

Environment & Aviation In Lebanon (State Action Plan)

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- ✓ Know Lebanon & Beirut RHIA
- ✓ Aviation History in Lebanon
- ✓ Air transport in Lebanon
- ✓ Aviation and Environmnet in Lebanon
- ✓ Lebanon Action Plan Goals
- ✓ CORSIA implementation in Lebanon
- ✓ SWOT Analysis.
- ✓ Summing Up and Future Steps



ICAO ENVIRONMENT Do you know LEBANON, really!

Located on the Eastern Coast of the Mediterranean Sea Basin. Latitude 33,10 – 34,40 N Longitude 35,15 – 36,10 E

- ✓ Area 10,452 Km^2 ; Population = 6 millions
- ✓ 2/5 of its area is mountainous
- ✓ Highest mountain peak 3,086 m
- ✓ Mean mountain height ~ 550 m

Rainfall:

 Coast:
 800 mm

 Mountains:
 900 to 1650 mm

 Bekaa :
 250 to 650 mm





Aviation History – BRHIA (1913 – Present)





The First Lebanese pilot was Yousef Akkar...

Learned Aviation to be Certified in 1927..

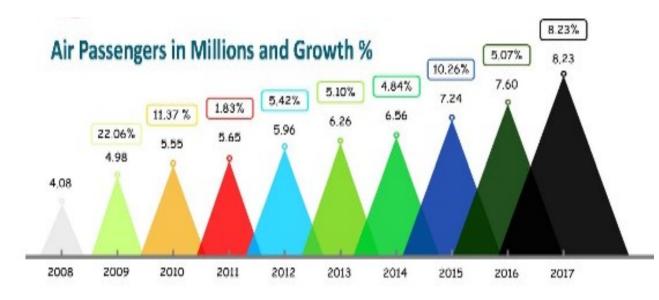
Lebanon was the first country in the Middle East that experienced and tasted the aviation when a French pilot "Jules Vedrines" landed in October 1913 at Beirut; just a year before the First World War.







Air transport in Lebanon



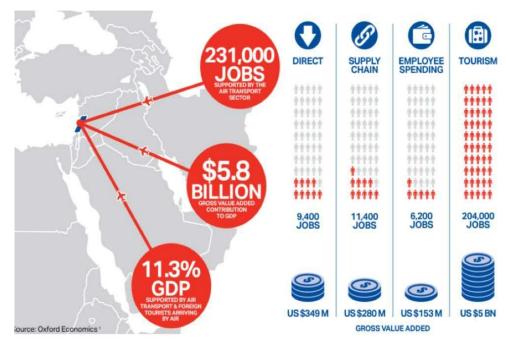


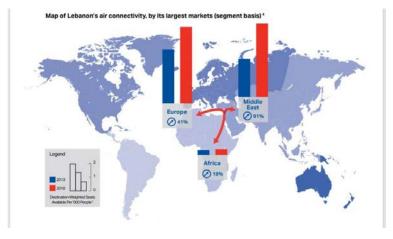


Air Transport in Lebanon



Air Transport as key drivers of global economic growth (IATA)





Map of Lebanon's air connectivity by its largest markets (IATA)



Why develop a State Action Plan on CO₂ Emissions Reduction Activities?

- 1. Develop a better <u>understanding</u> of the share and projections of international aviation CO_2 emissions;
- 2. Enhanced <u>cooperation</u> between all aviation stakeholders that can positively reflect on their operational areas;
- 3. Identification of the most relevant mitigation actions;
- 4. <u>Streamlining</u> of policies;
- Enhancing stakeholders' <u>support and understanding</u> for policy decisions;



- 6. Establishment of cross-sectoral partnerships;
- 7. Promotion of **capacity building**;
- 8. Multiplication of the **environmental effects** of mitigation measures;
- 9. Facilitation of technology transfer; and

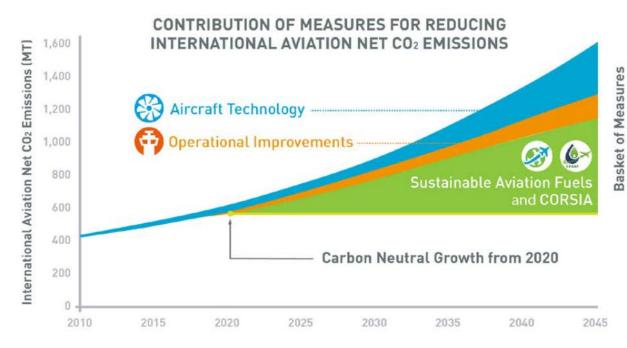
10. Identification of assistance needs.



