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## **ICAO** policy on climate change



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**A37-19:** Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies and practices related to environmental protection – Climate change

ICAO is the first United Nations agency to lead a sector in the establishment of a globally harmonized agreement for addressing its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

# The three dimensions of sustainability



<u>United Nations:</u> "Sustainable development meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

<u>Triple Bottom Line:</u> In business, one approach to sustainability is focusing on the impact of decisions on the environment and the community in addition to profit (traditional single bottom line). The diagram illustrates this idea.

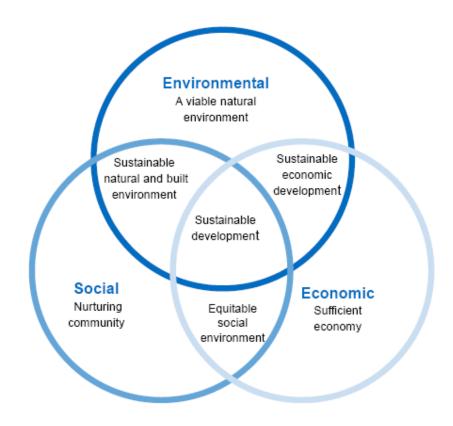
#### **International Aviation**

**Fconomic:** 

5% Contribution to the global economy

**Environment:** 

2% of emissions



# ICAO AIR TRANSPORT SYMPOSIUM (IATS) STRATEGIES AND TOOLS FOR SUSTAINABLE AIR TRANSPORT Montréal, Canada, 18 to 20 April 2012



Consistent with the goals of ICAO, as set forth in the Chicago Convention, and with ICAO's status as a specialized agency of the United Nations, a sustainable air transport system, I suggest, is one that:

- "Allows the basic access and development needs of individuals, companies and society to be met safely and in a manner consistent with human and ecosystem health, and promotes equity within and between successive generations.
- Is affordable: operates safely, securely, fairly and efficiently, offers choices of air services and supports a competitive economy as well as balanced regional development.
- Limits emissions and waste within the planet's ability to absorb them, uses renewable resources at or below their rates of generation and uses non-renewable resources at or below the rates of development of renewable substitutes, while minimizing the impact on the use of land and the generation of noise."

Mr. Raymond Benjamin, Secretary General

## ICAO's strategic objectives 2014-2015-2016



**Safety**: Enhance global civil aviation safety

**Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency**: Increase capacity and improve efficiency of the global civil aviation system

**Security & Facilitation:** Enhance global civil aviation security and facilitation

**Economic Development of Air Transport**: Foster the development of a sound and economically-viable civil aviation system

**Environmental Protection**: Minimize the adverse environmental effects of civil aviation activities

## Climate change: Key elements of Resolution A37-19



#### Global Aspirational Goals:

- 2% annual fuel efficiency improvement
- stabilizing its global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at 2020 levels

#### Basket of Mitigation Measures:

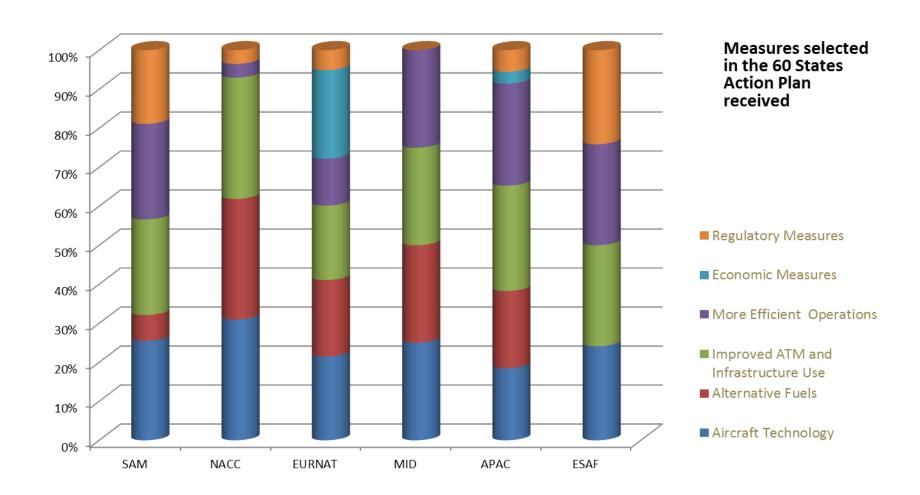
- Technological Measures CO<sub>2</sub> certification Standard, etc.
- Operational Measures Air Traffic Management, etc.
- Market-based Measures framework / a global scheme
- Sustainable Alternative Fuels for Aviation

