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**RECENT APPROACHES TO AVIATION IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

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**ABSTRACT**

The paper will locate Trinidad and Tobago in its geographical position as an ideal confluence point for aviation links between North and South America, South America and Europe, Latin America and Africa.

As the leading aviation nation in CARICOM for over 60 years, Trinidad and Tobago has operated air services through both state-owned and privately-owned carriers. To support such services Trinidad and Tobago has negotiated Air Services Agreements in all continents of the world, taking a practical approach to such negotiations resulting in a variety of ASA’s from the most liberal open skies to conservative agreements to meet the needs of its peculiar circumstances..

The paper will illustrate some of the significant new developments and arrangements which the country has achieved in areas like the definition of “territory,” the concept of cabotage and the right of separate designation of one airline by two separate countries.

The paper will further address Trinidad and Tobago’s contribution to regional and sub-regional aviation and its aspirations for a regular seat on the ICAO Council for a CARICOM State, thus raising the issue of its relationship with LACAC and certain technical bodies responsible for the regulation of aviation in the CARICOM and ACS regions.