International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Side Event

UN Decade of Sustainable Transport: Accelerating Sustainable Aviation through UN System Synergies

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Side Event Room 2, Blue Zone

Speakers



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Opening and scene-setting

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ICAO Global Aspirational Goals and Vision for International Aviation

Medium-term global aspirational goal of **Carbon Neutral Growth from 2020 (CNG2020)**

Long-term global aspirational goal (LTAG) of net zero carbon emissions by 2050

ICAO Global Framework for SAF, LCAF and other aviation cleaner energies— Global aspirational **Vision to reduce CO_2 emissions by 5% by 2030 using cleaner energies**

Aviation Cleaner Energies

ICAO's sustainability criteria, certification, and life cycle emissions assessment under CORSIA is the accepted basis for the eligibility of aviation cleaner energies

Ongoing ICAO work to **accelerate** production pathways, feedstocks, life cycle assessment and sustainability certification

- **ICAO Assistance, Capacity-building, and Training for SAF (ACT-SAF)** supports States at various stages of SAF development and deployment
- Facilitates partnerships and cooperation under ICAO coordination

- **ICAO Finvest Hub** connects SAF project developers with financiers, governments, industry partners
- Provides project screening, technical assistance, and networking opportunities to accelerate SAF financing



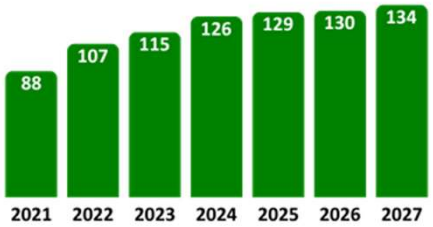
ICAO Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA)

- First and **only global market-based measure (MBM)** for international aviation to address and reduce sector-wide carbon emissions
- **Harmonized approach to avoid a patchwork of duplicative and fragmented MBMs**

CORSIA Eligible Fuels (SAF or LCAF) are used to reduce aeroplane operators' offsetting requirements

CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units (CEEUs) are needed to meet the remaining offsetting requirements, and **host country Letters of Authorization (LOA) is key**

State participation is growing



These States will define the routes subject to CORSIA offsetting requirements

Nearly 90% of international aviation CO_2 emissions will potentially be subject to offsetting requirements in 2027

Monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) of international aviation CO_2 emissions by all States and their aeroplane operators



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