

**Presentation by Mr Arturo López-Portillo, ACS Director of Transport and Disaster Risk Reduction, on the Directorate's Report and 2017-2018 Work Programme.**

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# **Directorate for Transport and Disaster Risk Reduction**

**Report for the XXV Transport Special Committee  
Meeting.**

**Activities from the Havana Plan of Action, Status and  
Work Programme 2017-2018**

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Trinidad and Tobago. October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016**





**Uniting the  
Caribbean by air  
and sea.**



# Objectives

- **Report on the activities from the Havana Plan of Action related to Maritime and Air Transport in the Region**
  - **Director**
  - **Key regional organizations**
- **Inform about activities for the period 2017-2018. Work Programme.**

# Outcomes

- ACS Members informed of progress of ACS projects.
- Identification of needs for the continuation of projects
- Identification of areas where to strengthen collaboration and support. Members States and Agencies.
- Identification of activities that could improve current projects and transport in the region
- Agreements. Committments.  
Responsibilities.

# Plans of Action



- Pétion-Ville, Haïti,
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

- Havana, Cuba,
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.







# **ACS. Havana Plan of Action 2016-2018**

**June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

## **3. Transport (Maritime)**

**3.1. Maps of Greater Caribbean  
Maritime Routes**

**3.2. The Greater Caribbean  
Port and Maritime  
Strategy**

**3.2.1. The Senior Port  
Management Course**



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**June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

## **3. Transport (Air transport)**

### **3.3. Continuing efforts in connectivity**

- 3.3.1. Air Transport Agreement among Members and Associate Members of the ACS**
- 3.3.2. Defining Cooperative Actions**
- 3.3.3. Convening Meetings of Experts**

# General

- Last Special Committee Meeting. Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- Changes in Staff:
  - Director.
    - Mr. Arturo López Portillo. August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.
    - Mr. George Nicholson. July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
  - Research Assistant.
    - Ms. Kenika Espinosa. September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016
    - Ms. Anastasia Ramjag. July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
    - Ms. Rachael Robinson.
  - Advisor
    - Ms. Nnyeka Prescod.
  - Secretary
    - Ms. Farrah Ramlochan.

### **3.1. Maps of Maritime Routes of the Greater Caribbean**

#### **Havana Plan of Action.**

- Implement phases IV and V to show the existing regular container line maritime transport services, their frequency and the locations of different shipping line agents by ports-of-call found on the interactive map posted on ACS, Central American Commission for Maritime Transport (COCATRAM) and Maritime Authority of Panama (AMP) regularly updated webpages.

### 3.1. Maps of Maritime Routes of the Greater Caribbean

#### STATUS

- Cuban initiative and authorship. ACS. TD. 1999.
- Increase intraregional maritime transport and trade. 2007. Cuban Ministry of Transport, COCATRAM and Panama Maritime Authority.
- Currently in phases IV and V funded by the Government of Mexico, \$30,000.00. May 2015.
- 100 ports in the Greater Caribbean-277
- Website with over 10000 visits from thousands of users; importers, exporters, vendors, buyers, etc.
- Previous phases funded by Korea (\$35,000. 2007), ACS-Turkey (\$35,000. 2010) In 2011-2012 (45,000)
- Funding needed for 2017



## **3.1. Maps of Maritime Routes of the Greater Caribbean**

### **Activities 2017-2018**

- Continue the project.
- Continue gathering information
- Continue expanding database
- Continue updating website
- Funding



## **3.2. The Greater Caribbean Port and Maritime Strategy.**

### **3.2.1. Senior Port Management Course**

#### **Havana Plan of Action.**

- Put in practice recommendations of the Study on Port and Maritime Strategies for the Greater Caribbean, in particular actions designed to benefit the development of small maritime ports.
- Capacity building at senior level in small ports.

