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# ICAO GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM ON AIR TRANSPORT LIBERALIZATION

(Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 18-19 September 2006)

# **BULLETIN NO. 3**

This is the last Bulletin issued before the Symposium commences on 18 September in Dubai. *It provides important information regarding the latest administrative arrangements for the participants*. All information contained in this Bulletin, as well as subsequent updates, can also be found at the Symposium website: <u>www.icao.int/dubai2006</u>.

# 1. **Updated Programme**

1.1 The latest Programme of the Symposium, which includes names of the confirmed moderators, speakers and panellists, is provided at **Attachment 1** for your information.

### 2. **Reply regarding attendance**

2.1 Those States and invited organizations who have not yet replied to ICAO concerning attendance are urged to do so without delay.

2.2 **Delegates nominated by ICAO Contracting States and invited organizations** should notify ICAO of their attendance soonest possible (including name, position, contact information) by fax (+1 514 954 6744), or by e-mail (Dubai2006@icao.int).

2.3. For *all other participants*, who will be charged a moderate fee of USD\$200 for attendance, pre-registration is encouraged, and can easily be done online at the meeting website by following the specified instructions.

# 3. **Registration of Delegates**

3.1 Each participant will be issued a Delegate ID badge for access to the meeting venue and all related social functions. To facilitate the registration process, participants who have notified ICAO of their attendance and received an assigned registration number can register and pick up their ID badges upon their arrival in Dubai on 16 or 17 September at the ICAO Registration Desk. This desk is located in the Arrival Area of Dubai International Airport before the Immigration counter.

3.2 Registration of delegates will also be available at the meeting site in the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre on Sunday, 17 September from 1400 to 1900 hours, on Monday, 18 September (Day 1 of the Symposium) from 0800 to 0900 hours before the meeting, and from 0900 to 1600 hours for late arrivals.

#### 4. Social Functions

4.1 All participants to the ICAO Symposium and their accompanying spouses are invited to *a Welcome Dinner* on Sunday evening, 17 September at Le Meridien Hotel (Grand Ball Room)

from 2000 to 2300 hours. They are also invited by the 12th Routes Conference, which is held concurrently with the ICAO Symposium, to its Welcome Reception and Opening ceremony to be held before the ICAO dinner from 1730 to 1930 hours at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre.

4.2 On Monday, 18 September (Day 1 of the Symposium), all participants are invited to *a joint Gala Dinner* (with the Routes Conference) hosted by the Dubai Department of Civil Aviation from 1930 to 2130 hours. *Dress code* for the Gala Dinner is formal. The Host will provide each delegate and his/her spouse with a UAE National Dress for the occasion. In order for each one to receive the correct size, all delegates are requested to complete the Dress Form provided at **Attachment 2** of this Bulletin and return it as soon as possible *before 1 September*. The Dress Form can also be downloaded from the Symposium website at: <u>www.icao.int/dubai2006</u> under the heading of "Delegate Info". Delegates will receive their tailored dresses on 18 September.

4.3 *A farewell reception* will be held for the ICAO Symposium delegates and their accompanying spouses on Tuesday evening, 19 September (Day 2 of the Symposium), at the Aviation Club from 1900 to 2100 hours.

4.4 *Transport for delegates to/from the evening functions* on the 17th, 18th and 19th of September will be provided by the Host. Detailed information about the transport arrangements will be provided in the Symposium Brochure and on the meeting website under "Delegate Info".

### 5. **Tour Programme**

5.1 The Symposium Host has organized several exciting tours (mostly complimentary) for the Symposium delegates and their spouses to discover fascinating Dubai. Details of the tour programme and registration procedures can be found at the Symposium website under the heading of "Delegate Info".

5.2 Participants may also register for the tours after their arrival in Dubai at the Convention Centre. The tour operator, Dubai Travel & Tourist Services (DTTS), will be at the ICAO Registration Desk to help delegates with their tour registration during the following days: Sunday, 17 September from 1400 to 1900 hours; Monday, 18 September from 0800 to 1700 hours; Tuesday, 19 September from 0900 to 1700 hours; and Wednesday, 20 September from 0900 to 1300 hours.

#### 6. **Documentation**

6.1 All meeting documentation (including information papers) will be placed on the Symposium website and can be downloaded by the delegates. States (civil aviation administrations) and invited international organizations are welcome to submit information papers (for example, on their air transport policies or liberalization experiences) for the benefit of the Symposium. These information papers should be sent to the Symposium Secretariat, preferably in electronic format, by e-mail (Dubai2006@icao.int) as early as possible, but not later than 31 August 2006.

