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**Subject:** ICAO Environmental Regional Seminars,  
various venues, 13 April to 8 May 2023

**Action required:** Complete online registration form by  
29 March 2023

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to extend an invitation to representatives from your Government/Organization to participate in a series of ICAO Environmental Regional Seminars, which will be held in the ICAO Regions from 13 April to 8 May 2023.

The 41st Session of the ICAO Assembly in October 2022 adopted a collective long-term global aspirational goal (LTAG) for international aviation of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, in support of the Paris Agreement's temperature goal, while recognizing that each State's special circumstances and respective capabilities will inform the ability of each State to contribute to the LTAG within its own national timeframe<sup>1</sup>. It was acknowledged that Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) offered the most significant potential for responding to aviation's decarbonisation. The Assembly welcomed the establishment of the ICAO Assistance, Capacity-building and Training for SAF (ACT-SAF) programme; encouraged States to further develop and update State Action Plans on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reductions from international aviation; and requested the convening of the Third Conference on Aviation Alternative Fuels (CAAF/3) in 2023.

To prepare for CAAF/3, which will take place later in 2023, ICAO started a series of activities to support States for the important decisions to be taken to facilitate the development, deployment and access to these fuels. In this regard, ICAO is organizing Environmental Regional Seminars with the objective of raising awareness on the outcomes of the 41st Assembly, focusing on the implementation of the LTAG, including recent developments on the ACT-SAF programme, financing cleaner energy,

<sup>1</sup> ICAO Assembly Resolution A41-21 refers.

implementation challenges and policies, role of State Action Plans and other means for monitoring the LTAG progress, as well as exchanging States' initial views on the expectations for CAAF/3.

Due to the multidisciplinary nature of this topic, participation from States might involve different areas of expertise and also senior officials in the government.

The schedule of the regional seminars is provided in Attachment A and a preliminary agenda is included in Attachment B. Each seminar is open to all States and accredited international organizations. While welcome to attend any session, States are invited to prioritize attendance in their corresponding regions; and participants are requested to register online and send credential letters to [officeenv@icao.int](mailto:officeenv@icao.int) by 29 March 2023.

Information on administrative arrangements and registration is available at: <https://www.icao.int/Meetings/RS2023/Pages/default.aspx>. To prepare for the dialogues during the seminars, participants are requested to get acquainted with the materials to be made available on the website. To assist the exchange of views during the dialogues, guiding questions will also be made available on the website; participants should reflect upon these guiding questions and be prepared to address them during the dialogues.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Juan Carlos Salazar  
Secretary General

**Enclosures:**

- A — Schedule for the 2023 ICAO Environmental Regional Seminars
- B — Preliminary agenda for the 2023 ICAO Environmental Regional Seminars

ATTACHMENT A to State letter ENV 5/1.13 – 23/10

**SCHEDULE FOR THE 2023 ICAO ENVIRONMENTAL REGIONAL SEMINARS**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>ICAO Regions</b>	<b>Venue</b>
13 and 14 April 2023	European and North Atlantic (EUR/NAT)	Rotterdam, Netherlands
18 and 19 April 2023	Eastern and Southern African (ESAF); Western and Central African (WACAF)	Nairobi, Kenya
24 and 25 April 2023	North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC); South American (SAM)	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
3 and 4 May 2023	Asia and Pacific (APAC)	Bangkok, Thailand
7 and 8 May 2023	Middle East (MID)	Cairo, Egypt

Note: Further information on logistic arrangements, interpretation services, transportation and hotel reservations will be available on the event website: <https://www.icao.int/Meetings/RS2023/Pages/default.aspx>

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**PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR THE 2023 ICAO ENVIRONMENTAL  
REGIONAL SEMINARS**

The agenda for the regional seminars will be uploaded to the ICAO website and will include a structured dialogue which will allow States to exchange initial views on the expectations for CAAF/3 on issues such as capacity building, finance and policies to facilitate the development, deployment and access to SAFs, and will help States understand the issues and process so that they can prepare and actively participate in the CAAF/3 meeting. To assist in the exchange of views during the dialogues, guiding questions will also be made available on the website; participants should reflect upon these guiding questions and be prepared to address them during the dialogues.

Note: Participants are requested to get acquainted with all the materials to be made available on the website (<https://www.icao.int/Meetings/RS2023/Pages/default.aspx>).

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