

ICAO GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM ON AIR TRANSPORT LIBERALIZATION

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

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Day 1 (Monday) 0900 to 1700

0900 – 0940 — Opening Formalities

- Welcoming addresses by Host government and ICAO Representative
- Introduction of Chairman and moderators

1000 – 1230 — Session 1: Taking stock of liberalization

- Overview of liberalization progress: successes, difficulties, problems and issues
- Emerging trends and challenges: the changes in the industry (e.g. cross-border mergers, emergence of low cost carriers, their implications and impact) and regulatory responses (e.g. ensuring participation and sustainability, liberalizing airline ownership and control)

1400 – 1700 — Session 2: Regional liberalization and its implications

- Regional liberalization initiatives (status, benefits and challenges)
- Bloc negotiations: advantages and weaknesses, the process and implications (for internal and external parties); responding to the bloc negotiating challenges (e.g. European Commission's new negotiating mandates)
- Implications of the EU-US agreement for a transatlantic aviation area (e.g. for non-parties)

Day 2 (Tuesday) 0900 to 1700

0900 – 1200 — Session 3: Ensuring safety and security in a changing environment

- Implications of economic liberalization on safety and security regulation
- Strategies for ensuring safety oversight in a fast-changing environment
- Experience of States and regions in tackling the challenges in safety and security regulation (including cooperative arrangements and funding solutions)

1330 – 1630 — Session 4: Harnessing liberalization for broader benefits

- Ensuring responsive infrastructure for traffic growth and larger aircraft
- Liberalization for tourism and economic development
- Where will increasing regionalism lead to (fortresses or a global multilateral)?
- Building the future through cooperation: between/amongst States and regions (big and small, rich and poor); governments and the industry; airlines, airports and other partners in the aviation supply chain; aviation, tourism and local communities

1630 – 1700 — Closing session

- Chairman's summary on the Symposium discussions

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