



**ASSEMBLY — 42ND SESSION**

**PLENARY**

**Agenda Item 8: Statements by delegations of Member States**

**STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY  
OF BURUNDI**

(Presented by Burundi)

**President of the Assembly,  
President of the ICAO Council,  
Secretary General of ICAO,  
Excellencies, Heads of Delegation,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Burundi and in my capacity as Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority of Burundi, I would like to begin by expressing my sincere thanks to Canada, the host country, for the warm welcome extended to our delegation in the beautiful and welcoming city of Montreal, home to the prestigious International Civil Aviation Organization.

I would also like to congratulate the President-elect of this 42nd session of the ICAO Assembly and wish him every success in conducting our work. We would like to assure him of the full support of the Burundian delegation.

My congratulations also extend to the President of the ICAO Council, the Secretary General, and all ICAO staff for the outstanding work already done for the benefit of safe, secure, efficient and sustainable global civil aviation.

**Mr. President,**

Burundi is a firm supporter of the global dynamic to strengthen civil aviation as a springboard for economic development and regional and international integration.

With this in mind, the Master Plan 2026-2060 for Burundian civil aviation is being developed fully in step with Burundi's National Vision for 2040–2060. This vision places air transport in a prominent position in the country's transformation as a facilitator of other vital sectors of the economy and life of our country.

Our commitment can also be seen through the following:

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<sup>1</sup> French version provided by Burundi

- Airport infrastructure expansion and modernisation projects, currently under consideration, offering innovative and viable financing options;
- Initiatives to revive national air transport, already at an advanced stage of design;
- Active cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for the implementation of the Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) systems in order to keep up with the latest developments in international security and facilitation standards.

**Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, all protocols observed,**

Burundi welcomes the excellent international cooperation in the areas of security, safety and development of air transport. In particular, we would like to commend the following:

- the East African Community (EAC) and the East African Community Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (EAC-CASSOA);
- the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC);
- the ICAO Eastern and Southern Africa (ESAF) Regional Office in Nairobi.

We would also like to express our gratitude to all bilateral and multilateral partners who support the No Country Left Behind initiative, which is emblematic of global solidarity and shared responsibility in civil aviation.

**Mr. President,**

Burundi is fully aware of the financial challenges currently facing multilateral organizations and initiatives due to the increasing complexity of the global context, which is marked by conflicts, budgetary readjustments and changes in national priorities.

Against this background, we encourage the international community to explore more efficient approaches to maximize impact with limited resources. In this respect, more targeted technical assistance mechanisms and the smart use of emerging technologies, including drones for in-flight calibration, represent a promising avenue that we invite ICAO to further promote within the limits allowed by flight safety.

**Mr. President,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen, all protocols observed,**

The Republic of Burundi reaffirms here its strong political will to comply with its international obligations in civil aviation and to implement the ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices.

We fully support the Organization's initiatives to build civil aviation that is:

- safe and secure;
- orderly and efficient;
- environmentally sustainable;
- open to innovation;
- and adapted to the technological transformations to come.

In conclusion, Burundi remains committed to working in concert with all Member States and regional and international partners to make civil aviation an instrument for peace, connectivity and shared prosperity.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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