## **3.2. The Greater Caribbean Port and Maritime Strategy.**

### **3.2.1. Senior Port Management Course**

#### **STATUS**

- Terms of Reference for the Caribbean Maritime Strategy developed by COCATRAM, Ministry of Transport, Cuba and AMP of Panama.
- Study funded by the Agence Française de Development (AFD). € 125,000. 2014.
- Consulting firm conducted Study on Port and Maritime Strategies for the Greater Caribbean in 2014.
- Draft Report presented in Seminar in Cartagena, Colombia in July, 2014.
- Final Report and translations in early 2015
- Planning of a Senior Port Management Course Started (ACS, IMO, PMAC)

## **3.2. The Greater Caribbean Port and Maritime Strategy.**

### **3.2.1. Senior Port Management Course**

#### **Activities 2017-2018**

- Revision Terms of Reference for the Caribbean Maritime Strategy developed by COCATRAM, Ministry of Transport, Cuba and AMP vs. Study and Conclusions
- Identification of Activities to develop the Strategy.
- Final Design, funding and delivery of Senior Port Management Course.
- Convene expert meeting and design needs-based surveys to further define initiatives for the enhancement of small ports. (WP)



### **3.3. Continuing efforts for connectivity**

#### **3.3.1. Air Transport Agreement among Member States and Associate Members of the ACS.**

#### **Havana Plan of Action.**

- Continue to promote the implementation and updating of the Agreement in order to meet the need of a general aviation policy for the Greater Caribbean, establishing a legal and co-operation framework that would offer more air service options with reduced costs and prices, more routes, more carriers and improved services, as well as attaining the highest levels of operational safety and protection for international civil aviation.





### **3.3. Continuing efforts for connectivity**

#### **3.3.1. Air Transport Agreement among Member States and Associate Members of the ACS.**

#### **STATUS:**

- Agreement signed in 2004
- Entered into force on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- 13 ratifications to date.
- Last accession in April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.  
Cooperative Republic of Guyana.



### **3.3. Continuing efforts for connectivity**

#### **3.3.1. Air Transport Agreement among Member States and Associate Members of the ACS.**

#### **Activities 2017-2018**

- Identification of activities under the agreement
- Gathering of information from ACS members and regional organisations
- Identifying next steps

### **3.3. Continuing efforts for connectivity**

#### **3.3.2. Defining Cooperative Actions.**

#### **3.3.3. Convening meetings of experts under the theme of connectivity**

##### **Havana Plan of Action.**

- Defining cooperative actions with international agencies within the aviation sphere to improve and facilitate connectivity within the region.
- Convening Meetings of Experts under the theme of connectivity. This meetings should propose ideas and activities that would improve connectivity in the region of the Caribbean.

### **3.3. Continuing efforts for connectivity**

#### **3.3.2. Defining Cooperative Actions.**

#### **3.3.3. Convening meetings of experts under the theme of connectivity**

##### **STATUS.**

- Identifying key Stakeholders involved in connectivity.
- Planning Meeting of Experts for 2017
- Guidelines;
  - Guidelines for the granting of operating permits to airlines for scheduled or non-scheduled commercial routes within and between the territory members and associate members of the ACS and third states (WP)
  - Guidelines on the compatibility of air and airport service quality indicators. (WP)

### **3.3. Continuing efforts for connectivity**

#### **3.3.2. Defining Cooperative Actions.**

#### **3.3.3. Convening meetings of experts under the theme of connectivity**

##### **Activities 2017-2018.**

- Identifying key Stakeholders involved in connectivity.
- Planning Meeting of Experts for 2017
- Revision and updating guidelines. Discussion with key organisations. Circulation.
- «Bases for the creation of a Trade Cooperation Partnership among airlines from ACS countries»
- «Study on potential demand for Air Transport between Member States of the ACS.»



### **3.3. Continuing efforts for connectivity**

#### **Participation in Meetings**

- Expert Meeting on Maritime Connectivity in the Greater Caribbean. Trinidad and Tobago. November 2015.
- Workshop on Strengthening Hydrographic capacities in Mesoamerica and the Caribbean. Veracruz, México. December 2015.
- 6th Meeting of the CARICOM Regional Transportation Commission. Georgetown, Guyana.
- Expert Group Meeting on Special Needs and Challenges in Developing Countries for Achieving Sustainable Transport. UN Headquarters. May, 2016.

# Articles (Communication Strategy)

- Caribbean Rail Transport: not lost and not forgotten. October, 2015.
- Future of Informal Shipping Sector. November, 2015.
- Taxation and the Regional Airline Industry. May, 2016
- Marine Pollution and Regional Maritime Transport Industry. July 2016.
- Managing Risk: Increasing the resilience of Small Ports. August 2016.

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**Thanks!**  
**Gracias!**  
**Merci!**

