



ICAO

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF AIR TRANSPORT'S CONTRIBUTION TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 4:

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

Supporting Target(s): 4.4

ICAO Activity

ICAO has numerous training and events focused on assisting States in implementing ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices ([SARPs](#)), policies and programmes. The Organization supports human resources development strategies established by Member States to ensure their access to an adequate number of competent personnel to operate the air transport system based on international standards for all its Strategic Objectives, including Economic Development of Air Transport. ICAO training activities encompass training development and delivery of courses in areas in which ICAO has intellectual property, such as Global Plans and [SARPs](#), and are accomplished through the TRAINAIR PLUS Programme, ICAO's network of recognized training organizations and industry partners. ICAO also partners with other key players in the industry to provide holistic training courses on various areas of expertise relating to Economic Development (Course on Airport Charges with [ACI](#)) and delivers workshops and seminars on Air Transport Regulatory Policy and Airport and Air Navigation Services. An ICAO Training Catalogue listing courses under specialized training areas, including Economic Development of Air Transport, is available at <https://www.icao.int/training/Pages/Training-Catalogue.aspx>.

ICAO also convenes global and regional aviation training events to provide participants with international fora to exchange best practices in aviation training, discuss opportunities for the enhancement of human resources development, and identify new effective training tools and techniques. These efforts contribute to provide quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities to all. For example: a regional Aviation Data and Analysis Seminar, held in conjunction with the African Airlines Association ([AFRAA](#)), which included presentations on the latest applications in data and analytics used for efficient decision making, implementation of information systems for improved airline efficiency as well as improved economics of airports and ANSPs.

ICAO leads the Next Generation of Aviation Professionals Programme ([NGAP](#)) that aims at ensuring that enough qualified and competent aviation professionals are available to operate, manage and maintain the future international air transport system. ICAO is working with stakeholders to develop an Operational Plan for the NGAP Programme. Specific objectives for the NGAP Programme Working Groups have been developed and will continue to be updated as work progresses and will be incorporated into the NGAP Programme Operational Plan. ICAO convened two NGAP Global Summits, where the Organization made engagements with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization ([UNESCO](#)), International Labour Organization ([ILO](#)), the International Telecommunication Union ([ITU](#)) and [UN Women](#) to jointly support the NGAP Programme.

These activities contribute to SDG 4 by increasing the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship.