



NACC STATE PARTICIPATION IN ICAO EVENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR AIR NAVIGATION IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES/ PLANNING

**INTERNATIONAL
CIVIL AVIATION
ORGANIZATION**



ATCONF/7

Air Transport: Powering Global Connectivity, Economic Development, and Resilience in a Dynamic World

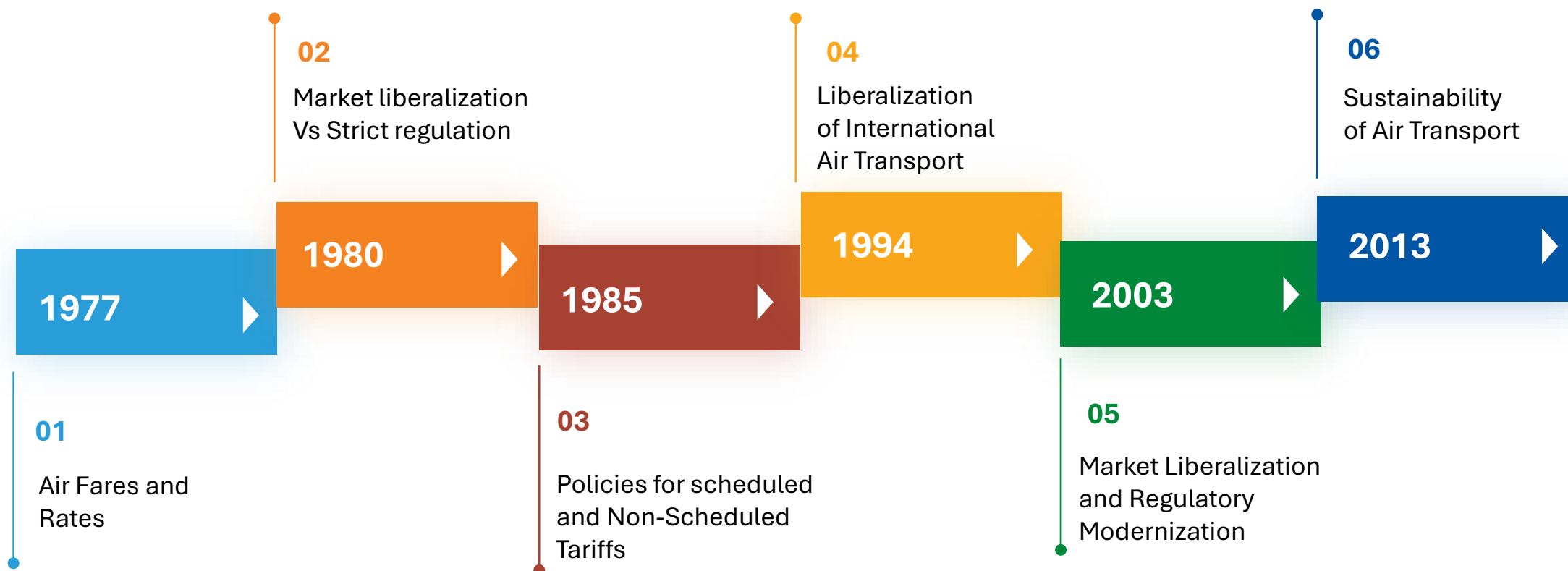
7TH WORLDWIDE AIR TRANSPORT CONFERENCE

16-20 November 2026 | Montréal, Canada





Six Conferences & One Colloquium



Why is the ATConf/7 important?



Global Connectivity

- ✓ Key for socio-economic development



Financing & partnerships for aviation infrastructure

- ✓ Financing for infrastructure
- ✓ Strategic partnerships



Industry resilience

- ✓ Workforce needs
- ✓ Supply chain
- ✓ Consumer benefits
- ✓ Emergency response



Strengthening regulatory oversight and institutional frameworks

- ✓ Compliance with the Chicago Convention
- ✓ Implementation of ICAO Policies and Guidance



