

Presentation of the first and second edition of the electronic newsletter
"On the trail"



**CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT**



Eng. Pedro Suarez Reyes
Chairman of the Special Committee on Transportation
Association of Caribbean States (ACS)

With the intention to help strengthen cooperation and regional integration process, in order to create an ample economic space and preserve the environmental integrity of the Caribbean Sea, the Special Committee on Transport is developing a comprehensive program of actions, which presently, is based on a refined portfolio and a vast group willing of experts with a clear vision of uniting the Greater Caribbean by air and sea, giving all of themselves every day towards achieving the goal set.

In compliance with the will expressed by the delegates at the recently concluded XX SCT meeting, resulted in this first edition of the newsletter called *On the Trail* where one of its main objectives is to make known what is being done in the ACS and its SCT to integrate the region.

It will be pleasing and beneficial to receive your feedback and suggestions relating to the material presented and the topics to be addressed.

**SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF
CARIBBEAN STATES**



His Excellency Ambassador Luis Fernando Andrade Falla
Secretary General
Association of Caribbean States (ACS)

I am pleased that the Directorate of Transport and Disaster Risk Reduction can count on a newsletter, where the activities, initiatives and projects that have been approved by member countries can be viewed.

The Transport Directorate under the leadership of Engineer Eduardo Jose Gonzalez Angulo and his team have developed and allowed to continue to promote the adoption of the guidelines on the compatibility of indicators of Quality Air Service and Airport, to further increase the transport sector within the Member Countries of the ACS and to contribute to the expansion of trade, investment and multi-destination tourism.

This makes it a pleasure to invite and welcome *On the Trail*, a quarterly newsletter that will be the liaison of information between member countries and associate members of the Association of Caribbean States to further address the main challenges faced by maritime and air transport within the framework of the program of the Association: Uniting the Caribbean by Air and Sea.



ON THE TRAIL

Uniting the Caribbean by Air and Sea

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Alfonso Múnera,
Secretary General of the ACS

Strengthening the development of transport in the Greater Caribbean

As part of the commitment made by the ACS to promote regional co-operation and coordination among Member States and Associate Members, I am delighted to highlight the work that the Transport Directorate of the ACS has been carrying out in recent years, since everyone is well aware of the pivotal role that Transport plays as the core element for developing and strengthening regional ties, especially in the fields of tourism and trade, focal areas of our Organisation.

According to our present reality, taking into account the fact that the area of Transport is a challenge in the Region and in order to bring to fruition what is on paper, the Secretariat is following the guidelines

presented by the Chairman, whose goal is to carry out specific activities that would yield real benefits for all Member States, thus, we share the initiative to maintain a portfolio of 3 or 4 projects with viable financing and execution, from which we can obtain results in the medium term.

It is therefore my pleasure to encourage you to participate actively by presenting proposals and ideas and to also remain in permanent contact with the Transport Directorate should you have any query or pertinent input. In that respect, it is also my honour to invite you to attend the upcoming Meeting of the Special Committee on Transport that is carded for September 20-21 in Port of Spain, at which we are expecting ultimate participation from everyone.



Transport Directorate Team, from left to right: Mathieu Fontanaud, Sandra Fonseca Morales, Eduardo González, Catalina Bastidas and Olivia Confiac.

The web application is now on the ACS website

The original idea for this project arose in 1999 during the 3rd Meeting of the Special Committee on Transport (SCT) of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS), as a result of the proposal put forward by Mr. Pedro Suárez Reyes, representing the Delegation of Cuba, current Chairman of the Special Committee on Transport, as one of the principal actions promoted at the Meeting of the ACS Ministerial Council for "Uniting the Caribbean by Air and Sea".

This was developed thanks to the successive acquisition of funds from the Republic of Korea (US\$35,000.00 in 2007 to execute the first phase of the Project) and from the Government of the Republic of Turkey (US\$35,000.00 in 2010



and US\$20,000.00 in 2012) to execute the second phase of the project. 167 services are being applied, distributed over 55 shipping lines, serviced by 557 vessels, in 37 countries and 71 ports in the

Greater Caribbean, with a capacity of 1,275,179 TEU's; of which 138,087 are refrigerated containers.

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