conclusions and Decisions

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will follow-up on outstanding conclusions and decisions from previous NACC/DCA meetings and review some of the draft conclusions and decisions that were recorded during the present meeting.

Agenda Item 12: Other Business

This agenda item provides an opportunity to address significant items of interest to decision-makers that were not addressed elsewhere in the agenda, such as information on the 42nd session of the ICAO Assembly. The Secretariat will also provide information on the status of outstanding contributions by some member States.

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**APPENDIX B
PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE**

Time	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
08:30–09:00	Registration		
09:00–09:30	Opening Ceremony Group Photo	Agenda Item 5	Agenda Item 8 (Panel)
09:30–09:45	Election of Chairperson		
09:45–10:30	Agenda Items 1 and 2		
10:30–11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11:00–12:00	Agenda Item 3	Agenda Item 5 (cont.)	Agenda Item 7
12:00–13:00			Agenda Items 9 and 10
13:00–14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
14:00–15:30	Agenda Item 4	Agenda Item 6 (Panel)	Agenda Item 11 Agenda Item 12
15:30–16:30		11th Meeting of the RLA09801 Multi- Regional Civil Aviation Assistance Programme (MCAAP) Project Steering Committee (RLA09801 PSC/11)	Review of Draft Conclusions Closing

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