#### •States' Action Plans, allowing:

- Sates to identify measures on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction activities
- ICAO to monitor progress in achieving the global aspirational goals and address assistance needs of States

## 5. Minimizing impact on environment

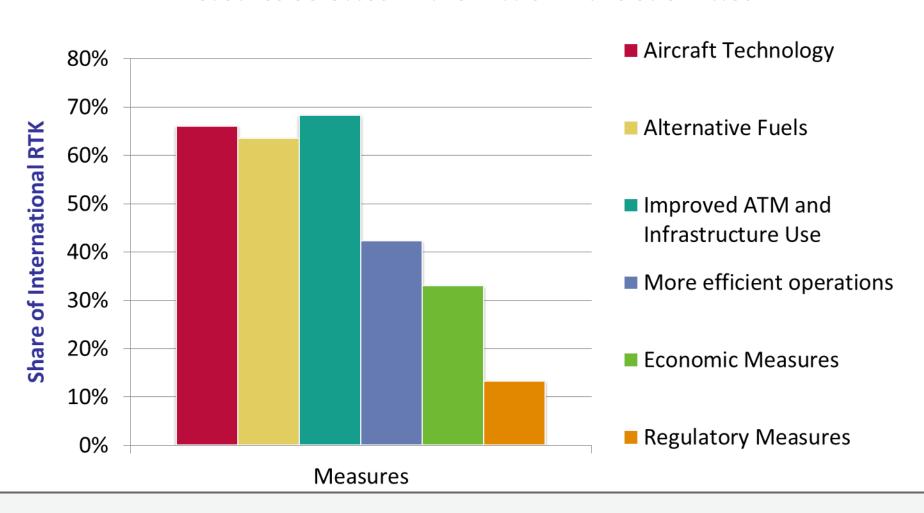




## 5. Minimizing impact on environment



#### Measures selected in the Action Plans submitted

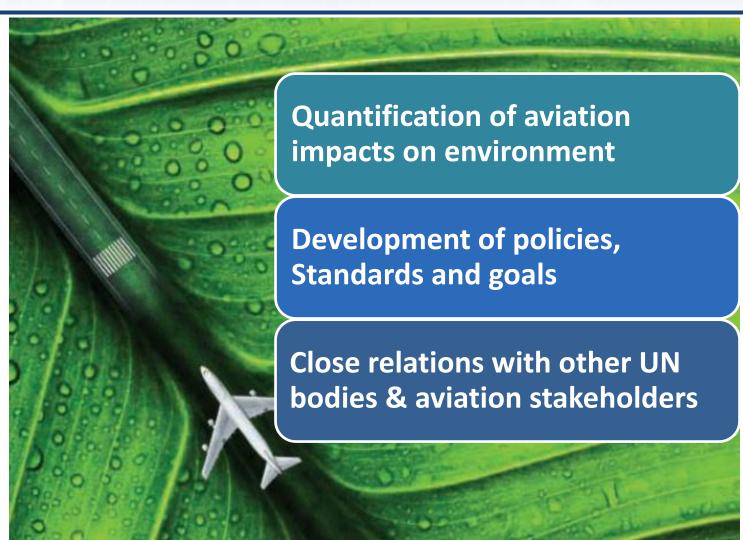


## **Environmental protection**



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### States' action plans



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Opportunity to identify and communicate measures to address CO2 emissions from international aviation as well as any assistance needs to implement the measures



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Assess the global progress towards the achievement of aspirational goals and address specific assistance needs of States.

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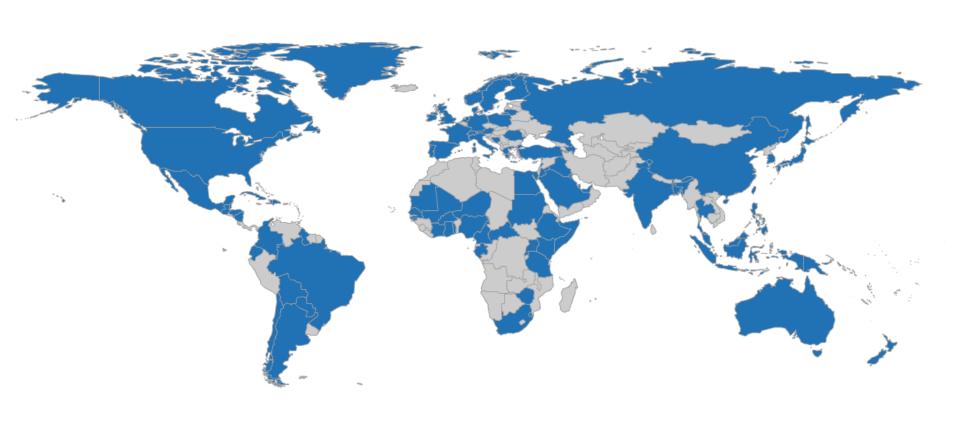
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## Hands-on training workshops





