

Aviation Partnerships for Sustainable Development

Summary and Objectives

In 2014, the total economic impact of aviation reached some 3.5 per cent of world GDP or 2.4 trillion US dollars. The sector supported the global employment of 58.1 million people, given its cross-cutting nature and multiple links to other economic sectors.

Additionally, over half of the world's 1.1 billion tourists crossed State borders by air to reach their destinations, a figure which rises to 80 per cent for various small island States, meanwhile air freight represented 34.6 per cent of world trade by value.

Yet despite air transport's clear economic significance and demonstrated ability to serve as a foundation and catalyst for global connectivity and economic growth, only 2.6 per cent of global 2005-2015 funding for infrastructure and services has supported aviation development.

A safe, secure and sustainable global aviation system, based on the effective implementation of global standards and which leaves no country behind, provides the nations of the world with efficient access to global markets. This connectivity increases tourism and trade and generates numerous economic benefits supporting poverty eradication, job creation and resource mobilization. Once established through suitable commitments and investments, this growth subsequently feeds into aviation re-investment supporting projected targets for network growth and efficiency, creating a sustainable and healthy cycle of national aviation and economic development.

ICAO, the United Nations' Specialized Agency for civil aviation, recently launched a [No Country Left Behind \(NCLB\)](#) campaign to better identify and coordinate assistance to States. This in turn permits them to realize and benefit from any and all improvements in their civil aviation capacities and the connectivity they support.

The [ICAO World Aviation Forum \(IWAF\)](#) is a unique opportunity to further harness aviation's vast potential for stimulating economic growth, in a manner consistent with the vision of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the targets reflected in ICAO's NCLB goals. IWAF will bring together States and the financial/development community to raise the level of assistance in the civil aviation sector by making air transport a priority enabler for national/regional development and mobilizing resources for this purpose.

The event seeks primarily to:

- Highlight ICAO's NCLB efforts to assist States in implementing ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs).
- Outline ICAO's goals regarding improved business case preparation for aviation projects.
- Ensure that SARPs implementation is better harmonized globally so that all States have access to the significant socio-economic benefits of safe and reliable air transport.
- Foster improved collaboration through ICAO among States, industry, and development and business community partners.

DAY 1: 23 NOVEMBER 2015

09:00 – 09:30 | MORNING COFFEE - SPONSORED BY EAST AFRICAN SCHOOL OF AVIATION

09:30 – 09:45 | OFFICIAL OPENING

NCLB Goals Supporting Improved State Aviation Implementation

In order to achieve the NCLB goals, ICAO has committed to providing more direct assistance to States, especially developing countries. The Organization is also playing a more active coordination role between States and is helping to generate the political will needed for States to mobilize and pool resources, participate in regional efforts, and build capacity.

Keynote address by Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu, President of the Council of ICAO

Welcome address by The Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, Canada

09:45 – 12:30 | OPENING SESSION:

How Safe and Reliable Air Transport Delivers Important Economic Benefits to States

A safe and reliable air transport system helps improve quality of life, shares societal and cultural knowledge globally, delivers better services and aid to the public, and enhances access to remote and lesser- developed areas. Such a system should also efficiently use existing and future resources to serve as a powerful driver of economic growth and human development. As a member of the United Nations family, ICAO serves as an enabler for the development of international civil aviation and thereby enhances friendship and understanding among nations and peoples of the world. This opening session will address various benefits and contributions including improvement of air connectivity, bolstering of competitiveness, and strengthening of air transport's role as a foundation for the future, through the following high-level round tables:

High-level Round Table on the Importance of NCLB goals to Socio-economic development:

- Emphasizing the connection between the effective implementation of global aviation standards and polices and the social and economic benefits
- Outlining that there cannot be sustainable economies without sustainable aviation

Co-moderators:

- **Ms. Cecilia Álvarez-Correa Glen**, Minister of Trade, Industry and Tourism, , Colombia, and
- **Dr. Taleb Rifai**, Secretary -General, World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

Speakers:

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| • Mrs. Catherine Higgins
Associate Assistant Deputy Minister of Transport, Canada | • Ms. Susan Kurland
Assistant Secretary, Aviation & International Affairs, Department of Transport, United States |
| • Mr. Changyi Wang
Civil Aviation Administration of China | • Mr. Henrik Hololei
Director General, European Commission |
| • Mr. Hadi Abubakar Sirika
Minister of State, Aviation, Nigeria | |

