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# The ICAO Climate Adaptation Synthesis

ICAO Green Airports 2019: Climate Adaptation and Resilience

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### **The Synthesis in Numbers**



## Kick-off CAEP/10

3 Steering Groups

18 telecons

88 survey responses

34 Contributors
7 Working
Group meetings

> 20 documents reviewed

**Delivered to CAEP/11** 

### Overview of Synthesis



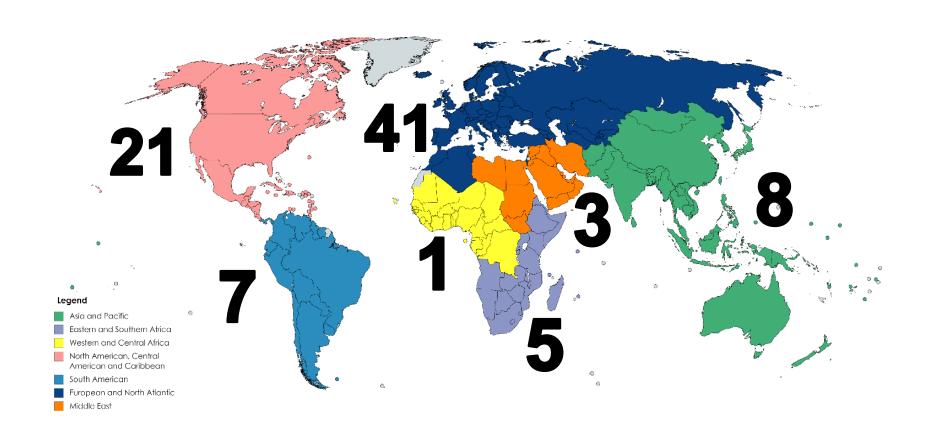
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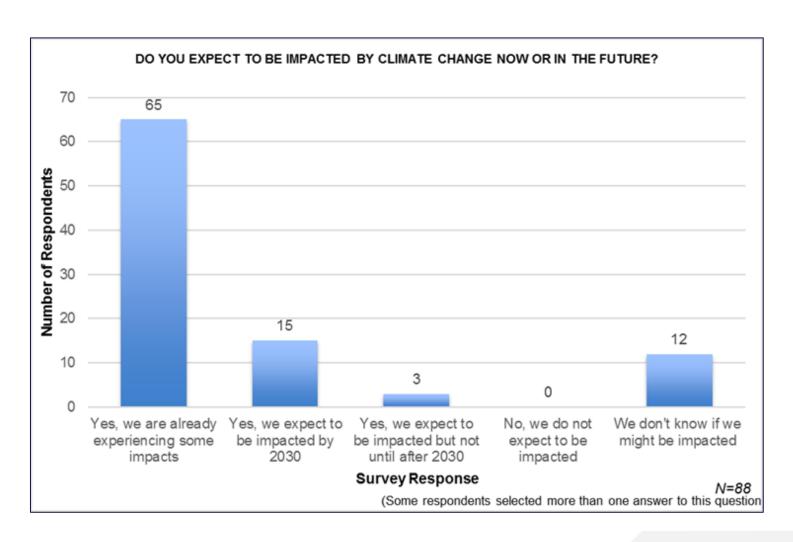








