



**WORKING PAPER**

**ASSEMBLY — 40TH SESSION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Agenda Item 20: No Country Left Behind Initiative**

**PACIFIC AVIATION NEEDS ANALYSIS STUDY**

(Presented by the Cook Islands, Fiji, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) appreciate the efforts of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and donor States in the PSIDS Aviation Needs Analysis Study, without prejudice to the outcome of the Phase 2 study, to conduct the necessary prioritization of resources under the Regular Programme and / or apportion sufficient amount of extra budgetary resources, as well as the necessary assistance to implement the recommendations and solutions.

**Action:** The Assembly is invited to:

- a) recognize the unique and diverse challenges the PSIDS face in international civil aviation development; and
- b) urge ICAO to apportion sufficient amount from the ICAO Regular Budget and/ or extra budgetary resources as well as the necessary assistance to implement the recommendations and solutions from the PSIDS Aviation Needs Analysis Study.

*Strategic Objectives:*

This working paper relates to all Strategic Objectives.

*Financial implications:*

Subject to resources available in the 2020-2022 regular programme budget and / or from extra budgetary resources.

*References:*

A39-WP/218, A40-WP/47

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) are a group of islands in the Asia - Pacific region with unique aviation development needs. Although the total population amounts to just 9 million and the collective land area is about half a million square kilometres of land, the PSIDS are scattered across some 30 million square kilometres of ocean, spanning six time zones. The PSIDS face an exceptional set of challenges, including limited resources, remoteness and susceptibility to natural disasters. Socio-economic progress is further hindered by high communication, infrastructure, energy and transportation costs.

1.2 Given the PSIDS's high dependence on international trade and tourism, the aviation sector has emerged as one of the key economic drivers. Recognizing the importance and significance of aviation to our development, the PSIDS have joined the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and today, 13 of the PSIDS are contracting States to ICAO.

## 2. SUPPORT OF PSIDS STUDY

2.1 Recognizing that more information was needed to determine the current challenges and needs of the PSIDS, as well as the identification of options to address these challenges, the 39th ICAO Assembly supported the conduct of a feasibility study on the formation of an ICAO Sub-Regional Office to provide more targeted and customised assistance and capacity building. The scope of the study was eventually expanded to cover an overall needs analysis, rather than identifying a Sub-Regional Office as the solution for the region from the onset. The PSIDS Aviation Needs Analysis Study commenced in March 2019 and the ICAO Secretariat had provided an update on Phase 1 of the study at this Assembly under A40-WP/47.

2.2 The PSIDS appreciate the efforts of ICAO and donor States in the PSIDS Aviation Needs Analysis Study, without prejudice to the outcome of the Phase 2 study, to conduct the necessary prioritization of resources under the Regular Programme and / or to apportion sufficient amount of extra budgetary resources as well as the necessary assistance to implement the recommendations and solutions.

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