

# **4<sup>th</sup> ICAO Air Transport Symposium (IATS/4) Session 2: Sharing Regional Experiences in Liberalisation**

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# Value of Air Transport Liberalisation

- Aviation is a key enabler and catalyst for economic and social development
- Air transport liberalisation brings significant value to States
- It also benefits airports, airlines, and passengers



# ICAO and Air Transport Liberalisation



- Long term vision for market liberalisation

*“We, the Member States of the International Civil Aviation Organization, resolve to actively pursue the continuous liberalization of international air transport to the benefit of all stakeholders and the economy at large. We will be guided by the need to ensure respect for the highest level of safety and security and the principle of fair and equal opportunity for all States and their stakeholder.”*
- Development of draft international agreement for market liberalisation

# Concerns over Air Transport Liberalisation

- “Unfair Competition”
- Labour protection
- Consumer protection

# Aviation - A Bright Spot

## From 2018 to 2037

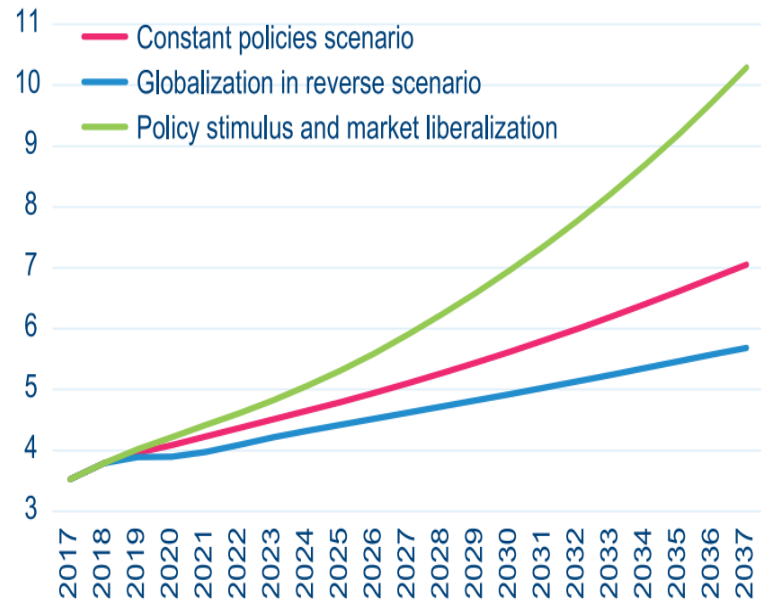
- Doubling of air passenger numbers, and air cargo tonnes

## In 2037

- Contribute \$5.5t to global GDP
- Provide 100 million jobs

## Continuing Liberalisation

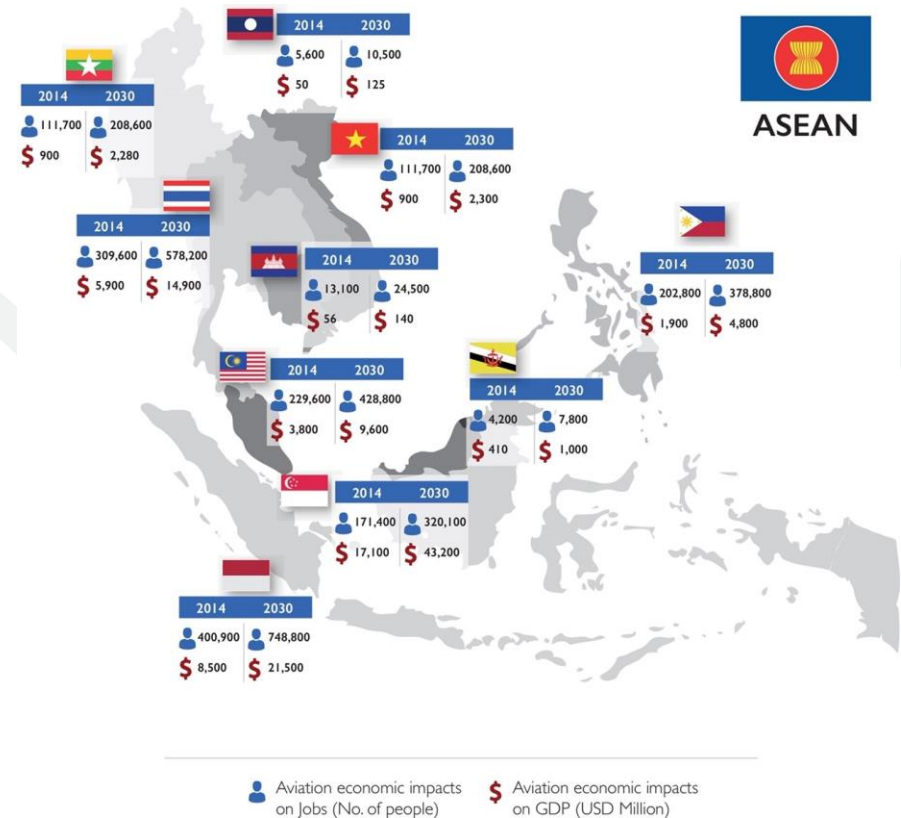
Passengers (billion, O-D basis)