Purpose (State Action Plan)

For State: Opportunity to identify measures that will improve fuel efficiency and reduce emissions.

For ICAO: Assess future progress toward the achievement of ICAO global aspirational goals..





State Action Plan Minimum Contents





Baseline scenario – international fuel consumption, CO₂ emissions and traffic data projected to 2050 (without action)

ist of selected emissions mitigation measures.



Expected results – international fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions projected to 2050 (with the actions in #3)

Assistance needs (if needed)



State Action Plan Process

• The State:

 Designates a State Action Plan Focal Point and communicates their contact information to ICAO

The Focal Point:

- Coordinates with ICAO
- Establishes a National Action Plan Team
- Develops the State Action Plan and submits the document to ICAO





The Action Plan Focal point

- The Focal Point is the only person authorized to submit the Action Plan and to access the ICAO APER website
- The Focal point plays a critical role in the successful development of an Action Plan. He/She:
 - Drives various interests towards a common goal State Action Plan
 - Possess the leadership skills to get people on-board and motivate them
 - Is a "do-er"
 - Is typically a member of the CAA / DGCA

The Role of the Focal Point:

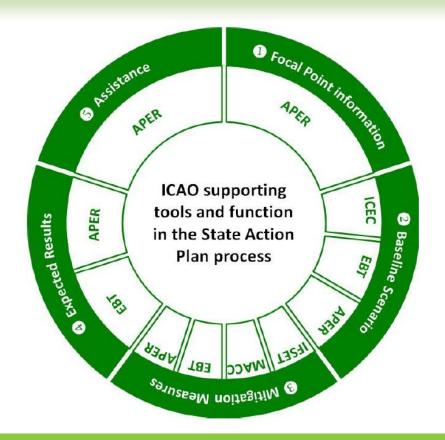
- Lead the development of the SAP.
- Coordinate Amongst Stakeholders.
- Connect with ICAO.







CO₂ Emissions Reduction Initiatives





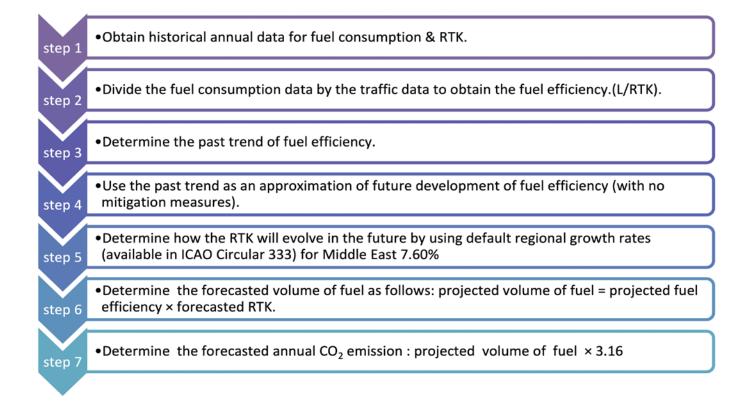
Development of SAP in Lebanon



Contact Information	Baseline (Without Action)	List of selected measures	Expected Results	Assistance Needs
✓ Done	✓ Done	✓ Done	✓ Done	✓ Done

Lebanon will intend to adopt its SAP at the first of June 2022 on Qualitative & Quantitative Basis





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Baseline Scenario Examples

Depending on the availability of historical data, three different methods (depending on the size of the fleet) can be applied for generating a baseline scenario:

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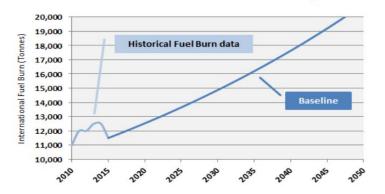
a) *Method A.* The State has a current fleet size of no more than ten aircraft.

b) Method B. The State has a current fleet size of more than ten aircraft, and has access to data for at least two years.

c) *Method C*. The State has a current fleet size of more than ten aircraft, and has access to data for a single year only.