High-level Round Table on the need for coherent global aviation standards and policies with other sectors to further improve air connectivity and modernize infrastructure:

- Demonstrating political will to converge separate sectoral frameworks in aviation and other economic sectors
- Identifying regulatory impediments to harnessing the full potential of aviation for sustainable growth and development

Co-moderators:

Mrs. Josephine Teo, Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore and
Dr. Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General, World Customs Organization

Speakers:

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| • Mr. Say Sokhan
Under Secretary of State, Secretariat of Civil Aviation, Cambodia | • Mr. Arkhom Termpittayapaisith
Minister of Transport, Thailand |
| • Mr. Samuel Reyes Rendon
Minister of National Defense, Honduras | • Dr. Elham Ibrahim
Commissioner, Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission |
| • Mrs. Yuriria Mascott Perez
Under Secretary of Transportation, Secretariat of Communications and Transport, Mexico | |

High-level Round Table on the experiences and expectations of emerging economies and the development community:

- Sharing the experience of States that have successfully implemented global aviation standards and polices for national development
- Highlighting the role of aviation as an effective development tool and the required assistance and financing for development

Co-moderators:

Ms. Elizabeth Dipuo Peters, Minister of Transport, **South Africa**, and
Mr. Wu Hongbo, USG for Economic and Social Affairs, **United Nations**

Speakers:

- **Ms. Elizabeth Dipuo Peters**
Minister of Transport, **South Africa**
- **Mr. Ignasius Jonan**
Minister of Transportation, **Indonesia**
- **Mr. Khaled A.M. Mussa**
Chairman of the Public Authority, **Libya**
- **Ms. Catherine P. Gonzales**
Undersecretary for Administration and Procurement
Department of Transportation and Communication, **Philippines**
- **Ms. Ana María Pastor Julián**
Minister of Development (Infrastructure, Transport, and Housing), **Spain**
- **Mr. Sergey Zayko**
First Deputy Chairman, Interstate Aviation Committee

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12:30 – 14:00 | LUNCH - SPONSORED BY UNITED ARAB EMIRATES GENERAL CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

14:00 – 15:30 | PART TWO OF OPENING SESSION:

High-level Dialogue on Inter-sectorial Collaboration: Aviation Strategies for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

In September 2015, the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit adopted Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. ICAO's Strategic Objectives are strongly linked to 13 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda, demonstrating our full commitment to their implementation. To achieve the SDGs, uniting efforts among States and the international communities is required beyond the civil aviation sector. This panel will also provide industry perspectives on the importance of aviation and its significant role in economic development.

Address by Dr. Fang Liu, Secretary General of ICAO

Co-moderators:

Mr. Workneh Gebeyehu, Minister of Transport, **Ethiopia**, and
Mr. Amir Abdulla, Deputy Executive Director, **World Food Programme**

Participants:

- **Mr. Tony Tyler**
Director General, International Air Transport Association
- **Mr. David Scowsill**
President and Chief Executive Officer
World Travel and Tourism Council
- **Ms. Angela Gittens**
Director General, Airports Council International
- **Mr. Jeff Poole**
Director General
Civil Air Navigation Services Organization
- **Mr. Tewolde GebreMariam**
Co-Chair, High-Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport and CEO,
Ethiopian Airlines

15:30 – 16:00 | COFFEE BREAK - SPONSORED BY AIRPORTS COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL

16:00 – 17:15 | PANEL SESSION:

Global Investment and Aviation Development Perspective

During the coming 10 to 15 years, the aviation industry will register higher growth globally, which will put increased pressure on existing aviation capacity and facilities. This in turn will require huge infrastructure expansion, acquisition of modern equipment and training of technical personnel. Timely investment in the sector will enable States and the industry to benefit from the economic impact of aviation.

Regional and national development banks, donor States and organizations and development partners can seize this opportunity to spur

economic development through the financing of infrastructure expansion projects involving airports, the acquisition of new aircraft and air navigation equipment and the training of technical personnel.

This panel session will outline the future needs of States and industry and will present banks, donors and development partners with opportunities for participating in the aviation projects and impacting on the economic and social development of States.

