

ICAO Facilitation Regional Forum

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Seamless Skies: Efficient Facilitation for a Connected World

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PROGRAMME

Sunday, 2 March 2025	
TIME	
14:00–17:00	❖ ON-SITE REGISTRATION Palais des Congres, Yaoundé, Cameroon
Day 1 – Monday, 3 March 2025	
06:30–09:00	❖ ON-SITE REGISTRATION Palais des Congres, Yaoundé, Cameroon
09:30–10:45	❖ OPENING CEREMONY Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Ndzi Amos Tarla , Superintendent of Police and Senior Journalist, Chief of the Synthesis and Archives Section, Cameroon ❖ CULTURE PERFORMANCE Welcome Address <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Luc Messi Atangana, Mayor, Yaoundé Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Jean Ernest Ngallé Bibehé, Minister of Transport, Cameroon• Ms. Adefunke Adeyemi, Secretary General of AFCAC• Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar, Secretary General, International Civil Aviation Organization• Représentant du Chef de l'État, Cameroon ❖ GROUP PHOTO
10:45–11:15	❖ COFFEE BREAK

11:15–12:30	<p>SESSION 1. ICAO REGULATORY ROLE IN FACILITATION</p> <p>Annex 9 — Facilitation is considered one of the most diverse Annexes to the Chicago Convention, as it comprises a wide variety of multidisciplinary topics related to aviation that are linked to other Annexes. This session will provide information on ICAO’s role and mandate related to facilitation matters, highlighting recent developments in Annex 9, and the on-going work in implementing the resolutions adopted by the 41st Session of the Assembly (A41).</p> <p>Setting the Scene: Mr. Mohamed Khalifa Rahma, Director, Air Transport Bureau, ICAO</p> <p>Moderator: Mrs. Narjess Abdennebi, Chief, Facilitation, ICAO</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Frederic Mboto Edimo, Prime Minister Special Counsellor of Civil Aviation, Cameroon • Mr. Mveimani Sombo Amba, Secretary General, MINTRANSPORTS, Cameroon • Mr. Brahim Guihini Dadi, Director General, Civil Aviation Authority, Chad <p>❖ QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD</p>
12:30–12:45	<div>SKYTALKS</div> <p>The ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD)</p>
12:45–14:00	❖ LUNCH
14:00–15:15	<p>SESSION 2. ENHANCING REGIONAL COLLABORATION AND NATIONAL INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION: STATE EXPERIENCES ON NATFCs</p> <p>This session will explore the challenges and opportunities in regional collaboration and national interagency coordination. It will highlight coordination mechanisms to improve collaboration between civil aviation authorities, airports, airlines, and government agencies like customs, immigration, health, and quarantine. Effective coordination is crucial for a safe, secure, and efficient air transport system, as emphasized in Standard 8.19 of Annex 9 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation. The session will offer a platform for exchanging ideas, discussing solutions, and sharing experiences on forming and running National Air Transport Facilitation Committees or similar mechanisms.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Andile Mtetwa-Amaeshi, Director General, CAA, Kingdom of Eswatini</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ademola Oladele, Aviation Security and Facilitation Officer, ICAO • Mrs. Olayinka Babaoye-Iriobe, Director, Air Transport Regulation (DATR), Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority • Mr. Kader Stephane Coulibaly, Chief Security Control Service, CAA, Cote d’Ivoire <p>❖ QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD</p>
15:15–15:45	❖ COFFEE BREAK

15:45–17:00	<p>SESSION 3. ENTRY AND DEPARTURE OF PERSONS AND THEIR BAGGAGE</p> <p>This session will address the need for States to improve clearance control formalities and further international cooperation to enhance the passenger experience. It will focus on measures that streamline facilitation processes and border control formalities and thereby reduce congestion at departure points and improve traffic flow.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Mahmoud Sani Ben Tukur, Representative of Nigeria on the ICAO Council</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Eric Théophile Modassie, RH, General Directorate of National Security, Cameroon • Mr. Serge Eko, National Central Bureau, INTERPOL • Mr. Joel Rukazambuga, Director of Aviation Planning, CAA, Rwanda • Mr. Fongod Edwin Nuvaga, Director General of Customs, Cameroon • Ms. Christiane DerMarkar, TRIP Technical Officer, ICAO <p>❖ QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD</p>
17:00–18:15	<p>ASSISTANCE TO AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES</p> <p>Overview of current ICAO initiatives and material and Annex 9 implementation experience of ICAO requirements will be discussed from the perspective of implementing States, oversight authorities, aircraft and airport operators. Delving into the specifics of the training programme, in-depth examination of the need for practical training and exercises will be discussed. Through sharing case studies and expertise, areas of improvement and/or adjustment of international standards may be identified.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Adama Niang, Vice Chairperson, ICAO Facilitation Panel & Director Aviation Security Civil & Facilitation, ANACIM, Senegal</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Teresa Antunes, Regional Officer, EUR/NAT Office, ICAO • Ms. Essimi Eloundou, Chief, Civil Aviation, Ministry of Transport, Cameroon • Mr. Stephen Enow, Chief of Department Security and Quality, Camair-co, Cameroon • Mr. Themba Thabethe, Executive, Accident and Incident Investigation, CAA, South Africa <p>❖ QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD</p>
18:15–18:30	<p>INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP</p> <p>Side event</p> <p>Wrap-up of Day 1 by the Master of Ceremonies</p>
19:00–22:00	<p>❖ GALA DINNER – Palais des Congrès</p>

Day 2 – Tuesday, 4 March 2025	
09:00–10:15	<p>SESSION 4. MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH-RELATED MATTERS</p> <p>Recent examples, including from the Africa region, emphasize the importance of ensuring resilience and readiness to handle health emergencies in aviation. Discussions between health and civil aviation authorities in this session will examine the major challenges civil aviation faces during different types of public health events and identify lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic. In this session, panelists will consider regular and on-going actions of importance, such as disinsection and disinfection of aircraft, as well as best practice approaches to contingency planning and emergency response. Capacity needs at airports and amongst aircraft operators will be analyzed. The provisions of ICAO Annex 9 and the World Health Organization (WHO) revised International Health Regulations (IHR) will provide an important foundation for the deliberations.</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Mr. Esono Anguesomo, Representative on the Council of ICAO, Equatorial Guinea</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Bargo Yousif, Civil Aviation Authority, Chad and Chairperson, CAPSCA Africa</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bello Djamila, Coordinator, National Public Health (MINSANTE), Cameroon • Dr. Lesego Bogatsu, Senior Manager for Aviation Medicine, Civil Aviation Authority, South Africa. Former Chairperson CAPSCA Africa • Mr. Komla Adonko, Regional Officer, WACAF, ICAO • Mr. Emmanuel Haman, Expert in Crisis Management and Sanitary Standards at Airports, CCAA, Cameroon <p>❖ QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD</p>
10:15–10:45	❖ COFFEE BREAK
10:45–11:45	<p>SESSION 5. CAPACITY BUILDING AND IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT FOR STATES</p> <p>This session will discuss provision of technical assistance to States as well as capacity building initiatives being offered by ICAO and other stakeholders. The enhancement of regulatory capacity and operational capabilities of States and the promotion of international cooperation and regional collaboration to share resources and expertise and to address common challenges and leverage regional strengths will also be discussed. Specific needs of the region will be considered and possible options for future development put forward.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Hiwot Deressa, Representative of Ethiopia on the Council of ICAO</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Clement Dim, Director, Security and Facilitation, CCAA, Cameroon • Mr. Philbert Bakilana, Principal Aviation Security Officer, Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency, EAC CASSOA, Uganda • Mr. Justus Nyunja, Aviation Security and Facilitation Officer, ICAO • Mr. Stephen Musa, Air Transport Officer, AFCAC <p>❖ QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD</p>
11:45–12:00	<div>SKY TALKS</div> <p>Augentic: Issuance of the Cameroon electronic passport</p>
12:00–13:15	❖ LUNCH

13:15–14:15	<p>SESSION 6. INADMISSIBLE PERSONS AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS</p> <p>This session will highlight the importance of handling inadmissible persons and deportees in a respectful manner and discuss the specific issues preventing refugees and stateless from accessing travel documents. Policies relating to inadmissible persons, deportees, refugees and Stateless persons will be discussed. Rules for, and best practices associated with, issuance of Doc 9303 compliant MRTDs for refugees and stateless persons by all countries will also be considered. Possible innovations shaping future practices for the issuance of travel documents to refugees and Stateless persons will also be the subject of discussion.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Janet Chemeli, Technical Officer, Facilitation, ICAO</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Essame Patrice, Chief, Legal Division, DGSN, Cameroon • Mr. Mamadou Guebre, Regional Manager, Passenger Experience – Africa, IATA • Mr. Abdel Rahmane Diop, Chief of Mission, IOM, Cameroon • Mrs. Bettina Gambert, Assistant Representative Protection in Cameroon, UNHCR <p>❖ QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD</p>
14:15–15:30	<p>SESSION 7. PASSENGER DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEMS</p> <p>Annex 9 - Facilitation requires States to implement Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) data systems, both of which involve transfer of data from travel documents and aviation systems from carriers to governmental authorities. These passenger data exchange systems are considered vital in combating transnational criminality, necessitating consideration of their effective implementation. Data quality is also important, implying verification of data using tools like ICAO's Public Key Directory (PKD). The session will explore how sharing and analyzing trustworthy and high-quality passenger data, along with digitalization and innovation technologies, can further improve the passenger experience and enhance the fight against cross-border crime. Best practices for effective implementation will also be shared.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Englebert Zoa Etundi, Representative of Cameroon to ICAO</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Zakari Yaou Alhadj, Director, Border Police, Cameroon • Mr. Bassam Al Hamrani, Chief, Compliance Specialist, National Traveller Security Centre, Saudi Arabia • Mr. Mamman Daheru, President, Airlines Operation Committee, Cameroon • Mr. Luc Hardy, Programme Management Officer, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) <p>❖ QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD</p>
15:30–16:00	❖ COFFEE BREAK

<p>16:00–17:00</p> <p>INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP</p> <p>Side event</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FACILITATION OF THE TRANSPORT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES</p> <p>This session will discuss the importance of facilitating air travel for Persons with Disabilities and Reduced Mobility. It will highlight the different barriers and various requirements throughout the passenger journey for persons with Disabilities with the objective to achieve a disability-inclusive air transport system in collaboration with all stakeholders. It will also highlight the necessary development of an effective ICAO strategy on accessibility for passengers with disabilities and reduced mobility.</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Mr. Brahim Kane, Representative of Mauritania on the ICAO Council</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Ciaran Carolan, Technical Officer, Public Key Directory, ICAO</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Caroline Moja, Professional Nurse, Civil Aviation Authority, South Africa • Mr. Alexis Julius LONGO, Airports of Cameroon • Ms. Faith Mhlanga, Assistant General Manager, Airports Company, South Africa • Mr. Emmaculate Awa Fru, Ministry of Social Affairs (MINAS), Cameroon <p>❖ QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD</p>
<p>17:00–17:15</p>	<p>❖ CLOSING CEREMONY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOSING ADDRESS BY THE ICAO SECRETARY GENERAL • CLOSING ADDRESS BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OF CAMEROON

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