Sources: IATA/TE

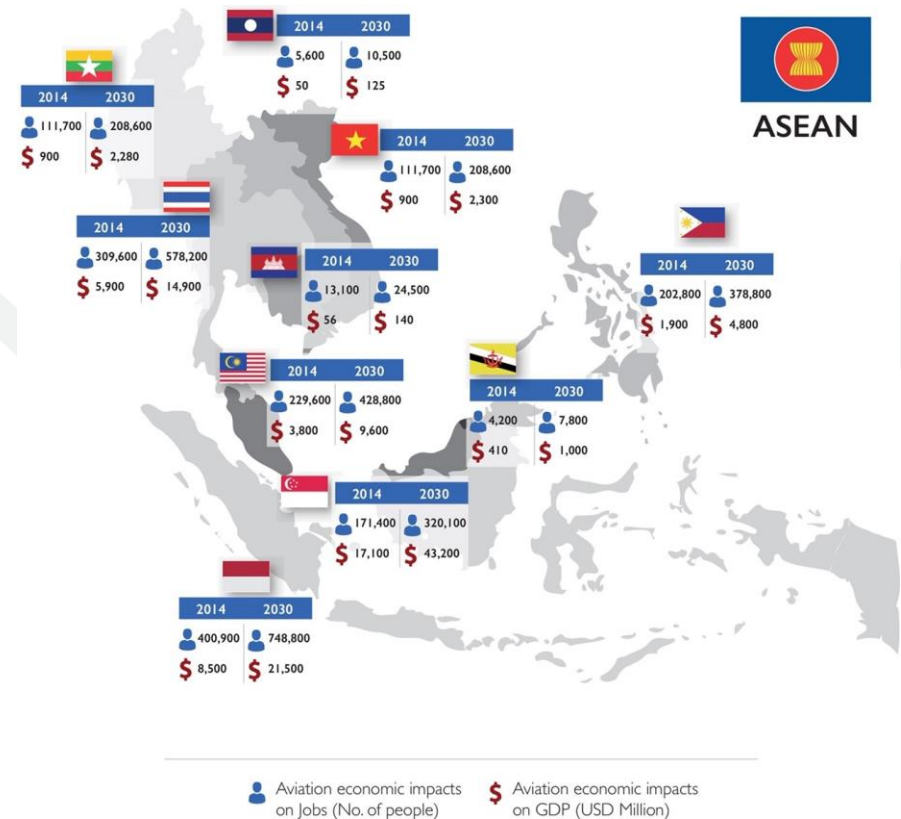
# States, bilateral, regional and multilateral liberalisation

- More States adopting liberal air services policies
- More bilateral, as well as regional and multilateral air services/transport agreements with liberal market access



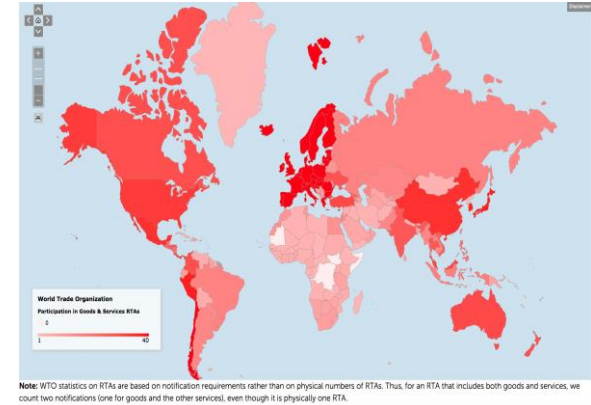
# Regional and multilateral liberalisation

- ASEAN Open Skies Agreements - 9% annual passenger movements growth since 2009
- ASEAN-China Air Transport Agreement
- Final phase of negotiations on ASEAN-EU CATA



# Building on States, bilateral, regional and multilateral liberalisation for greater liberalisation

- Taking building block approach, as with Free Trade Agreements
- Expanding the net of liberal bilateral, regional and multilateral ASAs can encourage more States to liberalise their aviation policies and join in
- Widening reach will potentially advance the regulatory framework and market conditions for air transport liberalisation





# Building on States, bilateral and regional liberalisation for greater liberalisation

- Overall benefit to States being part of the air transport liberalisation movement
- Positive impacts of taking a share of aviation growth on a State's economy and quality of life



**Thank you**