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To: Mr. Yves Tatibouet, Regional Director of Civil Aviation Authority (DSAC)
for French Antilles and French Guiana
Mr. Francis Preux, Director, French West Indies and French Guiana, Air Navigation
Services
Lt. Col. Egbert Field, Director General, Guyana Civil Aviation Authority
H.E. Uraiqit H. Ramsaran, Minister of Transport, Communication and Tourism,
Suriname

Subject: **Invitation to the 2024 ICAO NAM/CAR/SAM Environmental Regional Seminar**
(Asuncion, Paraguay, 20-21 August 2024)

Required: **Register by June 28, 2024**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to invite representatives from your Government/Organization to the 2024 ICAO NAM/CAR/SAM Environmental Regional Seminar, to be held at Asunción – Paraguay, from 20 to 21, August 2024, as an in-person event.

In the 41st Session of the ICAO Assembly held in 2022 the collective long-term global aspirational goal (LTAG) for international aviation of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 was adopted, and the Third Conference on Aviation and Alternative Fuels (CAAF/3) adopted the ICAO Global Framework on Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF), Lower Carbon Aviation Fuels (LCAF) and other aviation cleaner energies in 2023.

In this regard, ICAO is organizing five Environmental Seminars in different regions. The aim of these Seminars is to raise awareness and exchange views on the implementation of the LTAG and Global Framework, including recent developments on cleaner aviation energy policies and State Action Plans, CORSIA as the basis for the eligibility of aviation cleaner energies, implementation challenges and the ICAO Assistance, Capacity-building and Training for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (ACT-SAF), and financing cleaner aviation energies, as well as the means for monitoring the progress for the implementation of the LTAG and Global Framework.

The preliminary programme of the Regional Seminar for NAM/CAR/SAM Regions is included in **Attachment A** and general information on the event is included in **Attachment B**. For further updates concerning the detailed programme and online registration to the event, please see the event website at: <https://www.icao.int/SAM/Pages/MeetingsDocumentation.aspx?m=2024-ENVSEM&t=1>

The Seminars are open to the participation of all States and accredited international organizations. However, it is suggested to attend the events that have been scheduled in your region. Information on the five Regional Seminars to be held can be found on the ICAO HQ website: <https://www.icao.int/Meetings/RS2024/Pages>.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher Barks". The signature is overlaid with a circular digital signature stamp. The stamp contains the ICAO logo and the text "ICAO OACI ICAO" at the top and "Digital Signature" at the bottom.

Christopher Barks
Regional Director
North American, Central American and
Caribbean (NACC) Regional Office



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Regional Director
ICAO South American (SAM)
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Enclosures:

- A – Preliminary programme for the 2024 ICAO
NAM/CAR/SAM Environmental Regional Seminar
- B – General Information

cc: Mr. Patrick Pezzeta, Deputy Director, Antilles-Guyane, French Antilles
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ATTACHMENT A

2024 ICAO NAM/CAR/SAM Regional Seminars on Environment

DRAFT PROGRAMME

(Working hours / breaks / receptions are subject to change, in coordination with the host)

DAY 1	
08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:15 (15 min)	Welcome and Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Address by ICAO Regional Director</i> • <i>Address by ICAO HQ</i>
09:15-09:45 (30 min)	Setting the Scene – Overview of ICAO environmental work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>ICAO presentation on the past achievements and latest developments for the implementation of global aspirational goals for international aviation, including carbon neutral growth (CNG) 2020 and LTAG (20min)</i> • <i>Questions and Answers Session (10min)</i>
09:45-10:30 (45 min)	Setting the Scene (cont'd) – Overview of ICAO Global Framework on Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF), Lower Carbon Aviation Fuels (LCAF) and other Aviation Cleaner Energies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>ICAO presentation of the Third ICAO Conference on Aviation and Alternative Fuels (CAAF/3) outcomes and the Global Framework, including recent developments on four Building Blocks (BBs): 1) policy and planning; 2) regulatory framework, 3) implementation support, and 4) financing, as well as their relationships with the LTAG implementation (30 min)</i> • <i>Questions and Answers Session (15 min)</i>
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30 (90 min)	Session 1 – Policy and Planning (LTAG Monitoring and State Action Plans) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introduction on the BB 1 – Policy and Planning (10min)</i> • <i>Update of ICAO work to develop LTAG Monitoring and Reporting (LMR) methodologies (30 min)</i> • <i>Update of ICAO work to support the development and update of State Action Plans including the latest guidance Doc 9988, and other means to monitor the LTAG progress (30 min)</i> • <i>Questions and Answers Session (20min)</i>
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:15 (75 min)	Session 1 – Policy and Planning (State Action Plans) (cont'd) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>ICAO Regional Officers (ROs) to provide an update on State Action Plans status in the regions (10 min)</i> • <i>States from the regions will share their national policies and State Action Plans, for implementation of CO₂ mitigation measures, with focus on aviation cleaner energies (5 speakers x 10min)</i> • <i>Questions and Answers Session (15 min)</i>
15:15-15:45	Coffee Break