Sustainable growth

- ✓ Access to Aviation Cleaner Energy



Emerging technologies & Data-driven oversight

- ✓ Advanced Air Mobility
- ✓ Artificial Intelligence



AVIATION SUPPORTS
USD 4.1 TRILLION
 AND **86.5 MILLION** JOBS

Objectives

01

Advance economic regulatory frameworks to adapt to evolving market trends and technologies by leveraging data

02

Enhance industry resilience by addressing workforce, supply chain, market access, emergency response gaps, and consumer protection

03

Mobilize blended financing to support civil aviation infrastructure

04

Shape economic policy foundations for innovation and emerging technologies

05

Strengthen institutional and human capacity

06

Enable sustainable and inclusive growth in air transport

Agenda Items



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Agenda Item 1

Overview of Developments in the Field of Air Transport

- Developments and progress since the Sixth Worldwide Air Transport Conference (ATConf/6)
- Air transport in ICAO's long-term strategic plan: Accelerating aviation towards 2050

Agenda Item 2

Fostering Aviation Growth and Air Connectivity through Investments in Infrastructure, Human Capital and Partnerships

- Integrating civil aviation into national development and investment plans
- Investment for the development and modernization of civil aviation infrastructure

Agenda Item 3

Strengthening Regulatory and Institutional Frameworks

- Strengthening regulatory oversight and evolving institutional frameworks
- Enhancing air connectivity through progressive economic and regulatory aviation frameworks for international air transport
- Strengthening emergency planning mechanism and consumer protection for a resilient aviation system
- Levies on international air transport

Agenda Item 4

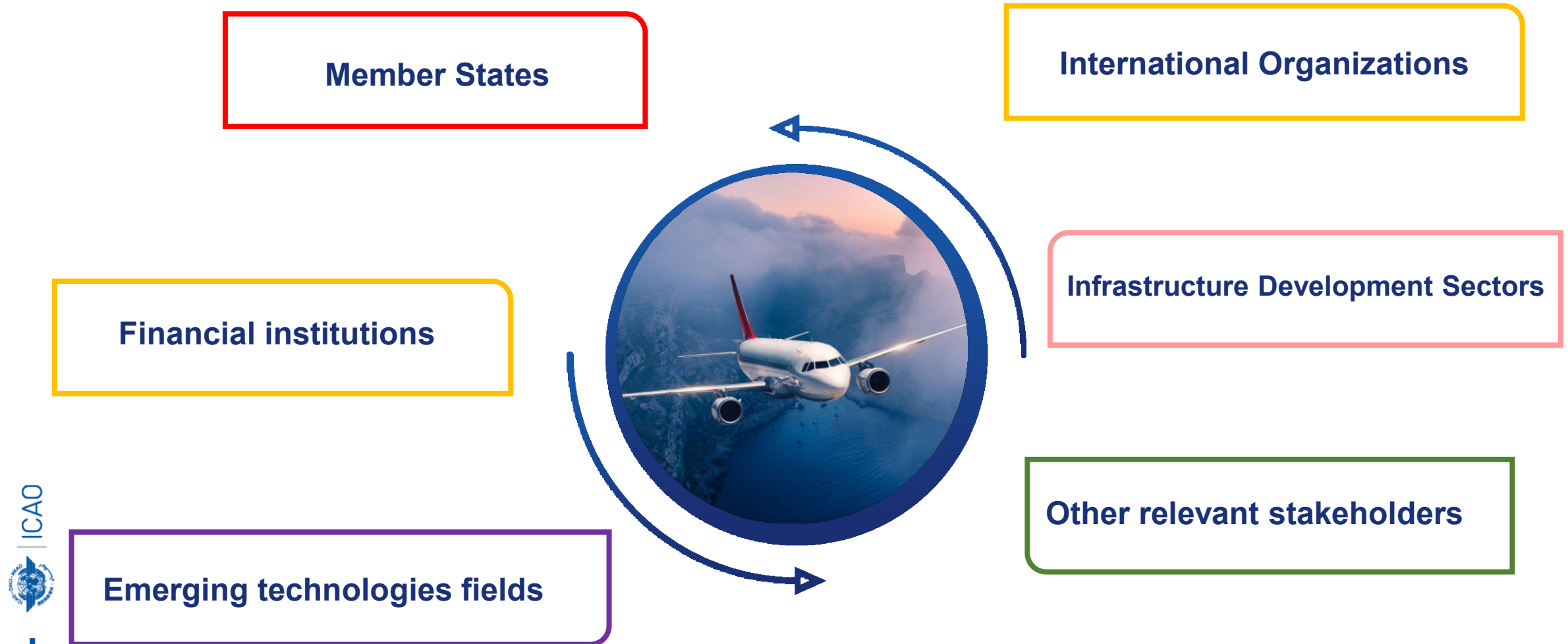
Emerging Technologies, New Business Models and Other Associated Aspects

