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ICAO AND INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT FORUM TO ENHANCE COOPERATION

MONTREAL, 23 June 2015 – The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Transport Forum (ITF) have established a new agreement to engage in joint research and events as well as exchanges of information and staff.

Building on their existing cooperative programmes to better forecast air passenger flows and related impacts, both organizations will work together on statistics methodology and data aggregation, data analysis and forecasting, and conduct economic studies on air transport development.

The new ICAO/ITF *Memorandum of Collaboration* (MoC) was signed by both organizations on 23 June. It identifies topics of joint interest including international air transport liberalization, the security and passage of air travellers, and aviation infrastructure investment. The agreement covers an initial three-year period, with both organizations being accorded observer status at their meetings.

“Working cooperatively is, and has always been, fundamental to the aviation sector,” stressed ICAO Council President Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu. “This new framework for enhanced cooperation with ITF will allow us to more effectively meet our objectives and, at the same time, share our experiences and best practices to the benefit of ITF and its Member States.”

Other potential areas highlighted for possible joint efforts by ICAO and the ITF include crisis management, sustainable development and climate change mitigation, and the promotion of compatible regulatory approaches among States.

“This collaboration will provide added value for both organizations and for their member countries,” said ITF Secretary General José Viegas. “It will help strengthen ITF’s understanding of the aviation sector, and it will help us provide ICAO with additional policy perspectives that can also include lessons from other transport modes.”

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