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**THE SECOND ICAO ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY
SYMPOSIUM (AAM 2026) HOSTED BY THAILAND**

(Presented by Thailand)

INFORMATION PAPER

SUMMARY

Thailand has been officially selected by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to host the second **ICAO Advanced Air Mobility Symposium (AAM 2026)** in 2026. Jointly coordinated by the Ministry of Transport of Thailand and the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT), this prestigious global event will bring together senior government officials, regulators, industry leaders, and international aviation experts. The symposium aims to advance global cooperation, discuss necessary regulatory frameworks, operational integration, and safety oversight to ensure the safe and sustainable deployment of Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) within the aviation ecosystem.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Following the issuance of ICAO State Letter TC 12/46.2-25/9 dated 4 March 2025, which requested expressions of interest from Member States to host the second ICAO Advanced Air Mobility Symposium (AAM 2026), the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) submitted a comprehensive proposal outlining its readiness and capabilities. On 8 July 2025, the ICAO Secretary General officially informed CAAT that Thailand was selected as the host country, recognizing the nation's outstanding readiness, organizational capacity, and a clear vision aligned with the core values and objectives of AAM 2026.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The AAM 2026 Symposium under the theme “From Vision to Implementation: Enabling the AAM Ecosystem” will be hosted by CAAT in Bangkok, Thailand, from 1 to 3 December 2026.

2.2 During the AAM 2026 Symposium, the "Bangkok Statement" will be drafted to articulate the goals and outcomes of the conference. This statement builds upon the Call to Action from AAM 2024 held at ICAO Headquarters from 9 to 12 September 2024. While non-legally binding, the document aims to seek cooperation from Member States in developing and promoting the future implementation of AAM. Specifically, it will be fostering understanding, developing necessary infrastructure, and supporting the formulation of AAM regulations.

2.3 The objectives of the AAM 2026 Symposium are centered on serving as a platform to exchange knowledge, experiences, and best practices regarding AAM and UAS among regulatory authorities, industry leaders, and international stakeholders. Additionally, the symposium seeks to discuss and establish collective policy directions with international organizations, strengthen global cooperation networks to enhance Thailand's prominent role in civil aviation, and demonstrate the country's potential and readiness to integrate advanced aviation technologies to support its strategic vision of becoming a regional Aviation Hub.

2.4 The AAM 2026 Symposium is expected to bring together senior government officials, civil aviation regulators, industry leaders, and international aviation experts from across the globe. The event will serve as a crucial platform to exchange views, share experiences, and advance international cooperation on the development and implementation of AAM. The symposium will include comprehensive discussions on four key areas as follows:

- 1) AAM Ecosystem Understanding and Evolution
- 2) Infrastructure, Governance, and Regulatory Frameworks
- 3) Operations, Airspace Management, and Human Roles
- 4) Automation, Legal Challenges, and Strategic Implementation

2.5 The AAM 2026 Symposium will feature dynamic interactive segments designed to foster global collaboration and showcase industry advancements, including:

1) Panel Discussions

This will include the featuring global thought leaders, regulators, and industry innovators engaging in deep-dive dialogues on pressing challenges and collaborative solutions.

2) Technology Demonstrations

Live or simulated exhibitions of aircraft technologies and smart infrastructure that provide practical insights into operational readiness; and

3) Booths/Pavilions

The exhibition serves as a global marketplace and technology showcase, bringing together AAM/eVTOL manufacturers, infrastructure developers, regulators, and technology providers. The exhibition floor is strategically divided into specialized pavilions and individual corporate booths to facilitate targeted networking and technology demonstrations.

2.6 The regional aviation community and interested stakeholders are encouraged to actively participate in this landmark event. Detailed information regarding the symposium program, registration, and administrative arrangements is available on the official ICAO website at <https://www.icao.int/events/second-advanced-air-mobility-symposium-aam-2026>

3. ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE

3.1 The Conference is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this Paper; and
- b) encourage Member States and international organizations to promote and participate in the upcoming ICAO AAM 2026 Symposium in Bangkok, Thailand.

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