## Do you expect to be impacted by Climate Change now or in the future?



### Main climate impacts by region

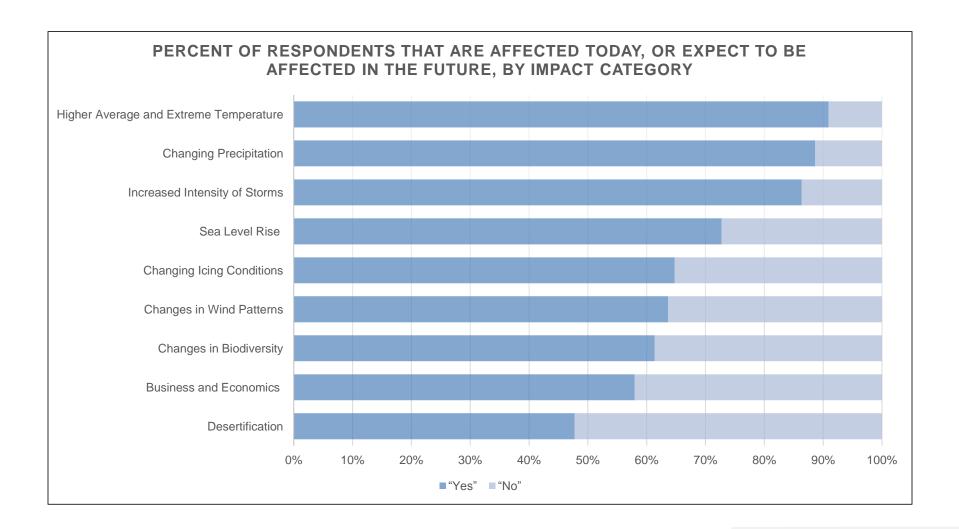


Figure 1: Based on replies from ICAO Member States the ICAO Global Climate Adaptation Risk Map (ICAO, 2019) shows the nature of the climate change impacts on international aviation.





### Impacts that Stakeholders are expecting



## Analysis of Climate Change Impacts



- Summary of Impact and Timescales
- Potential Effects on Aviation
- Adaptation and Resilience Measures
- Survey Analysis

#### **Impact Categories**

- Sea level rise
- Storm surge
- Increased intensity of storms
- Changes in average and extreme temperatures
- Changing precipitation
- Changing icing conditions
- Changes in wind speed, patterns and directions
- Desertification
- Changes in Biodiversity (wildlife and ecosystems)
- Business and Economics



### Higher Average and Extreme Temperatures





#### **Impact and Timescales**

 Average global mean temperatures and extreme high-heat days expected to increase.

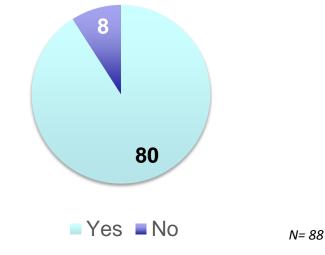
#### **Potential Effects on Aviation**

- Stress to cooling systems
- damage to airfield surface
- Affect aircraft take-off requirements.
- Degradation of permafrost

#### **Adaptation and Resilience Measures**

- Increase cooling capability
- Runway length & scheduling
- Reinforce airport surface areas

## RESPONDENTS THAT ARE OR EXPECT TO BE AFFECTED BY HIGHTER AVERAGE AND EXTREME TEMPERATURES



#### Survey Results

80 of 88 respondents stated they are affected today or expect to be affected in the future (91 percent).

### **Changing Precipitation**





#### **Impact and Timescales**

 Changes in precipitation type (e.g., rain, snow, hail) and frequency, potential extreme rainfall or prolonged drought

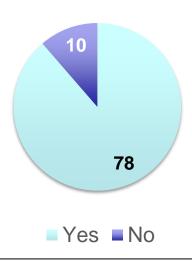
#### **Potential Effects on Aviation**

- Flooding of airport surfaces & infrastructure
- Reduced water availability.

#### **Adaptation and Resilience Measures**

- Increase drainage capability
- Water conservation measures

## RESPONDENTS THAT ARE OR EXPECT TO BE AFFECTED BY CHANGING PRECIPITATION



N= 88

#### Survey Results

78 of 88 respondents stated they are affected today or expect to be affected in the future (89 percent).

### **Increased Intensity of Storms**





#### **Impact and Timescales**

 Storms projected to be stronger & potentially more frequent. Increased risk of extreme weather

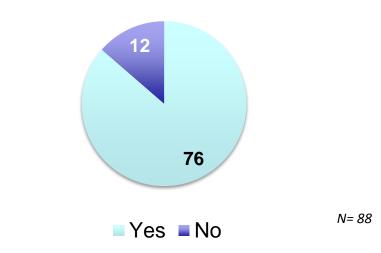
#### **Potential Effects on Aviation**

- Damage to aviation infrastructure
- Delays or cancellations of flights

#### **Adaptation and Resilience Measures**

- Reinforce infrastructure
- Pre-emptive cancellation of flights

## RESPONDENTS THAT ARE OR EXPECT TO BE AFFECTED BY INCREASED INTENSITY OF STORMS



#### Survey Results

76 of 88 respondents stated they are affected today or expect to be affected in the future (88 percent).

