

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S CONTRIBUTION TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 10:***Reduce inequality within and among countries***Supporting Target(s): 10.b****ICAO Activity**

At the suggestion of its Council, ICAO launched the No Country Left Behind ([NCLB](#)) initiative to assist States that continue to face challenges in effectively implementing these [SARPs](#) policies, plans and programmes and with the resolution of Significant Safety and Security Concerns (SSCs and SSeCs). The [NCLB](#) is implemented through ICAO's day-to-day operations by focusing and expanding assistance so that all States have an equal opportunity for development. This initiative contributes to SDG 10 in reducing inequalities by promoting appropriate legislation, policies and action for the safe development of an air transport system.

Regarding the environmental protection, ICAO developed a robust assistance and capacity-building strategy for its Member States to undertake meaningful action to address emissions from international civil aviation. An essential pillar of this strategy has been to promote the development of State Action Plans to reduce emissions from aviation operations, by providing guidance material in the context of State Action Plans (Doc 9988) and hands-on assistance and training to States, through the convening of regional seminars and on-site training at ICAO headquarters.

In addition, the Organization facilitates access to financial resources, technology transfer, and capacity-building to reduce the environmental impact of their aviation sectors, such as through the [ICAO-EU joint assistance project](#), and the [ICAO-UNDP joint assistance project](#) (with funding from the GEF).

Recently, emphasizing the importance of a coordinated and harmonized approach under ICAO for "Assistance, Capacity-building and Training" of Member States to implement [CORSA](#), ICAO launched in the ACT-CORSA programme. Under this programme ICAO developed training materials and organized "Training of Trainers" sessions in which the experts from donor States were trained to deliver on-site training to recipient States. An impressive number of buddy partnerships have been established under ACT-CORSA, involving 15 donor States and more than 95 recipient States. The ACT-CORSA initiative is one of the most successful examples of No Country Left Behind thanks to all Member States who have cooperated hand-in-hand with ICAO to make it a complete success.