ICAO issues call for drone airspace management innovations

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Montréal, 13 May 2022 – ICAO has issued new requests for information (RFIs) from public- and private-sector innovators for its upcoming <u>DRONE ENABLE event</u>, designed to advance next generation global standards and solutions for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), UAS traffic management (UTM), and advanced air mobility (AAM).

The deadline for the latest round of RFI submissions is 15 July, with 2022 submitters being asked to contribute either their latest experiences and best practices based on recent UTM deployments, or new insights and proposals relating to UTM data requirements.

More detailed instructions for prospective RFI contributors are available here.

"Governments and innovators expect DRONE ENABLE to deliver global solutions for them, and the focus now is on how the next evolution of aircraft, both manned and unmanned, can safely integrate into finite airspace," commented ICAO Secretary General Juan Carlos Salazar.

"All DRONE ENABLE RFI responses will be evaluated by a group of international experts, and selected presenters will earn the opportunity to help shape the future of how highly automated drones, "air taxis", and other new and emerging aircraft will serve societies and businesses for years to come."

The 2022 ICAO DRONE ENABLE will take place from 14 to 16 November 2022 at ICAO Headquarters, as part of a year-long series of ICAO Unmanned Aviation activities.

DRONE ENABLE RFI submissions greatly assist States as they continue to work through ICAO to harmonize UAS and UTM-related regulatory frameworks and guidance material, with the ultimate objective of deploying safe, efficient, and effective UTM systems which are globally interoperable and accessible.



An unmanned aircraft (UA) delivering cargo. ICAO will be exploring a wide range of issues relating to the safe implementation of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) at its upcoming DRONE ENABLE 2022. The deadline for the event's Request for Information (RFI) submissions is 15 July.

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About ICAO

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is a United Nations agency which helps 193 countries to cooperate together and share their skies to their mutual benefit.

Since it was established in 1944, ICAO's support and coordination has helped countries to diplomatically and technically realize a uniquely rapid and dependable network of global air mobility, connecting families, cultures, and businesses all over the world, and promoting sustainable growth and socio-economic prosperity wherever aircraft fly.

As it enters a new era of digitization, and of incredible new flight and propulsion innovations, air transport is relying more than ever on ICAO's expert support and technical and diplomatic guidance to help chart a new and exciting future for international flight. ICAO is innovating itself to answer this call, and expanding its partnerships among UN and technical stakeholders to deliver a strategic global vision and effective, sustainable solutions.

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