15:45-17:00 (75 minutes)	Session 2 – Regulatory Framework (CORSA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introduction on the BB 2 – Regulatory Framework (10min)</i> • <i>Update of ICAO work for the implementation of CORSA, as the accepted basis for the eligibility of SAF, LCAF and other aviation cleaner energies (40 min)</i> • <i>ICAO ROs to provide an update on the CORSA implementation status in the regions, including through the ACT-CORSA programme (10 min)</i> • <i>Questions and Answers Session (15 min)</i>
17:00-19:00	Welcome Reception (TBD)

DAY 2	
09:00-10:30 (90 min)	Session 3 – Implementation Support (ACT-SAF programme) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introduction on the BB 3 – Implementation Support (10min)</i> • <i>Update of ICAO ACT-SAF, including the training and guidance, sharing of best practices, as well as the development of feasibility studies and business cases, through partnerships and cooperation (60 min)</i> • <i>Questions and Answers Session (20 min)</i>
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00- 12:30 (90 min)	Session 3 – Implementation Support (ACT-SAF programme) (cont'd) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>States and stakeholders will share information on their feasibility studies and business cases under the ACT-SAF programme, as well as other capacity-building and assistance initiatives on SAF, LCAF and other aviation cleaner energies (5 speakers x 15 min)</i> • <i>Questions and &A Session (15 min)</i>
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:00 (60 min)	Session 4 – Financing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introduction on the BB 4 – Financing (10 min)</i> • <i>Update of ICAO work to facilitate access to financing for aviation decarbonization projects, including advocacy and outreach, and the operationalization of ICAO Finvest Hub (40 min)</i> • <i>Questions and Answers Session (10 min)</i>
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-17:00 (90 min)	Session 4 – Financing (cont'd) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>States and stakeholders will share information and views regarding the need and opportunities for aviation decarbonization projects to have better access to financing and investment (5 speakers x 15 min)</i> • <i>Questions and Answers Session (15 min)</i>
17:00-17.15	Closing

Further details on the programme and online registration to the event are available at:
icao.int/SAM/Pages/MeetingsDocumentation.aspx?m=2024-ENVSEM&t=1

Those who wish to participate in other Regional Seminars can find relevant information on the five Regional Seminars on the ICAO HQ website:

<https://www.icao.int/Meetings/RS2024/Pages>

ATTACHMENT B GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Venue and dates of the event

The ICAO NAM/CAR/SAM Regional Seminar on Environment 2024 will be held in Asunción, Paraguay, from 20 to 21 August 2024.

2. Venue Address:

Name: Dazzler Hotel Asunción. Jacaranda Conference Room (A+B)
Address: Avenida Aviadores del Chaco 1392 esquina Prof. Vasconcellos
Telephone: (595) 21 600399 / (595) 21 994 483 296



Av Aviadores del Chaco and Vasconcellos. In front of the Shopping del Sol. Next to the World Trade Center, Asunción, Paraguay. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/NNPoaxX97cQ3K7yc6>

 25°17'05.12" S 57°34'05.89" W

To book rooms, please contact us directly:

Reservations will be processed by the Hotel Reservations Department, do not hesitate to request them by mentioning the name of the event (ICAO NACC/SAM Regional Seminar on the Environment 2024) to reservas@dazzlerasuncion.com, as well as with the following contact:

- Alejandra Mendoza
- **Phone:** (595) 21 600399 – (595) 991 445445
- **Email:** alejandra.mendoza@dazzlerasuncion.com

3. Time zone

The official time throughout the territory of the Republic of Paraguay in the UTC-3 time zones for daylight saving time and as of March 24, 2024, (winter time) with respect to Coordinated Universal Time (UTC-4).

