

**REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
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1. Mobility has become more essential than ever, not least in consideration of the continuing global demographic growth and the need to realize sustainable development through the movement of people and goods. As mobility leaders, we have the opportunity AND responsibility to ensure that global mobility becomes environmentally sustainable.
2. In aviation, the transition towards global net-zero is well underway. Innovations are coming off the drawing boards and taking to the skies.
3. In this period of COVID-19 recovery, the aviation community sees a tremendous opportunity to do things differently. We perceive an opportunity to build back better and stronger than ever before in our history.
4. 2021 is furthermore the lead up toward COP26. There is a growing level of economy-wide ambition not only from governments but also from private sectors. As part of this trend, we are observing an increasing number of net-zero commitments for aviation. This leadership is providing momentum.
5. New green innovations are currently emerging across the four corners of the world, from hydrogen-based and electric aircraft to new modes of urban air mobility. Clean energy availability and access to make these innovations a reality are crucial.
6. Action on climate change by ICAO and its Member States has been well established, through the agreement on a two per cent annual fuel efficiency improvement, and carbon neutral growth from 2020 onwards. ICAO is also pursuing a basket of measures, including: technology, operations and fuels.

7. ICAO is currently exploring the feasibility of establishing a long-term aspirational goal for international aviation, together with a realization roadmap. These will be for consideration by the next Session of the ICAO Assembly in 2022. To ensure the latest innovations are considered, ICAO is using a Stocktaking process to allow stakeholders to share initiatives, solutions, and new ideas
8. To further promote the development of new ideas and accelerate the pace of implementation, innovators and aviation pioneers from all over the world have been joining the ICAO Global Coalition for Sustainable Aviation.
9. ICAO also continues to build and enhance the capacity of its Member States in the planning and implementation of specific climate actions for aviation. 120 Member States have already submitted action plans.
10. Let me conclude by stressing one more time the importance of uniting our efforts and taking actions now to achieve sustainability for the transport sector. ICAO is fully committed to its leadership, consensus-building and capacity-building roles, by working together with our 193 Member States to realize global goals and solutions for the global aviation industry, towards our next Assembly in 2022 and beyond. I look forward to working with you all to achieve a green flying future.
11. Thank you.