

Message from the President of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Council

Despite COVID-19 presenting unprecedented challenges to the implementation of the Strategic Objectives of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the Organization has remained steadfast to its remit of environmental protection. It continues to lead the international aviation sector towards recovery, resilience, and sustainable growth.

This 2022 Environmental Report is testament to ICAO's ongoing and thriving efforts in environmental protection to face the current challenges of our times. It would not have been made possible without the dedicated work of the ICAO Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP) and its working groups, the active engagement of ICAO Council, from ICAO's 193 ICAO Member States, continuous support from the ICAO Secretariat, as well as ICAO's strong partnership with various industry stakeholders, many of which have deployed breakthrough innovations towards mitigating aviation CO₂ emissions, in noise as well as in local air quality.

Much progress has been made in the 2019-2022 Triennium, with ICAO continuing to develop recommendations, guidance, policies and Standards in relation to environmental protection. Highlights would include the ICAO Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) sustainability criteria for sustainable aviation fuels (SAF). The annual ICAO Stocktaking events have also become mainstays in the aviation sector calendar, and the ICAO Global Coalition for Sustainable Aviation comprising various stakeholders, provides a valuable network accelerating innovative aviation solutions.



2022 is a crucial year for ICAO. As preparations for the 41st Session of the ICAO Assembly intensify, the international aviation sector is on the cusp of delivering yet another milestone – an ambitious long-term aspirational goal for international aviation (LTAG). There are high expectations for consensus amongst ICAO Member States on an LTAG, and to facilitate implementation of the various innovations available – aircraft technologies, operations, and fuels, and means of monitoring the sector's progress.



A key step taken to facilitate sustainable aviation transition is the new ICAO Assistance, Capacity Building and Training for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (ACT-SAF) launched in June 2022. It will provide opportunities for all ICAO Member States to develop their full potential in SAF development and deployment, in line with ICAO's *No Country Left Behind initiative*. A decision on an ambitious LTAG will trigger further opportunities for similar programmes for additional aspects, (aircraft technologies and operations), contributing to aviation emissions to be established.

In addition, the upcoming periodic review on the ICAO CORSIA will also ensure that its robust implementation continues to support the sector's sustainability, further cementing its role as a global market-based measure in mitigating international aviation emissions.

ICAO's efforts and progress in the area of environmental protection, in collaboration with ICAO Member States and industry stakeholders, is crucial in ensuring the Organization's continued relevance and impact in addressing global climate change issues through international aviation.

Let us all unite in our efforts to build a better aviation environment for future generations.

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