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ICAO ESAF WACAF annual Environmental Workshop and EASA 3rd Annual SAF Workshop Under the ICAO - EU ACT-SAF Assistance Project

Regional Workshop hosted by the Republic of Rwanda
Kigali, 20 – 23 April 2026

DAY 1 – 20.04.2026

- 08:00 - 09:00** **Registration**
- 09:00 - 09:45** **Opening Session**
- Welcome address by DG Rwanda CAA, Mr Silas Udahemuka
 - Remarks by the Head of Section for Green and Digital transition from Delegation of the European Union to Rwanda, Ms Helena Guarin,
 - Remarks by ICAO Deputy Regional Director, ESAF Office, Mr. Richard Gatete
 - Opening by Honorable Minister of Environment for the Republic of Rwanda, Dr. Bernadette Arakwiye
- 09:45 - 10:00** **Group Photo**
- 10:00 - 10:25** **Coffee/Tea Break and Networking**
- 10:25 - 10:40** **Workshop objectives & practicalities, agenda introduction**
- 10:40 - 11:30** **Session 1 – ICAO’s Environmental, Strategy and Latest developments**
- ICAO Assembly outcomes and regional environmental implementation priorities
 - Regional environmental performance and 2026 priority focus areas
 - Annex 16 SAF Standards, States’ regulatory readiness, and ICAO environmental initiatives (SAPs, ACT-SAF, CORSIA)
- 11:30 - 12:00** **Session 2 - States’ Action Plans (SAPs) for Emissions Reduction**
- SAP development methodology: ICAO guidance and selected State examples
- 12:00 - 13:30** **Lunch break**
- 13:30 – 15:00** **Session 2 - States’ Action Plans (SAPs) for Emissions Reduction (continued)**
- Panel Discussion: Use of SAPs for LTAG monitoring—challenges and opportunities
 - Panelists: States Focal Points from Cabo Verde, Mr. Arlindo Borja, Mauritania, Mr. Sidi Em Heidy, Nigeria, Ms. Oyetoun Adegbesan, Rwanda, Mr. Alex Ruzigana, and EAC-CASSOA Ms. Jakeline Kwagala
 - Interactive exchange: State experiences and plenary discussion
- 15:00 - 15:30** **Coffee/Tea Break and Networking**



15:30 - 17:00

Session 2 – States’ Action Plans (SAPs) for Emissions Reduction (continued)

- The CANSO GreenATM assessment framework for ANSPs, Nicki Harricharan, Operations Programme Manager, CANSO
- Free Route Airspace (FRA) implementation in Africa: environmental benefits and progress Daniel Moss, Manager, AFRAA
- AFCAC environmental initiatives supporting SAP development and implementation Frankline Omondi, Environment Expert, AFCAC

17:00 – 17.15

Closing of First Day

DAY 2– 21.04.2026

09:00 - 09:15

Setting the Scene for Day 2

09:15 - 10:00

Session 3 – CORSIA implementation

- CORSIA Implementation and order of Magnitude

10:00 - 10:30

Coffee break and networking

10:30 - 11:30

Session 3 – CORSIA implementation

- CORSIA Offsetting Requirements
- Individual Exercises

11:30 - 12:30

Session 3 – CORSIA implementation (continued)

- CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units (CEEUs) and Issuance of Letter of Authorisation (LoAs)
 - ICAO Presentation on the CEEUs and LOAs
 - EASA projects’ experience on the issuance of LoAs
- Interactive Session- Sharing by States on steps taken
 - Nigeria Ms. Oyetoun Adegbesan, Ghana (tbc)

12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch Break

14:00 – 14:30 | **Session 4 – The Case for SAF: Global Context and ICAO Vision: SAF as a Key Lever for Aviation Decarbonization**

- ICAO Secretariat
 - The role of SAF in achieving ICAO Climate and LTAG Objectives
 - Overview of ICAO Policy Frameworks, Technical Work and Capacity-Building Initiatives on SAF
- SAF/EASA Expert
 - Explanation of Direct Supply Lines (DSL) as a Tool to De-risk Projects
 - Key Enabling Conditions for Scaling SAF in Emerging Regions

14:30 – 14:50 | **Babban Gona, the transformative agro-business for Nigerian small farmers**