Moderator:

Mr. Roberto Kobeh Gonzalez, Former Council President and Lifetime Goodwill Ambassador of ICAO

Assisted by: Mr. Ivan Galán Martínez, Director, ICAO Technical Cooperation Bureau

Panelists:

- **Mr. Olivier Caron**
Ambassador, France
- **Dr. Charles E. Schlumberger**
Lead Air Transport Specialist, World Bank
- **Mr. David F. Melcher**
President & CEO
Aerospace Industries Association
- **Mr. Jean-Louis Ekra**
CEO, African Export-Import Bank
- **Mr. Esteban Diez**
Principal Transport Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank
- **TBC, Asian Development Bank**

17:30 – 20:00 | RECEPTION:

Hosted by the President of the Council, Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu and ICAO Secretary General, Dr. Fang Liu

END DAY 1

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DAY 2: 24 NOVEMBER 2015

09:00 – 10:30 | PANEL SESSION:

Contributing a Safe, Secure and Sustainable Global Aviation System towards the Achievement of the SDGs

Current aviation development includes a wide range of regulatory, infrastructure, human resources, training, and related capacity-building activities. The ultimate goal of these efforts is to realize a safe, secure and sustainable air transport foundation in a given State, one which is consistent with ICAO's Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and Strategic Objectives for the global air transport network.

Once ICAO-compliant air transport connectivity is established, it begins to support expanded tourism and many other local and regional socio-economic development goals for States and Regions. Opportunities for local citizens, businesses and producers to access foreign supplies and markets begin to multiply significantly, and further important benefits for governments and societies are realized through improvements in medical transport, emergency response and cultural exchange.

Despite this clear link to the SDGs, aviation development projects remain significantly underfunded. To that end this panel will discuss concrete steps that States and other stakeholders need to take in order to ensure that aviation is properly represented in the development framework.

Moderator:

Dr. Özkan Poyraz, Deputy Undersecretary, Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications, **Turkey**

Assisted by: Mr. Boubacar Djibo, Director, ICAO Air Transport Bureau

Panelists:

- **Mr. Ben Alcott**
Director of the International Directorate, CAA
United Kingdom
- **Mr. Haydar Yalcin**
Vice-chair, Regional Aviation Safety
Group Europe (RASG -EUR) and Acting Director General,
- **Mr. Andrés Conesa Labastida**
Chairman, Board of Governors, International Air
Transport Association
- **Mr. Victor Manuel Aguado**
Representative on the ICAO Council
- **Dr. Kostas Iatrou**

CAA, Turkey

- **Mr. Luc Tytgat**

Director for Strategy and Safety Management, EASA

Managing Director, Air Transport News & VP PR, ATRS

- **Mr. Elijah Chingosho**

Secretary General, African Airlines Association

10:30 – 11:00 | COFFEE BREAK - SPONSORED BY CAA INTERNATIONAL (UK CAA)

11:00 – 12:30 | PANEL SESSION:

Methodologies and Tools: to Assist States with SARP Implementation and Economic Development

Recognizing the importance of the implementation of global standards for aviation development, ICAO has begun to be more engaged in directly assisting States [as they seek to effectively implement ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices \(SARPs\)](#).

The rapid growth of air traffic in recent years requires continuous safety oversight at both the State and regional levels with respect to both current and emerging risks. ICAO develops tools for sharing and exchanging important safety and security information between Member States, and these then assist States with validation and prioritization, alignment with Strategic Objectives, and ultimately the realization of coordinated and integrated implementation plans.

This panel will introduce some of the latest developments regarding the ICAO tools, exploring how recent innovations can help States to ensure safe, secure and sustainable civil aviation.

Moderator:

Ms. Dzifa Attivor, Minister of Transport, **Ghana**

Assisted by: Mr. Stephen Creamer, Director, ICAO Air Navigation Bureau

Panelists:

- **Mr. Rohan Garib**,
Executive Manager Air Navigation Services , Trinidad & Tobago
- **Mr. Gary Fowlie**,
Head Liaison Office, International Telecommunications Union
- **Mr. Yael Maquire**
Head of Connectivity Lab, Facebook
- **Mr. Jim Hetzel**
Vice-President, Aviation and Distribution, FlightStats

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12:30 – 14:00 | LUNCH BREAK - SPONSORED BY THALES AIR SYSTEMS

14:00 – 15:15 | PANEL SESSION:

Evolving ICAO's Regional Support

The regional support structure of ICAO, led by its seven Regional Offices, is the primary mechanism through which ICAO oversees and assists in the effective implementation of ICAO's Global Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), as well as ICAO policies and guidance material. Through it, States and stakeholders can access experts and information on regional priorities, strategies and programmes related to ICAO Global Plans and initiatives. From this panel session, participants will have a better understanding of this regional structure and how it can best be involved in aviation projects.

