**Technical Assistance to the Caribbean Regional Air Transport Resilience Project**

## Context and Objectives

The Caribbean Regional Air Transport Connectivity Project (CATCOP) is a series of World Bank projects financed by the International Development Association (IDA) which aims to support the extensive and long-running regional agenda for improving overall air transport connectivity and resilience. These investments are expected to generate significant cross-boundary benefits and network effects through a uniform approach to improve air transport connectivity and resilience.

The Technical Assistance to the Caribbean Regional Air Transport Resilience Project enhances the resilience of air transport across the region. The Project complements CATCOP's existing framework and planned activities by promoting introduction of resilience-building measures into the selected countries' air transport regulation and policies.

## Main Activities

- Gap analysis in air transport resilience.
- Technical assistance and capacity-building in air transport resilience
- Support for the drafting of Terms of Reference for the vulnerability assessment of targeted airport infrastructure in Haiti, Grenada, and Saint Lucia.
- Data collection, testing, and support to drafting Terms of Reference for the feasibility study of resilient pavement in selected airport infrastructure in Haiti, Grenada, and Saint Lucia.

## Results

Activities have focused on supporting the governments of **Grenada**, **Haiti,** and **Saint Lucia** in gaining detailed understanding of the capacity gaps in regulation, planning, governance and policy-making with regards to air transport resilience and to identify priority actions to fill those gaps. Five workshops were organized between March and June 2021 which key stakeholders from **Grenada**, **Haiti,** and **Saint Lucia** participated. Three of these workshops, attended by 60 officials, focused on strengthening governments' understanding of air transport resilience. The other two workshops, attended by 20 officials, focused on the specific threats related to the air transport sector in the Caribbean.

In **Saint Lucia**, technical assistance was provided to the Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority to support the drafting of terms of reference for the vulnerability assessment of targeted airport infrastructure, including the Hewanorra International Airport. The terms of reference for the design and supervision services for this airfield's improvement is under final revision and activities are expected to be launched by August 2021. These activities will provide detailed understanding of the pavement quality in this airport and provide enhanced technical quality of the infrastructure. In **Haiti**, terms of reference were finalized to support the procurement and supervision design services and works for airport infrastructure improvement in Port-au-Prince and Cap-Haïtien. This will include among others: (i) for the Port-au-Prince International Airport: the construction of a new taxiway, the extension of a parking apron, and the construction of Runway End Safety Areas; (ii) for the Cap-Haïtien International Airport: the rehabilitation of runway pavement; and (iii) for both airports: drainage system improvement.

This project supported the preparation of World Bank investments in **Haiti** and **Saint Lucia**, both approved in May 2020 by the World Bank Board, through the *Caribbean Regional Air Transport Connectivity Project*, of respectively $84 million in **Haiti** and $45 million in **Saint Lucia**.

**Partnerships and Coordination**

The activities in this project are implemented in close coordination with the World Bank-funded CATCOP, and from a local perspective with the regulatory and airport authorities in Haiti, Grenada, and Saint Lucia.

**Country**

- Haiti, Grenada and Saint Lucia

**Caribbean Regional Resilience Building Facility component**

- Adaptation Facility for Leveraging Investments in Resilience in the Caribbean

**Amount approved**

- EUR 179,840 / $200,683

**Duration**

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