Air Transport Symposium in Nigeria
Abuja
28 to 30 April 2008

Conference on the Economics of Airports and Air Navigation Services (CEANS)

Montreal, 15 to 20 September 2008
Some background

- Such Conference held every 8-10 years
- Last one: ANSConf 2000 (119 WPs, 30 recommendations, led to amendments & additions to ICAO Policies and the two economics manuals)
- Conference task: review and expand ICAO’s policies on charges
- The policies are developed by States, they have a “moral” obligation to apply them
Need for the Conference

- New challenges from liberalization, commercialization and privatization
- Need for efficiency and cost-effectiveness in provision of airport & ANS
- Need to review, update and expand ICAO’s policies & guidance in light of experience
Conference Focus

On Economic Aspects:

- Need for & forms of economic oversight
- Economics and Performance management
- Relationship between regulators, providers and users
- Implementation of ICAO’s policies
Conference Agenda

Four main Items:

1. Issues involving interaction between States, providers and users
2. Specific issues related to airport economics and management
3. Specific issues related to air navigation services economics and management
4. Implementation of ICAO’s policies on charges
Agenda Item 1

Issues involving interaction between States, providers and users

1.1 Economic oversight

1.2 Economic performance and minimum reporting requirements

1.3 Consultation with users
Agenda Item 2

Specific issues related to airport economics and management

2.1 Governance, ownership and control

2.2 Cost basis for charges

2.3 Cost allocation and charging systems

2.4 Non-discrimination aspects

2.5 Financing and cost recovery of security measures
Agenda Item 3

Specific issues related to air navigation services

3.1 Governance, ownership and control

3.2 Cost basis for charges

3.3 Cost allocation and charging systems

3.4 Economic and organizational aspects related to implementation of the global air traffic management (ATM) concept
Agenda Item 4

Implementation of ICAO’s policies on charges

- Not all States observe ICAO’s policies fully

- Possible ways and means for improving implementation of ICAO’s policies on charges
Invitation to the Conference

- Contracting States and some international Organizations invited to attend CEANS (State letter issued in December 2007)

- States requested to assist in a survey on organizational aspects of airports and air navigation services

- Reminder State letter issued in March 2008; also invite attendance to a pre-conference Symposium on Sunday, 14 September 2008
Secretariat preparations

- ICAO Secretariat is preparing working papers for CEANS, assisted by two Panels (AEP – Airports Economics Panel, and ANSEP – Air Navigation Services Economics Panel)

- Held two joint meetings of AEP & ANSEP re preparatory work (September 2007 & February 2008)

- Secretariat working papers will be posted on CEANS website: www.icao.int/ceans by May 2008
States preparations

- States and Observer organizations invited to submit working papers for CEANS

- Papers (max four pages) must reach ICAO Secretariat before 4 August 2008

- Papers will be posted on ICAO’s CEANS website
Pre-Conference Symposium

- Preparatory Symposium to be held on Sunday, 14 September 2008

- Purpose:

  1) Set the scene for CEANS

  2) Focus on major issues that will be discussed at CEANS

- Symposium Program posted on CEANS website
Information re CEANS

Details available on CEANS website

www.icao.int/CEANS

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