

The ECCAA recently attended the International Civil Aviation Organisation Second North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group Meeting (ICAO NACC/WG/2), which was held in Jamaica 12-16 May 2008. The office was represented by Mr. Donald McPhail (Ag. Director- ANS Division), and Mr. Anthony Meade (Operations Officer-ATS). The OECS States that attended were Grenada and St. Lucia.

The meeting was attended overall by 54 participants from 14 NACC States/ Territories, 1 South America Region State, 3 International Organisations, and 1 service provider.



The agenda covered developments in Air Traffic Management (ATM), Aeronautical Information Services (AIM), Communications/Navigation/ Surveillance (CNS) and Aerodromes, the Establishment of Interfaces for ATM Automated Systems between adjacent Air Traffic Services Units, and other General Air Navigation Matters. In previous years, the ICAO Working Group meetings under the jurisdiction of the ICAO NACC Regional Office were held separately in the respective regions of the Eastern and Central Caribbean (E/CAR and C/CAR), and North and Central America. The Eastern Caribbean (E/CAR) regional Working Group meeting (ECWG) that was normally attended by the ECCAA comprised of States/Territories from Puerto Rico down to Trinidad & Tobago.

The meeting format changed in 2007 with the E/CAR and Central Caribbean (C/CAR) meetings being combined into the 1st Caribbean Working Group Meeting, which was held in Trinidad & Tobago. This has now further evolved into a combining of all of the regions under the NACC Regional Office to become the 2nd NACC Working Group Meeting which will now be held every three years. In the intervening years, the meetings will revert to the respective Regions.