Doc 9988 Chapter 3 APER, EBT, ICEC

Example					
	Histori				
Year	RTK * ('000)	Fuel Burn (tonnes)	Fuel efficiency		
2010	25'000	11′000	0.440		
2011	30'000	12'000	0.400		
2012	32'000	12'000	0.375		
2013	33'000	12'500	0.379		
2014	32'000	12'500	0.391		
2015	30'000	11′500	0.383		



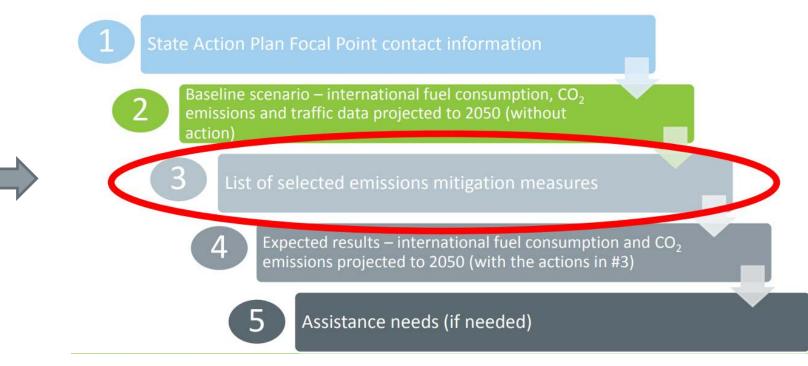


✓ Lebanon used the ICAO "Method B, Case 1"

 ✓ As, Lebanon has fleet size of more than 10 aircraft and data available for at least two years (Doc. 9988, Chapter 3; Clause: 3.4.10).



SAP & Minimum Contents





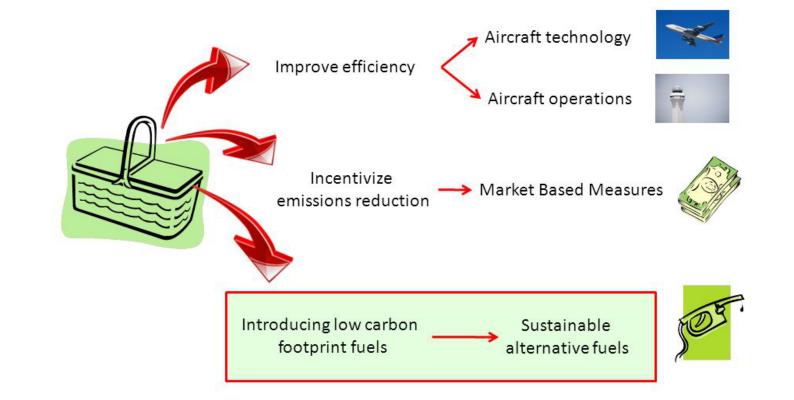
Selection of Mitigation Measures

- The Focal Point should always work in collaboration with the National Action Plan Team
- Context is key for the selection of appropriate mitigation measures





Basket of Measures

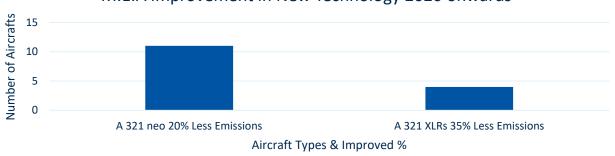






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M.E.A Improvement in New Technology 2020 onwards

Serial number 10,000. is the third A321neo to join the MEA fleet.

20 -35 % more fuel efficient





Mitigations in Lebanon

Action Plan For Noise

• A) Reduction of Noise at Source:

Lebanon has adopted ICAO's Annex 16, Vol I and requires all commercial aircraft to be noise certified in accordance with this Annex. Regarding to : Act N. 663, Civil Aviation Safety Act of 2005.

- Regarding environmental protection, article 51 of Act N. 663 states that:

"No aircraft should fly over Lebanon unless it is subject to the provisions of the regulations issued by the Civil Aviation Administration and related to noise, engine smoke, gaseous emission, fuel ventilation and other issues related to environmental protection from aircraft operation."

- In 2007 the DGAC issued a policy preventing aircraft older than 15 years from being registered in the country. The net effect, in practice, is to prohibit the registration of Chapter 2 aeroplanes.



Mitigations in Lebanon

• B) Noise abatement operational procedures:

The Lebanese AIP indicates that noise abatement procedures are in effect at Beirut International Airport, for which purpose runways 21 and 34 have been designated as preferential for takeoff and runways 03 and 16 for landing.

