



**Opening remarks by
the Council President of the
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to the Pre-CAAF/3 Outcomes Consultations**

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Excellencies, distinguished guests, colleagues. I wish to extend a very warm welcome to the Pre-CAAF/3 outcomes consultation.

This is the second pre-CAAF/3 consultation event. The first one was held in July and focused on the policy and financing aspects of aviation cleaner energy.

Our focus this week will be on how to progress towards possible inspiring and ambitious CAAF/3 outcomes, including an ICAO global framework for aviation cleaner energy that will set the ground for aviation's cleaner energy transition. This transition is key to the future of our sector.

We will seek convergence of views on as many issues as possible, and identify possible ways to bridge any diverse views, in order to be ready for result-oriented discussions at CAAF/3 in November.

I am encouraged to by the high level of participation in this second round. Many of you are here in person, and I also want to acknowledge the many others who have joined virtually.

Your participation reflects the critical importance that everyone is placing on the role of aviation cleaner energy in the sector's decarbonization journey. It also underscores how committed we are to this preparatory process for a successful result at CAAF/3.

ICAO's highest priority is implementing the long-term global aspirational goal for international aviation of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, or LTAG, and the cleaner energy component is expected to deliver the most significant contribution toward decarbonization. This high priority was reflected in the Organization's various activities throughout the year, both by the Secretariat and by the ICAO Council, as we prepare for CAAF/3.

In my capacity as the President of the ICAO Council, I would like to convey my appreciation to the Small Group under the Council's Climate and Environment Committee (CEC). Since its establishment earlier this year, the Group has been working very hard. As possible CAAF/3 outcomes, it has been setting out a possible structure and ideas for the ICAO global framework, taking into account the various views expressed during the past outreaching seminars and events.

I would also like to convey my special appreciation to Mr. Ross Adams, who is the Chairperson of the CEC, and also the Chairperson of its Small Group for CAAF/3, for his leadership and dedication in supporting the CAAF/3 preparatory process, as well as the important inputs for this consultation event.

I am aware that many of you have provided submissions to express your views on possible CAAF/3 outcomes, which are uploaded on the event website. This is important both for transparency and for enabling others to prepare in advance and to acknowledge and appreciate your views and concerns.

I would like to emphasize that this event is not a decision-making or a drafting exercise. Rather, this event aims to provide opportunities for all States and organizations, in particular those that are not represented on the Council, to share views and inputs and to prepare for a well-informed CAAF/3 decision.

I would also like to introduce Mr. Mauricio Ramirez, who is the Representative of Colombia to ICAO, a former ICAO Council Member, and also a former Deputy Minister of Public Works and Transportation of Colombia.

Mr. Ramirez actually served as the first Chairperson for the ICAO Council's Climate and Environment Committee (CEC), when the CEC was established a few years ago, and he supported the Council's work toward the last Assembly on environment, including the landmark LTAG agreement.

With his vast experience and knowledge on this subject, I am confident that Mr. Ramirez will guide us confidently through the next two days.

Now, the implementation of the LTAG is a massive undertaking, and action has to take place urgently to follow the emissions trajectory to reach net-zero by 2050.

CAAF/3 offers an excellent opportunity for us to do that, setting a global framework under ICAO for the aviation's cleaner energy transition, through the building blocks of policy and planning, regulatory framework, implementation support, and financing.

With that in mind, I strongly encourage you to engage in the substantial opportunities presented by the next two days. I invite you to exchange views in the spirit of cooperation and consensus building. We should recognize differing views and positions, keep communication channels open, make an effort to work around the edges, and bridge the gaps towards a robust and ambitious ICAO global framework at CAAF/3.

On that note, I wish you a productive consultation. Thank you.