4. Weather & Dress Code Information (June)

During the month of August, Paraguay will experience a temperature between approximately 14° and 23° degrees Celsius, so it is recommended to bring warm clothing for the occasion. It is recommended to visit the Meteorology Directorate page (<http://www.meteorologia.gov.py>) to access the weather forecasts for Asunción – Paraguay.

For the inauguration, it is recommended to wear formal and casual attire for the rest of the work sessions.

5. Registration and registration of participants

Registration of participants will take place at the event venue on Tuesday, August 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Participants must register online in advance, at the following link icao.int/SAM/Pages/MeetingsDocumentation.aspx?m=2024-ENVSEM&t=1 before 28 June, 2024.

6. Opening

The Opening Session will be held at 09:10 in the Hotel Asunción. Jacaranda Conference Room (A+B), on 20 August 2024.

7. Link for documentation and languages

The event will be held in Spanish with simultaneous translation into English. The documentation for the seminar will be published on the website of the South American (SAM) and North America, Central America and Caribbean (NAAC) Regional Offices, at the following link: icao.int/SAM/Pages/MeetingsDocumentation.aspx?m=2024-ENVSEM&t=1. In addition, the information will also be posted on the Environment website at ICAO Headquarters, at the following link: <https://www.icao.int/Meetings/RS2024/Pages>.

All participants will be required to bring printed or electronic documentation on a laptop to the meeting venue, as hard copies of documentation will not be distributed.

8. Transport

For airport/hotel transportation, taxi service from companies authorized by the airport is suggested. For transportation within the city, the taxi service recommended by the hotel is suggested.

9. Passport, Visa & Vaccine Requirements

Foreigners with Transitory Stay (Non-Residents).

1. Valid passport, or; Valid identity document of the country of origin (valid for travel in MERCOSUR for citizens of the member states of the same) for entry and exit from the country.

For more information, please consult the website of the National Directorate of Migration of Paraguay: <https://www.migraciones.gov.py/index.php/tramites/ingreso-y-salida-del-country/migratory-requirements-of-entry-and-exit-of-paraguay>

2. Consular Visa or Visa on Arrival, provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (in cases where a visa is required to enter Paraguay) only for entry into the country.

For more information, please consult the website of the National Directorate of Migration of Paraguay <https://www.migraciones.gov.py/index.php/tramites/informacion-sobre-visas> for agreements on visa obligation and abolition.

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Health Requirements for Entry to Paraguay

Yellow fever vaccine. (Mandatory for travelers coming from risk areas Brazil, Bolivia, Peru and Venezuela) and recommended by travelers coming from other countries. Through Resolution SG No. 040/2022, the Ministry of Health establishes that all travelers, national or foreign, coming from risk areas: Brazil, Bolivia, Peru and Venezuela, must be vaccinated against Yellow Fever and have the International Certificate of Vaccination that accredits it.

The presentation of the International Certificate of Vaccination against Yellow Fever may be required by the personnel of the transport company at the time of purchasing the ticket or by officials of the surveillance area of the Ministry of Health before carrying out the immigration procedures.

For more information on the health requirements and recommendations in force in Paraguay, visit the official portal of the [General Directorate of Health Surveillance](#) or contact the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare through its official channels, at the link: <https://www.mspbs.gov.py/index.php>

People who, for health-related reasons, cannot receive the vaccination, must justify their situation through a certificate issued by a medical professional registered and authorized by the Ministry of Public Health or by the health authority of the country of origin and comply with the health monitoring and control for a period of ten days from their admission.

COVID vaccine.

As of October 24, 2022, the protocol for entry into the country of 02/06/22 is null and void, so the presentation of the COVID-19 vaccination card or the RT-PCR test for entry into Paraguay is no longer required. To access the Ministry of Health's provision, go to the website of the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare of Paraguay: <https://dgvs.mspbs.gov.py/salud-del-viajero>

Measles vaccine. (Recommended for travelers from countries that report cases of measles such as Brazil, USA, Canada, Argentina). For more information, please consult the website of the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare: <https://dgvs.mspbs.gov.py/salud-del-viajero>

10. Health Insurance

Participants must be in good health and have metered insurance or other health coverage to deal with cases of illness or medical emergency that may arise, as neither ICAO nor the DINAC of the Paraguayan Government are responsible for possible medical expenses incurred by a participant.

