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## Let's Get Connected! Seminar on air transport connectivity.

Willemstad - The Curaçao Civil Aviation Authority of the Ministry of Traffic, Transport and Urban Planning, together with the Ministry of Economic Development and the Curaçao Tourist Board (CTB) hosted a seminar entitled 'Let's Get Connected! Air Transport Connectivity' on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2018.

Optimal aviation connectivity is crucial for the sustainable development of the economies of all parts of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, especially the Dutch Caribbean. The changes in the constitutional structure of the Kingdom of the Netherlands has had its impact on the aviation industry.

Recent developments in the aviation industry have resulted in the growth of the awareness of the importance to foster the existing connectivity and also to increase and improve the current level of aviation connectivity. Taking into consideration these developments and recognizing the importance of optimal connection between the parts of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in order to stimulate the growth of the aviation industry of all parties, an Air Transport Protocol was signed.

During this seminar the current aero-political policies within the Kingdom of the Netherlands were analyzed. A revision of current policies may be necessary in order to move forward into an era in which connectivity is such that we will meet the market's demand.

During the seminar various speakers presented their perspectives on developments in connectivity between the territories of the Dutch Caribbean, and possible ways to guarantee such connectivity. Participants also had the opportunity to discuss these topics during several panel sessions. Conclusions were drawn and specific actions were planned together.