## **ICAO** fuel savings estimation tool



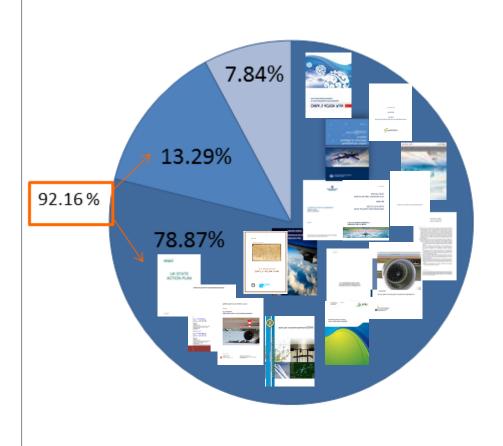


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# States' action plans on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction activities



## 60 States, representing 78.87% international RTK, submitted an Action Plan as of June 2013



- 60 States submitted an Action Plan
- 22 States plan to submit an Action Plan in 2013
- Remaining States

# ICAO "Assistance for Action – Aviation and Climate Change" Seminar



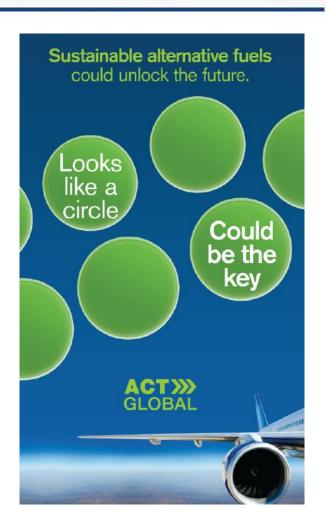


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# Sustainable drop-in alternative fuels for aviation



- One of the most exiting and promising opportunities for reducing aviation CO2
- ICAO forum for the exchange of information on the state of worldwide activities in this area
- Airlines are using sustainable drop-in biofuels from different feedstocks
- Technological aspects are proved to be viable



## Market based measures (MBMs)



- The 37<sup>th</sup> Assembly requested the development of a framework for MBMs, and the exploration of a global MBM scheme
- Three options for a global MBM scheme identified by the ICAO Council
- It is recognized that future work will be required and it is expected that the 38<sup>th</sup> Assembly may direct the Council to finalyze the study relating to a global MBM scheme and to report to the next Assembly.

### **Key characteristics of MBMs**



- MBMs are economic measures. They are policy tools that use price signals to provide incentives to reduce emissions by market players in order to achieve a given objective
- MBMs provide participants with flexibility on how to meet an emissions reduction goal while enabling continued growth
- MBMs have the potential to incentivise low cost reductions
- Ways of mitigation
  - Within the sector: incentives to use optimal technological and operational measures; reduced demand
  - Outside the sector (majority): buying carbon credits (offsetting)
- Impact of MBM on traffic may vary according to the different price elasticity of air travel demand in international markets based on their maturity level

### **Summary**



- ICAO and its member States have been making progress in key areas on international aviation and climate change:
  - CO2 Standard expected
  - Operational improvements
  - Sustainable alternative fuels for aviation
  - Market-based Measures (MBMs)
- A package of all the mitigation measures is available for States to choose and include in their Action Plans.
- Climate change will remain the main challenge on the ICAO environmental activities in the upcoming years.

### The Conference is invited to:



- a) note the information contained in this paper;
- b) encourage individual States to actively participate in, and contribute their expertise and resources to, the work of ICAO on aviation and the environment;
- c) request those States that have not yet submitted action plans to inform their national action plan focal points of the availability of further assistance from the ICAO Secretariat related to the preparation and submission of States' action plans;
- d) further promote the use of the ICAO IFSET tool for the quantification of environmental benefits from operational measures, as part of the preparation of States' action plans; and
- e) encourage individual States to continue to collaborate with their national focal points for the preparation, update and implementation of States' action plans.

## **Thank You**





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