



**Opening address by the Director of the Air Transport Bureau,  
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO),  
Mrs. Folasade Odutola,  
at the first meeting of the  
Group on International Aviation and Climate Change (GIACC)  
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Good (Morning /Afternoon),

I have the pleasure to address this Group on International Aviation and Climate Change on the work of the Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP). CAEP is an advisory body, the only technical committee of the ICAO Council.

The value and relevance of CAEP's work is the result of a highly-specialized unique group of experts cooperating in a consensus-building process, based on sound data and knowledge, and a profound respect for different views and needs, to achieve globally-accepted solutions to the aviation environmental challenge.

CAEP has produced a wealth of information on the impacts of aviation on the environment and on mitigation options during the past years. This is reflected in the 2007 Environmental Report that I have the pleasure to make available to you and to bring to your attention. It reflects the substantial work produced in ICAO as well as the state of the industry in the environmental field.

All these activities fall into ICAO's Strategic Objective C which is one of the main priorities in the Organization.

The current CAEP work programme tries to bring knowledge forward in all fields of activity which will also be addressed by the GIACC (technology trends, operational improvements, market-based measures, etc.). GIACC can build upon these results.

Without delay, I will give the floor to the Chief of the Air Transport Bureau's Environmental Unit, Ms. Jane Hupe, who is the Secretary of CAEP, for a presentation on the committee's work to address climate change.