

**ICAO Seminar on the
Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation**

Montreal, 2-3 July 2018

Opening remarks by the Director ATB

- Good morning distinguished Council Members, State Representatives, ladies and gentlemen,
- I also would like to welcome you all to Montréal for this ICAO Seminar on the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA).
- We are very happy to see so many of you present here today, and look forward to the ensuing discussion in the course of these two days.
- As Dr. Aliu mentioned, these are historic moments for ICAO. The adoption of Annex 16, Volume IV signals the start of the implementation of CORSIA less than two years after its decision at the 39th Session of the ICAO Assembly.
- The prospect of CORSIA implementation is an impressive one, and now the time has come to ensure that we are ready for the task.
- I cannot emphasize strongly enough the importance of ensuring that all States, with aeroplane operators that perform international flights, have the necessary capacity and means to implement CORSIA as of 1 January 2019.
- The ICAO Secretariat stands ready to assist all States in the implementation of the scheme and this Seminar is the first capacity-building event after the adoption of the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs). But, as most of you know, it is not the first training event on CORSIA. Earlier this year, a

series of five regional seminars were conducted covering all ICAO regions with participation of more than 400 aviation experts. This series of regional seminars was preceded by a similar round of events organized in 2017, shortly after the 39th Session of the ICAO Assembly reached the historic decision on CORSIA.

- Following the adoption of the CORSIA SARPs by the Council, the objective of this two-day seminar is to further explain and train participants on the CORSIA requirements, with a specific focus on the monitoring, reporting and verification of CO₂ emissions from international flights. This will assist all of you to have a clearer understanding of the MRV procedures and required actions, as well as related responsibilities, involved in the CORSIA implementation.
- After an introduction and overview of the CORSIA, the sessions of the Seminar will focus on:
 - Monitoring of CO₂ emissions;
 - Reporting and verification of CO₂ emissions; and
 - Calculation of CO₂ offsetting requirements
- In addition, two sessions will be held during which we will provide more information on the ICAO CORSIA CO₂ Estimation and Reporting Tool (CERT) and the CORSIA Central Registry, two of the building blocks required for CORSIA implementation.
- The Seminar will close with a session devoted to capacity building efforts, including a panel on partnerships to build capacity for the implementation of the CORSIA.
- I wish to inform you that an exhibition will accompany the Seminar, showcasing a broad range of products and services related to CORSIA and

carbon markets. I encourage you all to visit the exhibitors' booths. Our event will also be live-streamed through the ICAO website.

- In closing, I would like to extend an invitation to all of you to attend the reception today starting at 5:30 outside this meeting room. During this reception the ICAO ACT-CORSIA Programme will be launched. This is the latest ICAO initiative to provide Assistance, Capacity-building and Training (ACT) on CORSIA to all States.
- With that I wish you a successful seminar
- Thank you.