11. Currency & Credit Cards

The national currency is the Guarani (G). The exchange rate is subject to the variation of the day, ranging from 7290.19 to 7500 guaraníes per dollar (USD). For more information on the current exchange rate, please visit: <https://www.bcp.gov.py/>. The most commonly used international credit cards accepted in hotels, shops, and restaurants are. Visa, Master Card and American Express.

Exchange rate with main currencies (Dollar, Euro, Reals, Soles, Pesos (all denominations of the possible participating States (Argentina, Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela, etc.)

Currency Exchange Agencies: Address & Website

1. **Cambios Chaco S.A** : San Roque González de Santacruz & Quesada, Asunción, <https://www.cambioschaco.com.py/en/>
2. **Maxicambios S.A.** : Located inside the Shopping del Sol, <https://www.maxicambios.com.py>
3. **Cambios Alberdi S.A.:** Mariscal López Nro 4217 C/Capitan Dimas Motta - Asunción, <https://www.cambiosalberdi.com>

Note: Exchange houses currently accept the blue dollar, and bills that have a stain, stamp or writing are not used

12. Safety Recommendations

The security recommendations are those common to all cities, such as carrying only the necessary money, not unnecessarily exhibiting valuable jewelry or cell phones, requesting safe taxi services at the hotel of choice to move around and in case of changing bills to another currency, go to the currency exchange offices. In addition, the use of the UBER or BOLT platforms to move around is enabled. It is recommended to make cash withdrawals at ATMs located in shopping malls.

13. Dietary Restrictions

Participants will be kindly requested to inform in the registration form to the email eventosaf@dinac.gov.py in case of having any type of dietary restriction, in order to take it into consideration for *coffee breaks*.

14. Health Care

In case of Emergency and Rescue, call 131 and 132 of the Police Fire Brigade and 3rd. CBVP (Volunteer Fire Department of Paraguay) and details the following hospitals and clinics near the event:

1- ARMY HOSPITAL "SAN JORGE"

1st Army Corps - Campo Grande Km. 9 Railroad
Phone: 292-890/294-444

2- ITALIAN SANATORIUM

Av. Generalísimo Franco and Zanotti Cavazoni
Phone: 214-260/9

3- INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL MEDICINE

Av. Venezuela and Tte. Drain
Phone: 292-654

4- IPS CENTRAL HOSPITAL

Av. Sacramento - Barrio Santo Domingo
Phone: 291-136/291-138

5- BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Rca. Argentina and Campos Cervera
Phone: 600-171/74

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6- AMERICAN SANATORIUM

Av. España 957 c/Perú
Phone: 200-125

7- MIGONE SANATORIUM

Eligio Ayala v. Constitución
Phone: 498-200

8- CLINICS HOSPITAL

Av. Dr. Montero y Lagerenza
Telephones: 425-109

9- MEDICAL EMERGENCIAS

General Santos and Teodoro Mongelos Avenues
Phone: 204-800 /206-206

15. Electrical energy

In Paraguay, electricity is 220 V with a frequency of 50 Hz. The plugs and plugs are Type-C. Adapters are recommended.

16. Accommodation close to the event

Exhaustive list and indicative prices subject to change. Participants may book their reservations directly with the hotel

No.	HOTEL	STARS	ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE	RATES/NIGHT
1	La Misión Hotel Boutique	5	Calle Dr. Eulogio Estigarribia 4990 esquina San Roque González. Tel.: +595 21 621 800 E-mail: reservas@lamision.com.py https://www.lamision.com.py	Suite Ejecutivo Single USD 166+10% de IVA.
2	Hotel Sheraton Asunción	4	Avenida Aviadores Del Chaco 2066. Tel.: +595 21 617 7000 E-mail: reservas.asuncion@sheraton.com https://www.marriott.com/es/hotels/asusi-sheraton-asuncion-hotel/overview/	Single Clásico USD 155+IVA Single Ejecutivo USD 270+IVA
3	Hotel Dazzler Asunción	4	Avenida Aviadores del Chaco y Profesor Vasconcellos. Tel.: +595 21 600 399 E-mail: reservas@dazzlerasuncion.com https://dazzlerasuncion.com	Single Clásico USD 88+IVA
4	Hotel Aloft Asunción	4	Avenida Aviadores del Chaco 1761 y Doctor Eduardo López Moreira 1761 Tel.: +595 21 247 7000	Single Clásico USD 70+IVA Doble Clásico USD