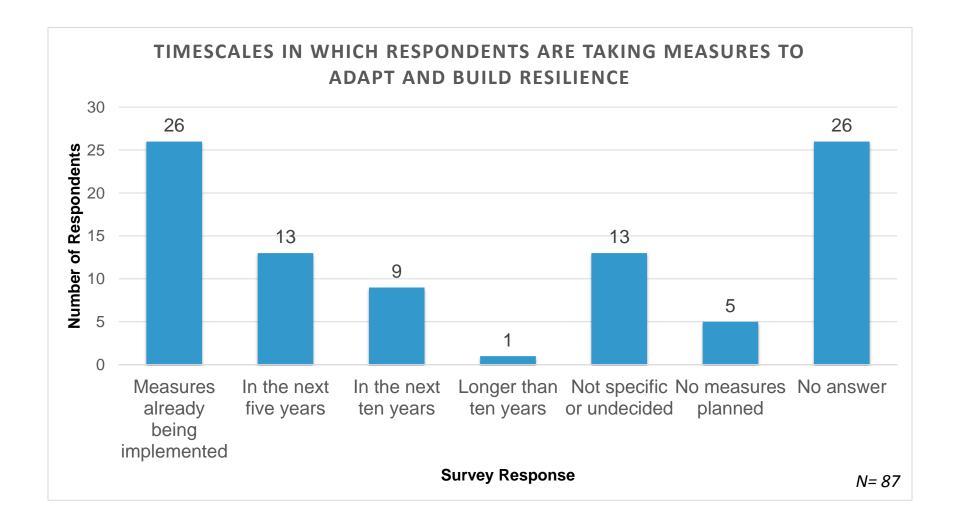






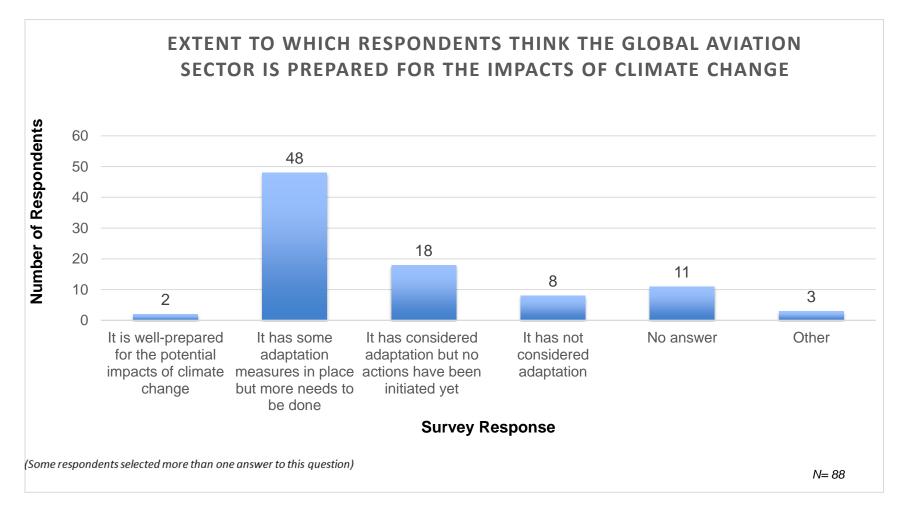






## Global Aviation Sector and Adaptation to Climate Change Section





## What do our Stakeholders think? How can we ramp up action?



Capacity building, training, guidance

Coordination and collaboration

Q: Is the global aviation sector prepared for the impacts of climate change?

A: Guidance material has been developed but training and raising awareness should be conducted as well. (State)

Adaptation, risk assessment, policies and planning (Global)

Adaptation, risk assessment, and planning (National and local)

We see a lot of good examples of risk assessments carried out. We believe such assessments are the most important basis for a rational approach to climate adaptation.

(Airport)

Infrastructure and technical adaptation

Operational adaptation

A: Rising awareness and capacity building for climate change among community and aviation stake holders, and promote environment friendly strategy. (State)

Research

Met services

Action is being taken, but need more to be done, and to be done more quickly

#### What next for CAEP/12?

CONTROL

- ICAO Environment Report 2019
- Disseminate information in the Climate Adaptation Synthesis
- New work on risk assessment and adaptation measures





#### Conclusions





- Awareness is growing: more States and aviation sector organisations taking action
- But, we can do more, and more quickly
- First step is a climate change risk assessment to identify vulnerabilities
- Then develop a climate change adaptation strategy or plan
- Individual solutions for individual organisations, but –
- Global network = global challenge
- We all need to take action

