Introduction to Action Plans

ICAO Secretariat
• What is an action plan?
• Purpose of an action plan
• Scope
• What they should contain
• Resources available
“Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now”

– Alan Lakein

Or more formally…

“A document that identifies the steps the [State] intends to take over a given time period to achieve the desired objectives.”

– Adapted from a definition used by the Government of Canada
Objectives

• Assembly Resolution A38-18

• Para. 5. States and relevant organizations will work through ICAO to achieve a global annual average fuel efficiency improvement of 2 per cent until 2020 and an aspirational global fuel efficiency improvement rate of 2 per cent per annum from 2021 to 2050…

• Para. 7. …collective medium term global aspirational goal of keeping the global net carbon emissions from international aviation from 2020 at the same level…
Purpose

• For States
  – Opportunity to identify measures that will improve fuel efficiency and reduce emissions

• For ICAO
  – Allows future progress toward the global environmental goals to be assessed
• **Assembly Resolution A38-18:**

• Para. 11. *Further encourages* States to submit their voluntary action plans outlining their respective *policies and actions, and annual reporting on international aviation CO₂ emissions* to ICAO;

• Para 12. *Invites* those States that choose to prepare or update their action plans to submit them to ICAO as soon as possible preferably *by the end of June 2015 and once every three years thereafter*, in order that ICAO can continue to compile the information in relation to achieving the global aspirational goals, and the action plans should include information on the basket of measures considered by States, reflecting their respective national capacities and circumstances, information on the expected environmental benefits from the implementation of the measures chosen from the basket, and information on any specific assistance needs;
• **Assembly Resolution A38-18**

• Para 13. *Encourages* States that already submitted their action plans to share information contained in their action plans and build partnerships with other Member States in order to support those States that have not prepared their action plans;

• Para 14. *Encourages* States to make their action plans available to the public, taking into account the commercial sensitivity of information contained in States’ action plans;
What about domestic aviation?

• Assembly Resolution and goals related to international aviation
• However, most initiatives also have benefits for domestic aviation
• Important to separate international from domestic
• Co-benefits for domestic aviation can be reported separately
What does an action plan contain?

### Action Plan Minimum Contents

1. **Contact information**
2. **Baseline (without action) fuel consumption CO₂ emissions and traffic (2010 or earlier to 2050)**
3. **List of selected measures**
4. **Expected results (fuel consumption, CO₂ emissions and traffic with the actions in #3 being taken 2014 to 2050)**
5. **Assistance needs**
**States**

**Action Plans submitted to ICAO**

- ICAO Secretariat follows-up with State focal point regarding any questions

**Annual reporting on fuel consumption**

**Action Plans submitted are made available to the public, if requested by the authoring State**

**Results from all States are aggregated to estimate future progress toward Assembly goals**

**Council and Assembly are informed of results**

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**ICAO**
Action Plan Advantages to States

- Action plans give ICAO Member States the ability to:
  - establish partnerships
  - promote cooperation and capacity building
  - facilitate technology transfer
  - obtain assistance

- They provide an organized means for the State to
  - report international aviation CO₂ emissions to ICAO
  - outline their respective policies and actions
  - provide information on the basket of measures considered, reflecting their respective national capacities and circumstances, and on any specific assistance needs
Resources Available

- Guidance material
- APER portal
- Regional office support
- HQ support: actionplan@icao.int
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