

Joint Statement



ICAO

International Civil Aviation Organization



Air Transport Action Group

to cooperate on the promotion of sustainable approaches to global aviation emissions reduction

Recognizing that partnerships between ICAO Member States and the aviation industry are critical in moving toward a sustainable future for international aviation.

Recognizing that aviation is a key enabler of global economic growth, social development and tourism, supporting 56.6 million jobs and over \$2.2 trillion of global GDP, while providing rapid global connectivity and access to existing and emerging markets for travellers and businesses in every world region.

Recognizing that addressing aviation's impacts on noise, local air quality and climate change requires close collaboration between governments and industry.

Whereas international aviation's current contribution of approximately 2% of global CO₂ emissions needs to be stabilized and reduced despite the projected strong growth in demand for aviation services.

Whereas ICAO Member States and the aviation industry have adopted global goals to improve fuel efficiency and to stabilize net CO₂ emissions from 2020 aimed at securing the future sustainable growth of international aviation.

Recognizing that significant collaboration and partnerships between ICAO and industry stakeholders can create synergies and real success, as demonstrated by the Rio+ 20 sustainable aviation alternative and biofuels initiative.

Recognizing that governments and industry need sound and consistent data as a necessary basis for future planning and initiatives on aviation's environmental performance.

Recognizing ICAO's vital coordinating role and critical leadership on all matters related to international civil aviation, and industry's historical and ongoing efforts to improve environmental performance.

ICAO and ATAG agree to strengthen their collaboration and better promote and communicate to governments and industry on all developments and initiatives relating to the sustainable development of global air transport through:

- Promoting efficiency best practices deriving from technological and operational innovation and infrastructure modernization;
- Supporting the deployment of the revised ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan and Aviation System Block Upgrade strategy to enhance the efficiency and harmonization of global air traffic management;
- Encouraging further research, development and commercialization of sustainable biofuels for aviation, as well as their widespread use by the airline industry;
- Encouraging further work toward a global solution for market-based measures applicable to international civil aviation activity;
- Encouraging industry to support the development and implementation of States' Action Plans on aviation CO₂ emissions; and
- Continuing to improve our scientific understanding of aviation's impacts on the global climate.

Signed at ICAO Headquarters, Montréal, on 13 May 2013:

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Roberto Kobeh González, President of the Council

ATAG:

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Paul Steele, Executive Director