- Economic regulatory frameworks on emerging technologies
- Support and economic opportunities of access to aviation cleaner energies
- Leveraging air transport data and the digital ecosystem for seamless, secure and resilient operations

Conference Format

	MONDAY Day 1	TUESDAY Day 2	WEDNESDAY Day 3	THURSDAY Day 4	FRIDAY Day 5
 AM (Plenary)	 AGENDA ITEM 1 Developments in the field of air transport  Panel Discussion / Presentations	 AGENDA ITEM 2 Fostering aviation growth and connectivity through investments in infrastructure, human capital and partnerships  Panel Discussion / Presentations	 AGENDA ITEM 3 Strengthening regulatory and institutional frameworks  Panel Discussion / Presentations	 AGENDA ITEM 4 Emerging technologies, new business models and other associated aspects  Panel Discussion / Presentations	 APPROVAL OF ATCONF/7 DRAFT REPORT AND CLOSING CEREMONY  ADOPTION OF MINISTERIAL DECLARATION
 PM (Plenary)	 Consideration of working papers on the subject matter  Closing Remarks	 Consideration of working papers  Closing Remarks	 Consideration of working papers  Closing Remarks	 EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY (Afternoon)	 EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY (Afternoon)
	 <i>Each day begins with insightful panel discussions and presentations in the morning. Afternoons conclude with closing remarks.</i>			 The Extraordinary Assembly will be held on Thursday & Friday afternoons.	

Participation



ATConf/7 Updated Information

Ministerial Declaration of ATConf/7:

- Available at: <https://www.icao.int/events/ATConf7/ministerial-declaration>
- Submit comments to by 7 September to ATConf7@icao.int

Pre-conference on ICAO-ACI Global Investor Forum

- Time: Sunday, 15 November 2026
- Focus: Investment and financing required to support the sustainable development of global aviation infrastructure
- More information: <https://www.icao.int/events/ATConf7/pre-conference-icao-aci-global-infrastructure-investor-forum>

Working Papers

- Secretariat working papers are now available
- Deadline for submissions by States: 25 September 2026

Registration

- Submit Credentials and Register by 20 October 2026
- Separate credentials are required for ATConf/7 and the 43rd Session of the Extraordinary Assembly
- Separate registrations for Pre-conference, ATConf/7 and A43



ATConf/7 Next Steps





Preparatory NAM/CAR/SAM Webinar for ATConf/7
Online, 20 May 2026, 10:00 CST
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PREPARING FOR THE ATCONF/7

1. At your State level, coordinate and invite all Air Transport related parties to identify and discuss your Air Transport challenges and needs toward this coming decade, in order to organize your State position and arguments to share and discuss in the ATConf/7.
2. All participants are encouraged to follow-up the timelines and dates for presentation of documentation and sharing of this, to ensure greater coordination among all States
3. Considering the existence and membership of States and organization to regional organizations like CARICOM, LACAC, and others, regional coordination among all is greatly suggested.
4. This conference will be conducted on a restricted-access basis and will bring together senior government officials responsible for aviation, across areas such as infrastructure, finance, economy, and tourism, to address policy-related matters, alongside representatives of international and regional organizations and key industry stakeholders actively engaged in the economic development of air transport. Special attention is suggested to ensure proper State recognition in registering to the Conference.



