FIRST MEETING OF AIRCOP FOCAL POINTS AND HEADS OF JAITFs OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

On 15 and 16 November 2018, AIRCOP focal points and Heads of JAITFs for Latin America and the Caribbean gathered in Panama, with the participation of the CARICOM IMPACS Joint Regional Communication Centre (JRCC), UK Border Force and CRIMJUST. This meeting provided a platform for in-depth discussions and reflections on the successes, challenges, results and experiences, resulting in a series of concrete recommendations for improvement that will be implemented throughout 2019.

REGIONAL WORKSHOPS FOR AFRICAN JAITFS

In the first weeks of November 2018, two regional workshops were provided for the African JAITFs in Dakar. The workshops on the use of the CEN-comm and on drugs detection and identification were delivered respectively by WCO and the Police Forensics Laboratory of Côte d’Ivoire. Funded by the European Union, drug kits and urine tests were given to each JAITF to improve their identification capacity.

PRE-OPERATIONAL PHASE OF COCAIR VII

AIRCOP African, Latin American and Caribbean JAITFs participated in the pre-operational workshops of the WCO Operation COCAIR 7th edition that will start in December 2018. This joint operation brings together law enforcement agencies from over 30 countries, with a focus on international airports in which intensified controls are enforced during several weeks.