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The **Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA)** is the first global market-based scheme that applies to a sector. It complements other aviation in-sector emissions reduction efforts such as technological innovations, operational improvements and sustainable aviation fuels to meet the ICAO aspirational goal of carbon-neutral growth.

For more details on what CORSIA is click [here](#)

CORSIA in 2026

Since the landmark agreement on CORSIA reached at the 39th Session of the ICAO Assembly in 2016, and reaffirmed at the 42nd Assembly, ICAO and its Member States have successfully implemented CORSIA as the only global market-based measure addressing CO₂ emissions from international aviation.

The year 2026 marks the final year of CORSIA's three-year first phase, characterized by the voluntary participation of States. Throughout this period and beyond, ICAO will continue to work closely with all Member States to ensure the robust and effective implementation of CORSIA.

The number of volunteer States continues to increase each year, with a total of **130 States** that participate in CORSIA from **2026**. These States are listed in the ICAO document [CORSIA States for Chapter 3 State Pairs](#) and determine the State pairs subject to CO₂ offsetting requirements in CORSIA for 2026. The Assembly encouraged **more States to participate in CORSIA** to increase the environmental integrity of the scheme.

As reported in the 2025 CORSIA newsletters, approximately **99% of 2024 CO₂ emissions** were reported through the CCR, demonstrating the effective implementation of CORSIA to date. This performance highlights the critical importance of maintaining a continuous, robust, and consistent implementation of the **CORSIA Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV)** system in 2026.

In this context, aeroplane operators are expected to compile their 2025 CO₂ emissions data and arrange for the verification of their Emissions Report, for submission to States by 30 April 2026 for an order of magnitude check by the State and subsequent submission to ICAO by 31 July 2026. The **revised standardized templates**, contained in the fourth edition of Doc 9501, Volume IV and published in December 2025, are made available on the [ICAO website](#) in the format of spreadsheets for download, are intended to be used for this purpose.

The **ICAO CORSIA CERT** can be used by aeroplane operators to **support the monitoring and reporting** of their CO₂ emissions by populating the standardized Emissions Monitoring Plan template and the Emissions Report template. The CERT can also be used by States to fill in reporting data gaps if an operator does not submit its Emissions Report. The **2025 version** of the tool and related technical documentation is available on the [ICAO website](#) and can be used for the preparation of the 2025 Emissions Reports during 2026.

Based on the submitted 2025 emissions data, the Secretariat will calculate the **2025 Sector's Growth Factor**, which States will apply in determining the 2025 CO₂ offsetting requirements attributed to each operator (see below for further details on CORSIA 2026 deadlines). The timely, accurate, and complete submission of emissions data through the CCR, together with the rigorous application of the MRV framework, will therefore remain essential in 2026.

In addition, during 2026 the ICAO Council will continue its consideration of recommendations from the **Technical Advisory Body** in relation to the [CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units](#). These recommendations may lead to the approval of additional eligible programmes for the 2027-2029 compliance period (part of the CORSIA '**second phase**'), thereby complementing the four already approved programmes, to ensure enough supply of eligible units.

Consistent with *No Country Left Behind*, ICAO will also continue to support States in the implementation of CORSIA MRV system through the capacity building activities under the **ACT-CORSIA** programme. The support under ACT-CORSIA Buddy Partnerships could also encourage **more States** to join CORSIA. Training activities planned for 2026 will focus on strengthening States' capacity to implement the CORSIA MRV system in a robust and timely manner, in accordance with the requirements of Annex 16, Volume IV as well as CORSIA Eligible Fuels and CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units.

2026 CORSIA Implementation deadlines

In accordance with **Appendix 1 to Annex 16, Volume IV**, States are required to report annual CORSIA-related information and data through the CCR. The **key CORSIA implementation deadlines for States in 2026 are highlighted below:**

- **1 January to 30 April 2026:** Aeroplane operators compile 2025 CO₂ emissions data to be verified by verification bodies;
- **by 30 April 2026:** Aeroplane operators and verification bodies to submit to States the verified Emissions Reports and associated Verification Reports for 2025 CO₂ emissions;
- **by 31 July 2026:** States perform an order of magnitude check of the submitted 2025 CO₂ emissions, including any filling of data gaps in case of non-reporting by aeroplane operators, consolidate all reported CO₂ emissions data, and use the CORSIA Central Registry (CCR) to report to ICAO aggregated CO₂ emission data and, if applicable, information on CORSIA eligible fuels; and
- **by 30 November 2026:** State checks the ICAO document "CORSIA Annual Growth Sector's Factor (SGF)" and uses the 2025 SGF to calculate the 2025 offsetting requirements for the aeroplane operators and consequently, the States informs the aeroplane operators of their respective 2025 offsetting requirements.

