

TTCAA signs Port-of Spain Agreement....

The Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority on April 29 2014 signed the “Port –of –Spain Declaration” at the fifth meeting of the Directors of Civil Aviation of the North American, Central American and Caribbean States (NACC DCA) at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The meeting comes at an important time given the heightened levels of safety awareness globally as a consequence of the recent loss of the Malaysian Airlines flight MH370.

The signing of this agreement reaffirms the regions’ as well as Trinidad and Tobago’s commitment to meeting targets for safety, security and navigation within the civil aviation industry.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Finance and the Economy Minister, Larry Howai reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to working together with the regions’ Directors of Civil Aviation and industry stakeholders to ensure that the highest levels of safety, security and efficiency are met by the industry.

In this regard, the Minister stated that the civil aviation industry within Trinidad and Tobago contributes significantly to the Government’s economic thrust as it “provides essential transportation linkages between Trinidad and Tobago, the CARICOM community and other global industrial and commercial centres.”

Discussions were held on the decisions of the 38th Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization in relation to its impact on the civil aviation requirements within the North America, Central American and Caribbean region.

The twenty one participating countries were expected to discuss proposed performance-based metrics for air navigation, safety, security and the environment in keeping with the International Civil Aviation Organization’s (ICAO) Strategic Objectives, the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) and the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP).

The performance-based metrics will provide a guide upon which the achievements of the regions’ civil aviation authorities can be measured in the upcoming years.

Minister Howai noted that both the GANP and the GASP provides the road map for enhancing aviation safety and the implementation of a fully-harmonized global air navigation system built on modern performance-based procedures and technologies which would allow for increased capacity in the skies.

The meeting is also intended to provide the forum for participating States to discuss and exchange information with the aim of achieving harmonized regional aviation development

The meeting of the NACC DCA, of which Trinidad & Tobago is a member, was held in Trinidad and Tobago for the first time this year and concludes today.