			E-mail: reservas.asuncion@alofthotels.com https://www.marriott.com/es/hotels/asual-aloft-asuncion/overview/	77+IVA
5	Factoría Hotel	4	813, Calle Dr. Francisco Morra. Tel.: +595 21 612 100 Correo electrónico: reservas@factoriahotel.com.py https://www.factoriahotel.com.py	Single Clásico USD 140+IVA Single Suite USD 210+IVA
6	Hotel & Suites Paseo la Galería	4	Complejo Paseo La Galería, Torre 1 - Avda. Santa Teresa esq. Aviadores del Chaco y Herminio Maldonado. Tel.: +595 21 659 4600 E-mail: reservas@paseolagaleria.com https://paseolagaleriahotel.com.py	Single Clásico USD 150+IVA Single Suite USD 160+IVA
7	Hotel Ibis Asunción	3	Avenida Aviadores del Chaco 2060, 1771. Tel.: +595 21 620 1000 E-mail: H7324-fo@accor.com https://ibisasuncionhotel.com-hotel.com/es/	Single Clásico USD 61+IVA Doble Clásico USD 71+IVA

Note

****Participants are advised to consult the www.trivago.com page, www.booking.com, where they can find availability and rates of other hotels not added to this list within the City of Asunción.**

17. Top Shopping Malls in Asunción

- **Shopping Del Sol.** Avda. Aviadores del Chaco esq. Profesor Delia González
Tel.: +595 21 611 780
Email: redes@delsol.com.py
- **Mariscal Shopping Mall.** Calle Quesada 5050, Asunción 1411
Tel.: +595 21 611 272
Email: shopping@shoppingmariscal.com.py
- **Paseo la Galería.** Santa Teresa Avenue e/ Av. del Chaco and Herminio Maldonado, Asunción, Paraguay
Tel.: +595 21 659 4000
Mail: atc@paseolagaleria.com.py

18. Places of interest to visit in the city of Asunción and the metropolitan area

Asunción is the capital and most populous city of the Republic of Paraguay. It is an autonomous municipality administered as a capital district and is not formally integrated into any department. It is located in the center-west of the Eastern Region of the country, bordered to the north by the Paraguay River that separates it from the department of Presidente Hayes, and in turn from the Western Region; to the south and east by the Central Department and to the west by the Paraguay River, near the Pilcomayo River, which separates it from the Argentina. Founded on August 15, 1537, it is one of the oldest cities in South America.

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With 521,091 inhabitants in 2023, it is the most populous and urban city in the country. Meanwhile, its metropolitan region, called Greater Asunción, increases its population to almost 2,343,908 inhabitants, thus making it one of the 20 largest urban agglomerations in South America. Its area is 117 km² in the city, and 2,582 km² in Greater Asunción.

Asunción is the seat of the three branches of government (Executive, Legislative and Judicial), and the main river port (General Directorate of Customs), and is also the cultural center of the country. Despite some variations in the course of time, from its foundation to the present day, Asunción is the center of national activity. From the capital, the main resolutions and projects of the powers of the State are issued, and the banking, economic, cultural, diplomatic, social, trade union and industrial entities of the country are centralized. From Asunción they teach most of the main routes of the country, to the main cities of the country.

Asunción is considered a global city of "gamma-" category. The city ranks among the cheapest capitals in the world, and lately as one of the best cities for investment, both in construction and services. It also has a variety of gastronomy, hotels and first-class shops, preserving to this day most of its historic buildings, combined with wide and tree-lined avenues that have the largest infrastructure of shopping centres, bars, cinemas, casinos, theatres and entertainment venues within the city. It is recommended to bring sunscreen, hats, comfortable shoes such as sandals, sports shoes (tennis), cool clothes and mosquito repellent.

You can also enter the Ministry of Tourism of Paraguay, in case you see other options in case of a possible domestic tourism, <https://senatur.gov.py> <https://visitparaguay.travel/>

19. Tips & Taxes

Value Added Tax (VAT) of 10% or 5% is included in consumer prices. Tipping in restaurants and similar places is not mandatory and is voluntary.

20. Event Coordinators/Contact Phone Numbers & Emails in Paraguay

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