- Kola Masha, Managing Director, Babban Gona

14:50 – 15:15 | **Session 5 – Feedstocks and their Sustainability Challenges in Africa**

- Assessing Africa's SAF Readiness: Findings and Implications for the Continent Ahead, Eduardo Barbero, RSB

15:15 – 15:45 | Coffee/Tea Break and Networking

15:45 – 16:45 | Session 6 – Panel on Activation of Feedstocks in ECOWAS Region

- Moderator: Mr Frankline Omondi, AFCAC Environmental Expert
- Panelists: Manager, Ghana CAA- Mr William Gyamerah Agyare; Manager, Direction Générale des Hydrocarbures, Côte d'Ivoire- Mr Hyacinthe Metch; Agro and Energy Sustainability Expert- Ms Daminia Serafini

16:45 – 17:15 | Session 7 – ICAO CORSIA CEF Sustainability Framework

- ICAO CAEP WG 5 Co-rapporteur, Daniel Brousse-Rivas

17:15 – 17:30 | Closing Session by ICAO

DAY 3 – 22.04.2026

09:00 – 09:30 | Welcome and Setting the Scene for Day 3

09:30 – 10:30 | Session 8 – SAF Midstream: Conversion and Refining, from Process to Product

- Technical Presentation– Refinery Retrofitting & Pathway Readiness, SAF / EASA Expert
- Industry Case Study – Egypt, Capt. Kareem Gamil, ECAA, Eng. Tamer Heikal, ESAF Co.

10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee/Tea Break and Networking

11:00 – 12:15 | Session 9 – SAF Downstream part I: Certification, Deployment and Market Uptake, from Refinery to Runway

- SAF certification process, Yitatek K. Yitbarek, RSB
- Downstream Value Chain, Including the Main Challenges and Risks (Safety, Quality, Sustainability); Bastian Rauch, EASA
- Application of Quality Standards, Main Traps, Do's and Don'ts; TBC

12:15 – 13:30 | Lunch Break

13:30 – 14:30 | Session 9 – SAF Downstream part II: Deployment and Market Uptake, from Refinery to Runway

- Panel discussion on SAF infrastructure: Kenya in focus, KPC, KCAA
- Airport role: Cote d'Ivoire, Aly El-Hadj Ouattara, AERIA

14:30 – 15:00 | Coffee/Tea Break and Networking

15:00 – 17:00 | Session 10 - Interactive Sessions: Airport as the critical last-mile in the SAF value chain

- Role of Airports in the SAF Value Chain, Aly El-Hadj Ouattara, ACI Africa
- Panel Discussion: Fostering SAF demand in Africa.
 - Panelists: AFCAC- Frankline Omondi, Environment Expert, AFRAA- Daniel Moss, Manager; Mr. Beloved Mupfururirwa, SADC-SASO; Rwanda Airport Company (TBC)



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- Perspectives of Manufacturer - Boeing - actions to support SAF development

17:00 – 17:15 | Closing Session by ICAO

18:30- Cocktail Reception hosted by Rwanda CAA

DAY 4 – 23.04.2026

09:00 – 09:15 | Welcome and Setting the Scene for Day 4,

09:15 – 09:45 The ACT SAF Programme Support and Its Impact: Kenya’s Experience as a Beneficiary State-

Mr. Francis Mwangi, Kenya CAA

09:45 – 10:30 | Session 11 - Financing

- ACT SAF & Roadmaps: From Strategy to Deployment: SAF Roadmaps and ACT-SAF Support, ICAO Secretariat
- The ICAO FINVEST HUB, ICAO Secretariat
- Boeing ACT SAF activities and initiatives to support SAF development, Mr. Andrew Sweeney

10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee/Tea Break and Networking

11:00 – 12:00 | Session 11 – Financing (cont.)

- Legal & Financial Structuring– Bankability & Infrastructure Deals in Africa; Amanda Mapanda (Freshfields)
- EBRD ACT SAF activities and initiatives to support SAF development, Roberto Gonzalez

12:00 – 12:30 | Session 12 Closing sessions

- Remarks by DG Rwanda, EASA and Closing by ICAO

12:30 – 13:45 | Lunch Break

13:45 | Departure for Visit to the Museum and Genocide Memorial Centre

