



Emissions offsetting progress reviewed at ICAO CORSIA Forum

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Montréal, 8 October 2021 – ICAO’s CORSIA Forum concluded yesterday, with over 800 participants from all world regions benefitting from the inputs and insights of government officials, technical experts, industry leaders, civil society and carbon market stakeholders.

All enthusiastically shared their views on the progress being made on CORSIA implementation during the important two-day event, as well as on its future programme objectives and expectations relating to the next ICAO Assembly taking place at this time next year.

ICAO Secretary General Juan Carlos Salazar opened the event, emphasizing the need to act now to avoid catastrophic consequences of climate change, and the role of CORSIA in contributing to ICAO Member States’ commitment to take further action.

“I urge you all to keep in mind a key message of the IPCC/6 report, which emphasized that there is no time to lose,” he noted. “Action must be taken now if we are to avoid the most severe impacts of climate change on our planet, and CORSIA periodic reviews are an opportunity to demonstrate that action.”

The Forum event showcased the experience and capacity building undertaken by countries to support CORSIA since the inception of its CO₂ Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system, highlighting the challenges that had been overcome and ongoing ICAO work on analyzing the impacts from COVID-19 on CORSIA.

The event also included a roundtable discussion between ICAO Council representatives, airline industry, civil society, and carbon market experts, on the future of CORSIA and its linkages with countries’ current investigations through ICAO into a new long-term goal for international flight emissions reduction.

In providing his closing remarks to the Forum, ICAO Council President Salvatore Sciacchitano re-emphasized to the participants that aviation takes its sustainability responsibilities very seriously, underscoring the recent commitments by air industry manufacturers and operators to achieve Net-Zero carbon emissions from all commercial air transport activity by 2050.

“The aviation sector has always dealt with challenge and adversity through its resolve and consensus,” he underscored.



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A specialized agency of the United Nations, ICAO was created by governments in 1944 to support their diplomacy on international air transport matters. Since that time, countries have adopted over 12,000 standards and practices through ICAO which help to align their national regulations relevant to aviation safety, security, efficiency, capacity and environmental protection, enabling a truly global network to be realized. ICAO forums also provide opportunities for advice and advocacy to be shared with government decision-makers by industry groups, civil society NGOs, and other officially-recognized air transport stakeholders.

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