### **ATTACHMENT 1**

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#### **PROGRAMME\***

#### Sunday, 17 September (pre-conference activity)

1400 - 1900Registration of delegates (at the Dubai Convention and Exhibition Centre)1400 - 1800Dubai City Tour, sponsored by Dubai Department of Civil Aviation2000 - 2300Welcome Dinner at Le Meridian Hotel, sponsored by AirBP

#### DAY 1, Monday, 18 September

**0800 – 0900** Registration of delegates

#### 0900 – 1000 — Opening Session

- Welcoming addresses

   Host government:
   HH. Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum, President, Department of Civil Aviation, Dubai
   2) ICAO Representative:
   Dr. Taïeb Chérif, Secretary General, ICAO
- Introduction of Chairman of the Symposium (*Mr. Mohammed Ahli, Operations Director, Department of Civil Aviation, Dubai*) and Moderators

Key-note speech by: HE. Sheikha Lubna bint Khalid Al Qasimi, Minister of Economy, United Arab Emirates

- 1000 1300 Session 1: Taking stock of liberalization Moderator: Mr. Mohammed Ahli, Operations Director, Department of Civil Aviation, Dubai

  - Emerging trends and challenges

     The industry's view (changes in the industry and issues for the regulatory regime):
     *Mr. Giovanni Bisignani, Director General & CEO, IATA* 
     How to respond to the challenges The regulator's view:
     *Mr. Ajay Prasad, Secretary of Civil Aviation, India*

#### Panel discussion and Question & Answer (Q&A) period:

What are the critical issues, major barriers and impediments for moving liberalization forward? What are the lessons to learn from the liberalization experiences?

#### 1300 – 1430 Lunch break

- 1430 1730 Session 2: Regional liberalization and its implications Moderator: Dr. Hamdi Chaouk, Director General of Civil Aviation, Lebanon
  - Regional liberalization initiatives 1) Overview of status, benefits and challenges *Mr. John King, Managing Director, Aviation and Tourism Management Pty Ltd. Australia*
  - Air service negotiations at the regional level (pros and cons of this approach, its process and implications for internal and external parties)
     2) The EU's experience of liberalization and its internal and external implications *Mr. Olivier Onidi, Head of Unit, Bilateral Air Transport Agreements, European Commission* 3) The challenges and opportunities of regional negotiations COMESA's perspective: *Mr. Amos Marawa, Director, Infrastructure Development, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)*
  - Implications of the EU-US agreement for a transatlantic open aviation area 4) Dr. Pablo Mendes de Leon, Director of the International Institute of Air and Space Law, Leiden University, Netherlands

#### Panel discussion and Q&A period:

Where will increasing regionalism lead to, fortresses or a global multilateral?

# 2000 – 2130 Gala Dinner, hosted by the Department of Civil Aviation, Dubai

#### DAY 2, Tuesday, 19 September

- 0900 1230 Session 3: Ensuring safety and security in a changing environment Moderator: Mr. Mohamed Ghanim Al Ghaith, Director General, General Civil Aviation Organization, United Arab Emirates
  - Impact and implications of economic liberalization on safety and security regulation
  - Strategies for ensuring safety and security oversight in a fast-changing environment 1) *Mr. Yuanzheng Wang, ICAO Secretariat*
  - Experience of States and regions in tackling the challenges in safety and security regulation

     Aviation safety and security challenges facing operators and regulators a State's experience:
     *Mr. Sama Juma Ignatius, Director General, Cameroon Civil Aviation Authority* 
     The regional approach to improve safety oversight:
     *Mr. Herald Wilson, Director General, Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Authority (ECCAA)*
  - Funding options and solutions for aviation safety and security infrastructure development
     4) The role of multilateral and regional funding institutions
     Mr. Ali Kies, Division Manager of the Infrastructure Department, African Development Bank

#### Panel discussion and Q&A period:

How to ensure safety and security in the changing environment?

How to solve the resources problem?

### 1230 – 1400 Lunch break

- 1400 1720— Session 4: Harnessing liberalization for the broader benefits Moderator: Dr. Philippe Rochat, Executive Director, Air Transport Action Group (ATAG)
  - Ensuring responsive infrastructure for traffic growth and larger aircraft 1) *Mr. Robert J. Aaronson, Director General, Airports Council International (ACI)*
  - Liberalization for tourism and economic development
     2) *Mr. Geoffrey Lipman, Special Adviser to the Secretary General, World Tourism Organization* 3) Route development for the developing countries (the ICAO/UNWTO Essential Air Service and Tourism Development Route Scheme):
     *Mr. Jon Woolf, Director and Principal Consultant, Airport Strategy and Marketing Ltd.(ASM)*
  - The fast growing market and its impact on the world
     4) China's perspective:
     Mr. Wang Ronghua, Director General, Department of International Affairs and Cooperation, General Administration of Civil Aviation of China (CAAC)
  - Building a better future through cooperation 5) *ICAO*

### **Panel discussion and Q&A period**: What are the future prospects for international air transport?

#### 1720 – 1740 — Closing session

Summary remarks by Chairman of the Symposium

1900 – 2100 Farewell reception at the Aviation Club, sponsored by Dubai Duty-free

Wednesday, 20 September (post-conference activity)

0800 – 1100 Optional tour (Dune Drive & optional Sand Skiing) 1530 – 2130 Complimentary tour (Desert Safari & BBO dinner)

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\* The Programme is subject to change and/or adjustments.

# **ATTACHMENT 2**

# **DRESS FORM**

Please complete this Form and return it as soon as possible before 1 September 2006 by email to: <u>samira@dca.gov.ae</u> or by fax to: +971-4-22-44-502

# Your Entry Passport to the Gala Dinner on 18 September!

Male: / Female	Name:
State/Organization	
Size (once tailored, no	M L XL XXL
change will be made)	Please Specify (UK / US / European)
Comments	