Preparation of regional positions for the Seventh ICAO Air Transport Conference (ATConf/7), promoting policies that support sustainable air transport development, regulatory harmonization, economic resilience, and enhanced connectivity across the NAM/CAR Regions

20+ States

Raise awareness in
Preparation for ATConf/7

- NACC/DCA
- Preparatory Webinar
- Individual coordination

Engagement with Int Org

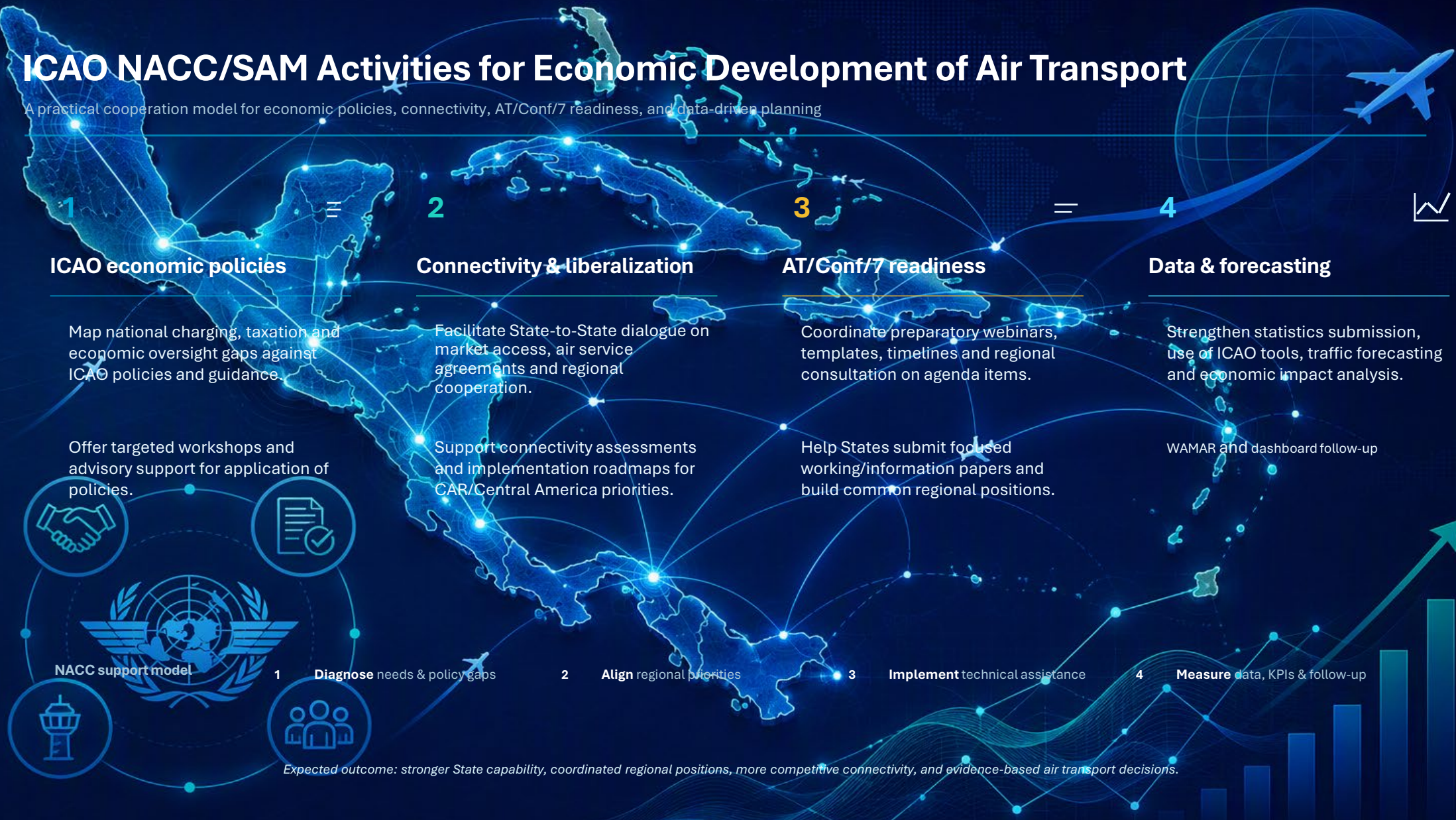
- LACAC support for documentation management for ATConf/7
- CARICOM, SAM Orgs., eFti4all, Central America and CARIBAVIA

NACC/SAM promotion
with States

Projection: Improved
State response to AT
surveys (more than
60%)

ICAO NACC/SAM Activities for Economic Development of Air Transport

A practical cooperation model for economic policies, connectivity, AT/Conf/7 readiness, and data-driven planning





ICAO

NACC Regional Office
North American, Central American
and Caribbean (NACC) Region

NACC/WG: The Technical Implementation Platform

From Regional Planning to
Air Navigation Implementation

The NACC/WG provides the technical regional mechanism for coordinating and advancing air navigation implementation in the NACC Region.

