

## **IATA Remarks**

Dear Directors and representative of key aviation bodies, dear airlines, and industry players, all protocol observed.

It's a great honor for IATA to be present today to this airport and user charges workshop. IATA announced in one of its last publications that our industry is still in recovery and on the right direction to fully recovered in all regions at what it was before 2019, where the COVID-19 pandemic started.

- The recovery in air travel demand is strong and is continuing in 2023.
- Total traffic is increasing. Capacity and load factor are also up globally. And the Global traffic in Jan 2023 was at 84.2% of January 2019 levels. So, we are in a very positive trend.

The 2 days' workshop focused on airports and air navigation user charges gathering all those key international and regional organizations (ICAO / ACI Africa / AFRAA / CANSO / IATA) and experts is an excellent initiative as it provides another good platform to discuss challenges the industry is facing regarding user charges. Aviation is a key driver of our states' socio-economic development.

Ses avantages pour les populations, les économies, le secteur du tourisme et le PIB des États ont été clairement démontrés par de nombreux rapports. Tout obstacle empêchant cette industrie de se développer doit être clairement identifié et éliminé. Le sujet des redevances d'aéroport et de navigation aériennes, comme d'autres, est parmi ceux qui sont extrêmement importants dans notre industrie car il impacte directement sa croissance et sa performance.

Par conséquent, si ces sujets liés aux frais et aux redevances d'utilisation ne sont pas traités avec efficacité, collaboration et transparence comme il se doit en suivant les politiques et lignes directrices établies par l'OACI, nous n'expérimenterons malheureusement aucun des énormes avantages que cette industrie du transport aérien est censée apporter à nos pays.

IATA is looking forward in participating in this other workshop and share his views and recommendations. The workshop will again remind all of us on our collective responsibilities about the airports and air navigation charges. Many experts are present for this workshop, we will benefit from their expertise and hear from them on how to address the airport and air navigation charges issue.

We are all in the same industry, we therefore need to work together in a perfect, franc and harmonized way. Collaboration is key for the benefit of our industry.

Thank you for your attention.