- Minimize the need to fly over densely populated areas, taking advantage of the fact that the airport is situated directly by the sea.
- C) Operating restrictions:

There are no operating restrictions and there is no specific national legislation contemplating the establishment of such restrictions.

• **D) Land-use planning and management:** In the vicinity of Beirut airport there is one Land Use Plan currently in force, since 2004, and another is being drafted for a neighboring area (Not enough).





Mitigations in Lebanon



MEA

Masterplan by Khatib & Alami Urban

BASKET OF MEASURES

1. The flag carrier MEA continually invests in modernizing its fleet

2. Purchasing 15 Airbus family A320neo family of aircraft (eco-friendly); Reduction of millions of tonnes per year; Minimizing fuel burn.

3. Operational procedures: Single engine taxi in, Using APUs, Shortening the routes and introducing paperless operations

4. Improved Air traffic Management; optimizing the routes....

5. Green Initiatives and Regulatory measures (CORSIA – MRV Implementation.....)



Expected Results

State Action Plan Focal Point contact information



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Baseline scenario – international fuel consumption, CO₂ emissions and traffic data projected to 2050 (without action)

List of selected emissions mitigation measures

Expected results – international fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions projected to 2050 (with the actions in #3)

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Assistance needs (if needed)



Expected Results





Summary

SAP Preparations (Startup)



- Nomination of SAP Focal Point should be done first (Official letter: State to the ICAO).
- ICAO APER Secure Portal (Username & Password).
- Identify & Coordinate with all the Stakeholders (Internal & External).
- Create Carefully your SAP National Team (Committee including the most relevant stakeholders).
- Read Carefully the ICAO Doc. 9988 & Check all the available ICAO Tools (EBT, MAC, ETC....).

SAP Submission (Go ahead)



- Historical Data: Collection & Gathering; then Calculate: (RTK, Fuel Burn, etc....).
- Set up smooth and well-organized SAP Process.
- > Create Your Baseline (Without any action).
- Selecting the measures to mitigate CO₂ emissions & improve fuel efficiency ...
- Estimating the expected results from the actions (mitigation measures) selected...
- Publish your State Action Plan...
 (Confidentiality; if Needed).
- > Update your SAP (ONCE: Each 3 Years).

Lebanese airlines Under CORSIA provisions started monitoring Fuel Consumption from all international Flights as per DGCA using official cirulations on CORSIA from 1st January 2019 until we officially published our CORSIA LARs within the upcoming months.

There are seven basic types of air operator registered in Lebanon issued by the DGCA in accordance with specific LAR Parts, till yet, only Middle East Airline (MEA) and its subsidiary company Cedar Executive (CDX) are falling under the CORSIA applicability and currently doing all the required commitments to the CORSIA Annex 16 volume 4 regarding all the MRV requirements, whereas the rest of operators are still emitting below 10.000 tonnes of CO₂ and thus are not required to submit their EMP to DGCA.

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The Air transport in Lebanon is growing and increase but still regarded as small aviation share activities, so the State of Lebanon did not officially express its intention to take part in the scheme tell yet, thus, Lebanon is not a participating state in pilot and first state, knowing that participation as mandatory basis in the second phase depending on the Value of its Revenue Tone Kilometer (RTK) aggregated by their Air operator for the year 2018.



Strengths Weakness Opportunities Threats S.W.O.T.

- Strengths
 - Lebanon adopted ICAO regulations on gas emissions.
 - All the aircraft are new environmental friendly (Less emissions).
 - Lebanon adopted ICAO regulations on aircraft noise (handling aircraft certification,)
 - New policy and Regulations: CORSIA, Others
 - Aircrafts elder then 15 years are prohibited to register as a Lebanese aircraft.
- Weaknesses
 - No equipment available for emission measurements as required by ICAO.
 - Besides MEA, the other Lebanese carriers fly with old polluting aircraft; very small business....
 - Within the DGCA no enough personnel, tools or knowledge available to perform noise measurements or calculations....
 - Absence of Noise Map.

- Opportunities
 - Act no. 481 will take place LCAA.
 - R & D are possible.
 - CORSIA & SAP National Focal point
 and Team

Threats

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- Human resources.
- Low Budget for SAP & CORSIA.
- No Envirnometal Dept.
- No financial independence.



Q & A

Thank you