Its work directly supports:



Implementation
of the Global
Air Navigation Plan
(GANP)



Regional priorities
and GREPECAS
outcomes



Aviation
infrastructure and
ANS modernization



Regional connectivity
and operational
efficiency



Safety, capacity,
resilience and
interoperability of the
air navigation system



Coordination among
States, ANSPs,
international organizations
and industry



An efficient, safe and resilient air navigation system is a fundamental enabler of the air transport system.

Why NACC/WG Work Is Relevant to ATConf/7

Air Navigation Implementation → Air Transport Development

The issues addressed by NACC/WG have a direct enabling relationship with the strategic objectives of ATConf/7.

NACC/WG technical work	Contribution to Air Transport
Airspace optimization	→ Greater efficiency and capacity
CNS/ATM modernization	→ Reliable and resilient operations
PBN implementation	→ Improved operational efficiency
ATFM / capacity management	→ Reduced congestion and delays
Cross-border interoperability	→ Seamless regional operations
Digitalization & automation	→ Improved efficiency and scalability
Contingency & resilience	→ Continuity of air transport
Infrastructure development	→ Enables traffic growth and connectivity



ATConf/7 addresses the future of air transport;

NACC/WG helps ensure that the technical infrastructure and operational capabilities exist to make that future possible.

ATConf/7

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NACC/WG Contribution to the ATConf/7 Vision

From Policy Objectives to Operational Reality

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ATConf/7

Global Air Transport Policy &
Strategic Directions

- Liberalization and connectivity
- Sustainable growth
- Investment and innovation
- Global cooperation



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Regional Technical Translation
& Implementation

- Align with GANP, GREPECAS and regional priorities
- Coordinate among States and ANSPs
- Develop technical solutions
- Support implementation through guidance and best practices



States / ANSPs

Implementation of Air Navigation
Improvements

- Modernize systems and infrastructure
- Implement procedures and standards
- Build capacity and skills
- Enhance coordination and interoperability



Benefits to Air Transport

- Better connectivity
- Increased capacity
- Reduced delays and inefficiencies
- Safer operations
- Greater resilience
- Lower operating costs
- Sustainable aviation growth



The success of air transport policies and liberalization measures ultimately depends on the capacity, efficiency, safety and interoperability of the aviation infrastructure that supports them.

Therefore, NACC/WG is an important technical enabler of the objectives that ATConf/7 seeks to advance.



Third High-level Safety Conference 2027 (HLSC 2027)



15 to 19 November 2027



DESTINATION: ZERO FATALITIES

NEED FOR HLSC 2027



Safety constitutes a core responsibility of ICAO, as evidenced by the Strategic Goal of “Every flight is safe and secure”. While safety-related subjects were included in the Fourteenth Air Navigation Conference (AN-Conf/14), held from 26 August to 6 September 2024 in Montréal, and the Technical Commission of the 42nd Session of the Assembly (A42), held from 23 September to 3 October 2025, it was recognized that no specific, dedicated conference, focused on safety, had been held since 2015.



The value of presenting a report on the safety trends and risks landscape was identified in order to develop recommendations to further enhance existing initiatives related to safety management and oversight.

HLSC 2027

Will aim to build consensus, obtain commitments and formulate recommendations that will allow ICAO and its Member States to identify key challenges and the initiatives needed to advance safety and address implementation concerns in an ever-changing aviation environment, as well as move these key initiatives forward in an effective and efficient manner.

