

CLOSING BY ICAO SECRETARY GENERAL
PRE-CAAF/3 OUTCOMES CONSULTATION

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1. Excellencies, distinguished guests, colleagues.
2. It is my pleasure to share with you a few words as this Pre-CAAF/3 Outcomes Consultation draws to a close.
3. I am grateful for all your engagement over the past two days, which have provided a very positive and constructive exchange of views.
4. I would like to extend my appreciation to the many States and organizations that have come together here at ICAO in Montreal, provided valuable submissions and made very meaningful interventions, in the spirit of cooperation requested by the President the beginning. It is indeed gratifying to see this in action.
5. I also thank Mr. Ross Adams, Chairperson of the Council Climate and Environment Committee, who is also shepherding the Small Group on CAAF/3 preparation, for supporting us with the good starting point on possible CAAF/3 outcomes for consideration.
6. I extend my particular and heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Mauricio Ramirez, who has been able to navigate through the very tough consultations as the facilitator, which you have mentioned as being “intense and fascinating”.
7. You have expertly steered us all through the past two days, with your approachability, openness, and candour. Some may have perceived this meeting as “just a pre-cursor” to CAAF/3, but your facilitation has made it much more than just that.
8. States and organizations have been able to fully engage in the process, and we have been able to understand the views of each other. We have identified where the convergence and differences exist in the building blocks of the ICAO global framework.

9. Through such good understanding, we are now in a better position, compared to just a day ago, to prepare for a successful outcome in Dubai, UAE, at CAAF/3. It is less than two months away.
10. We perceive an indication of the historic opportunity for us to come to a global consensus on aviation cleaner energy.
11. Moving forward on the implementation of sustainable fuels and other aviation cleaner energies for the LTAG, while recognizing the special circumstances of States, and reflecting ICAO's role in spearheading the sustainable development of international aviation, we need to work out a clear and robust ICAO global framework.
12. Concluding now, I also extend my appreciation to our CAAF/3 host, the United Arab Emirates. Coordination and preparation are well underway to welcoming delegates to the beautiful city of Dubai.
13. Last but not the least, I also want to thank my team in the Secretariat, in particular Mohamed, Jane and all in the Environment team, as well as the conference and language services, for your tremendous support for this event, and for the upcoming CAAF/3. All of these are not possible without your dedication and efforts.
14. With that, I wish all of you safe travels, and I look forward to seeing all of you again in CAAF/3. Thank you.