ICAO will continue to support all States cooperating under the **ACT-CORSIA programme** and in the spirit of ICAO's *No Country Left Behind*.

CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units



In January 2026, Technical Advisory Body (TAB) finalized its assessment of material changes submitted in 2025 by two conditionally eligible programmes: Biocarbon Fund Initiative for Sustainable Forest Landscape (ISFL) and Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPC), for consideration of TAB's recommendations at the 237th Session of the Council in March 2026.

In February 2026, ICAO **will open a call for applications** for interested organizations seeking to supply CORSIA emission units to the **2027-2029 compliance period (part of the CORSIA second phase)**. Detailed information and exact dates will be soon published on the [ICAO TAB website](#).

TAB will assess the applications in 2026 aiming to make recommendations to the 239th Session of the Council in October 2026. Successful applicants from the 2026 assessment cycle on CORSIA eligible emissions units for the 2027-2029 compliance period may also be recommended to supply eligible

emissions units for the 2024-2026 compliance period. As part of its 2026 assessment, the TAB will also continue to analyse the potential emissions unit supply, including new geographical data.

Call for ICAO public webinar on CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units

On **18 February 2026**, ICAO will host a **webinar on CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units**. The webinar will inform stakeholders about the TAB assessment process and the key documents that help understand CORSIA eligibility. Additionally, the webinar will also cover recent developments and next steps of TAB's work. More information about the webinar is available on the [TAB website](#).

ICAO Aviation Climate Week 2026

The second edition of ICAO Aviation Climate Week will take place this year from 2 to 4 June 2026 as an in-person event at ICAO Headquarters in Montréal, Canada. With the theme of "*One Global Path: Advancing Net-Zero Aviation*," this event will highlight the latest developments in all aviation environmental topics, as we move toward achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. Key pillars of the event agenda:

- ✓ Share outcomes of the 42nd ICAO Assembly and recent scientific, technological, and global developments related to achieving the LTAG of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.
- ✓ Present the latest LTAG Monitoring and Reporting methodology and advancements in tracking aviation emissions reductions from technology, operations, and aviation fuels.
- ✓ Showcase advancements in sustainable aviation technologies, operations, and infrastructure, including next-generation aircraft design and climate adaptation measures.
- ✓ Highlight progress on sustainable aviation fuels (SAF), lower carbon aviation fuels (LCAF), and other aviation cleaner energies, along with capacity-building programmes, and State Action Plans.
- ✓ Explore financing mechanisms, review CORSIA's 10-year implementation, and provide a platform for States and stakeholders to share best practices and collaborative opportunities.

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For more information on the event, the programme, and how to register, click [here](#).

CORSIA Capacity Building



ACT-CORSIA is the ICAO Assistance, Capacity Building and Training programme on **CORSIA** to provide States with CORSIA implementation support. It was established in July 2018 and encompasses the **CORSIA Buddy Partnerships**, examples of good practices for CORSIA implementation, frequently asked questions, publications, videos and more. For a complete list of activities click [here](#).

The **ACT-CORSIA Buddy Partnerships** are a cornerstone for the robust CORSIA implementation, and they have been proven to be an extremely successful modality to provide training and assistance to support-requesting States on various aspects of CORSIA implementation.

Under the partnerships, technical experts supplied by supporting States work together with the CORSIA focal points of requesting States to provide on-site training, and to closely follow-up on the preparation and implementation of the requesting States' CORSIA MRV system. The results of the training activities thus far have been remarkable, **resulting in 99% of 2024 global emissions reported by States through the CCR in 2025**.

In 2026, the focus of the training under the ACT-CORSIA Buddy Partnership has been the MRV tasks in light of lessons learned from the past six years of the MRV implementation, as well as the developments regarding CORSIA Eligible Fuels and CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units.

More information can be found [here](#).

The [Leaflet for CORSIA Focal Points](#), provides information and useful links that will assist State's focal points in the implementation of CORSIA.



The CORSIA Verification Course offered by ICAO's Global Aviation Training (GAT) Office provides training on how to verify CO₂ Emissions Reports that have been prepared by aeroplane operators, in accordance with the provisions of the CORSIA Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) contained in Annex 16, Volume IV.

The CORSIA Verification Course has been updated to provide information on verification requirements as per the upcoming second edition of Annex 16, Volume IV, applicable from 1 January 2024.

[Click here](#) for more information and registration.

In 2026, three additional CORSIA Training Courses are being developed and will be made available through ICAO training, covering the following topics:

- **CORSIA Overview**
 - **CORSIA Eligible Fuels**
 - **CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units**
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More information on these courses will be provided in future issues of the CORSIA Newsletter

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