The specific focus of this Conference will be on addressing a range of safety issues, from the global high-risk categories of occurrences (G-HRCs) identified in the 2026-2028 edition of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP, Doc 10004), to small incremental changes that can contribute to a global reduction in accident rates.

The Conference will aim to address the full spectrum of issues, from the G-HRCs identified in the GASP, to the global challenges identified by the various regional aviation safety groups (RASGs) and planning and implementation regional groups (PIRGs), down to the impact of minor but recurring issues that can cumulatively add up to significant safety performance issues.



INDICATIVE LIST OF SUBJECTS – HLSC 2027

- a) Global Plans;
- b) Global Challenges;
- c) Learning from the Past and Present;
- d) Preparing for the Future; and
- e) Cumulative Incremental Improvements.



develop a roadmap of minimum capabilities necessary for the evolution of the air navigation system based on the elements outlined in the GANP

Challenges: global navigation satellite system (GNSS) radio frequency interference (RFI), civil-military cooperation, strengthening regional cooperation, resource constraints, etc.

NACC/WG and HLSC 2027:

From Air Navigation Implementation to Safety Outcomes

Why regional technical implementation matters to global safety policy



Effective air navigation implementation is a fundamental enabler of aviation safety.

Where NACC/WG Work Directly Supports Safety

Technical implementation areas with clear safety impact

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| 1 | | PBN and airspace design | → Predictable and safe operations |
| 2 | | CNS modernization | → Reliable communications, navigation and surveillance |
| 3 | | ATM/ATFM and capacity management | → Reduced congestion and operational risk |
| 4 | | AIM / data quality | → Accurate safety-critical information |
| 5 | | AGA / runway safety interfaces | → Safer aerodrome operations |
| 6 | | SAR and contingency planning | → Resilience and emergency response |
| 7 | | Emerging technologies / digitalization | → Managed transition and new risks |

Regional implementation evidence

Safety lessons, risks, gaps and good practices

HLSC 2027



NACC/WG can provide the technical evidence base that helps turn regional implementation experience into global safety priorities.

NACC/WG Contribution to HLSC 2027

A practical pathway from regional implementation to global safety improvement



NACC/WG is the implementation bridge: bringing real regional air navigation experience into the global safety dialogue — and bringing global safety outcomes back into regional implementation.



Expected benefits

- ✓ Stronger safety performance
- ✓ Harmonized implementation
- ✓ Resilient and interoperable ANS
- ✓ Earlier identification of emerging risks

2027 High-level Conference on Aviation Security (HLCAS/3)

12-16 April 2027



TENTATIVE TOPICS – 2027 HLCAS

- **Risks arising from conflict zones**
 - Information sharing
 - Risk assessment methodologies
 - Contingency planning
 - International coordination
- **Aviation Cybersecurity**
 - Development of a global ICAO aviation cybersecurity framework
 - Harmonized implementation support and capacity-building
- **Cargo and Mail Security**
 - Secure supply chains
 - Enhanced screening
 - International cooperation against evolving threats
- **Modernization of Aviation Security**
 - New technologies
 - One-Stop Security
 - Workforce modernization
 - NGAP AVSEC Strategy implementation
- **Evolution of GAsEP**
 - Future priorities
 - Updated framework aligned with ICAO Strategic Plan 2026-2050
- **Evolution of USAP-CMA**
 - Future oversight model
 - Recognition mechanisms
 - Effectiveness in addressing emerging threats





HLCAS identifies evolving threats such as cybersecurity, conflict zones, GNSS radio-frequency interference (GNSS-RFI), and unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) as drivers for convening the Conference

NACC/WG considerations on HLCAS/3

NACC/WG translates cross-cutting security direction into resilient, interoperable and secure air navigation implementation.



State message: supporting HLCAS/3 helps ensure that future security policies strengthen, rather than constrain, safe and efficient regional air navigation.

NACC/WG Suggested actions

- a) Take note of the importance and relation of ATConF/7 and HLSC and HLCAS discussion and decisions in Air navigation implementation activities
- b) Promote among your State colleagues an active participation in these global Fora, and
- c) Coordinate with the respective implementation Group on Safety, Security and other for considering the importance of Air Navigation matters in their priorities and future work.

Thank You

