



## **THIRD CONFERENCE ON AVIATION AND ALTERNATIVE FUELS (CAAF/3)**

**Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 20 to 24 November 2023**

### **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS FOR OPENING AND AGENDA ITEM 1**

#### **PART I**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

#### **Opening ceremony of the Conference**

1. The Third Conference on Aviation and Alternative Fuels (CAAF/3) began with a welcome address by His Excellency Abdulla Bin Touq Al Marri, Minister of Economy and Chairman of the General Civil Aviation Authority of the United Arab Emirates.

2. In an opening address from Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano, President of the ICAO Council, he encouraged the delegates to demonstrate a collective determination in reviewing the 2050 ICAO Vision for Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), including Lower Carbon Aviation Fuel (LCAF) and other cleaner energy sources for aviation, and work towards defining an ambitious and robust ICAO global framework, in the spirit of consensus and goodwill.

3. The President also highlighted the technical support from the ICAO Council's Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP), thanked the efforts of the Council's Climate and Environment Committee (CEC) and its Small Group for Preparation of CAAF/3, contributions from States through the submission of Information and Working Papers, as well as the hospitality extended by the United Arab Emirates, as the host State for CAAF/3. The President also underscored the opportunity for ICAO, through CAAF/3 taking place just before the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28), to exhibit strong leadership in addressing emissions from international aviation.

#### **Keynote addresses**

4. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations provided an inspiring message to the Conference.

5. This was followed by keynote addresses from Mr. Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary-General of the United Nations, and Ambassador Majid Al Suwaidi, Director General and Special Representative to the COP28 Presidency.

**High-level panel**

6. Through the panel discussion moderated by Ms. Adefunke Adeyemi, Secretary General of the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC), high-level representatives from five Member States (Nigeria, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, and the United States), and two International Organizations (European Commission and the Air Transport Action Group (ATAG)) exchanged their views on the importance of cleaner energy for the future of aviation, the role of ICAO and CAAF/3, the sector's efforts in aviation cleaner energy development and deployment, and the need for cooperation among States and industry.

**High-level Statements**

7. Oral Statements were delivered by high-level representatives of 30 Member States (Angola, Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Greece, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States, and Zimbabwe).

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