Moderator:

Mr. Benjamin Roberts, Minister of Tourism and Culture, **Gambia**

Assisted by: Mr. Stephen Creamer, Director, Air Navigation Bureau

Panelists:

- **Mr. Abdulai Alhassan**
President, African Civil Aviation Commission
- **Dr. Mohammed Bin Nasser Bin Ali Al Zaabi**
Deputy President, Arab Civil Aviation Commission
- **Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano**
Executive Secretary, European Civil Aviation Conference
- **Mr. Marco Ospina**
Secretary, Latin American Civil Aviation Commission
- **Mr. Ismaeil Mohammed Al Blooshi**
- **Ms. Mercy Beatrice Awori**
Representative on the ICAO Council
- **Mr. M .S. Jallow**
ICAO Regional Director, Western and Central African Office, Dakar
- **Mr. Jean-Pierre Ndoutoum**
Directeur de l'Institut de la Francophonie pour le development durable

Chairperson, Regional Aviation Safety
Group Middle East (RASG -MID)

15:15 – 15:45 | COFFEE BREAK - SPONSORED BY EMBRY-RIDDLE PH.D. IN AVIATION

15:45 – 17:15 | PANEL SESSION:

Case Studies and Success Stories: Aviation Driving Local and Regional Prosperity

Economies of several States have already benefitted from the implementation of various aviation projects. During this panel session these success stories will be shared by those instrumental in carrying them out. The panelists will represent a range of experiences including how they overcame resource and political challenges. They will also highlight how the ICAO Regional Offices and other institutions were able to support their efforts.

Moderator:

Mr. Peter Shanel, Minister of Communication and Aviation, **Solomon Islands** *Assisted by:* Mr. Boubacar Djibo, Director, ICAO Air Transport Bureau

Panelists:

- **Mr. Filip Cornelis**
Director Aviation, European Commission
- **Mr. Stephane Durand**
CEO, DSNA Services, France
- **Mr. P. Ganbold**
Civil Aviation Authority, Mongolia
- **Mr. James Cherry**
President and CEO, Aéroports de Montréal
- **Mr. Marius Bodea**
Chairman of the Board IASI International Airport
- **Mr. Yatich Kangugo**
Managing Director, Kenya Airport Authority
- **Ms. Aysha Alhameli**
Representative on the ICAO Council
- **Mr. Shinji Nitta**
General Manager Corporate Strategy
New Kansai International Airport Co.
- **J.J. Ahn**
Executive Director, Public Relations Group, Incheon Airport

18:00 – 20:00 | RECEPTION: SPONSORED BY INDONESIA

END DAY 2

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DAY 3: 25 NOVEMBER 2015

09:30 – 11:30 | PANEL SESSION:

Tying it all Together and Putting Words into Action

This panel will help attendees understand how the information presented during the Forum can be turned into results in the real world. There will be an interactive review with air transport and development experts who will address questions and specific challenges posted by the attendees during the first two days through the event app.

Co-moderators:

Mr. Willem Goeiemann, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Work and Transport, **Namibia**

Panelists:

- **Dato' Sri Azharuddin Abdul Rahman**
Director General, Department of Civil Aviation, Malaysia
- **General de Aviación Maximiliano R. Larraechea**
Director General, Dirección General de Aeronáutica Civil, Chile
- **Mr. Samuel Poghio**
Chairman, Civil Aviation Authority, Kenya
- **Rob W. Huyser**
Director General, Civil Aviation, Netherlands
- **Abdullah Bin Nasser Turki Al-Subaey**
Chairman, Civil Aviation Authority, Qatar

11:30 – 12:00 | COFFEE BREAK – SPONSORED BY PERMANENT MISSION OF BURKINA FASO

12:00 – 12:30 | FORUM SUMMARY AND CLOSING REMARKS:

[Dr. Fang Liu, ICAO Secretary General](#)

END FORUM