

**ICAO GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM ON AIR TRANSPORT LIBERALIZATION**  
(Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 18-19 September 2006)

**PROGRAMME**

**Sunday, 17 September** (pre-conference activity)

**1400 – 1900** Registration of delegates (at the Dubai Convention and Exhibition Centre)

**1400 – 1800** *Dubai City Tour, sponsored by Dubai Department of Civil Aviation*

**2000 – 2230** *Welcome Dinner at Le Meridian Hotel, sponsored by AirBP*

**DAY 1, MONDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER**

**0800 – 0900** Registration of delegates

**0900 – 1000 — OPENING SESSION**

- **Welcoming addresses**

- 1) Host government

**HH. Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum, President, Department of Civil Aviation, Dubai**

- 2) ICAO Representative

**Dr. Taïeb Chérif, Secretary General, ICAO**

- **Introduction of Chairman of the Symposium (Mr. Mohammed Ahli, Operations Director, Department of Civil Aviation, Dubai) and Moderators**

**Key-note speech by: HE. Sheikha Lubna bint Khalid Al Qasimi, Minister of Economy, United Arab Emirates**

**1000 – 1300 — SESSION 1: TAKING STOCK OF LIBERALIZATION**

**Moderator: Mr. Mohammed Ahli, Operations Director, Department of Civil Aviation, Dubai**

- **Sharing the experience of liberalization**

- 1) The US experience

**Mr. Jeffrey Shane, Under Secretary for Policy, US Department of Transportation**

- 2) The difficulties/challenges faced by the developing countries

**Dr. António Pinto, Director, Civil Aviation, Mozambique Civil Aviation Institute**

**1050 – 1110** *Coffee break*

- **Emerging trends and challenges**

- 3) The industry's view (changes in the industry and issues for the regulatory regime)

**Mr. Giovanni Bisignani, Director General & CEO, IATA**

- 4) How to respond to the challenges — The regulator's view

**Mr. Ajay Prasad, Secretary of Civil Aviation, India**

**Panel discussion (Speakers + Mrs. Olena Melnyk, Head of Multilateral Affairs, State Administration of Ukraine), and Question & Answer (Q&A) period**

What are the critical issues, major barriers and impediments for moving liberalization forward?

What are the lessons to learn from the liberalization experiences?

**1300 – 1430** *Lunch break*

**1430 – 1730 — SESSION 2: REGIONAL LIBERALIZATION AND ITS IMPLICATIONS**

**Moderator: Dr. Hamdi Chaouk, Director General of Civil Aviation, Lebanon**

- **Regional liberalization initiatives**
  - 1) Overview of status, benefits and challenges  
**Mr. John King, Managing Director, Aviation and Tourism Management Pty Ltd. Australia**
  
- **Air service negotiations at the regional level** (pros and cons of this approach, its process and implications for internal and external parties)
  - 2) The EU's experience of liberalization and its internal and external implications  
**Mr. Olivier Onidi, Head of Unit, Bilateral Air Transport Agreements, European Commission**
  - 3) The challenges and opportunities of regional negotiations – COMESA's perspective  
**Mr. Amos Marawa, Director, Infrastructure Development, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)**

*1555 – 1615 Coffee break*

- **Implications of the EU-US agreement for a transatlantic open aviation area**
  - 4) **Dr. Pablo Mendes de Leon, Director of the International Institute of Air and Space Law, Leiden University, Netherlands**

**Panel discussion (Speakers + Mr. Shane, Under Secretary for Policy, US DOT), and Q&A period**  
Where will increasing regionalism lead to, fortresses or a global multilateral?

*2000 – 2200 Gala Dinner at the Dubailand, hosted by the Department of Civil Aviation, Dubai*

**DAY 2, Tuesday, 19 September**

**0900 – 1230 — SESSION 3: ENSURING SAFETY AND SECURITY IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT**

**Moderator: Dr. O. B. Aliu, Representative of Nigeria on the Council of ICAO**

- **Implications of economic liberalization on safety and security regulation, and strategies for ensuring safety and security oversight in a fast-changing environment**
  - 1) **Mr. Yuanzheng Wang, Senior officer, ICAO Secretariat**
  
- **Experience of States and regions in tackling the challenges in safety and security regulation**
  - 2) Aviation safety and security challenges facing operators and regulators – a State's experience  
**Mr. Sama Juma Ignatius, Director General, Cameroon Civil Aviation Authority**
  - 3) The regional approach to improve safety oversight  
**Mr. Herald Wilson, Director General, Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Authority (ECCAA)**

*1050 – 1110 Coffee break*

- **Funding options and solutions for aviation safety and security infrastructure development**
  - 4) The role of multilateral and regional funding institutions  
**Mr. Ali Kies, Division Manager of the Infrastructure Department, African Development Bank**

**Panel discussion (Speakers + Mr. Jehad Faqir, Regional Director, IATA), and Q&A period**  
How to ensure safety and security in the changing environment?  
How to solve the resources problem?

*1230 – 1400 Lunch break*

**1400 – 1710— SESSION 4: HARNESSING LIBERALIZATION FOR THE BROADER BENEFITS**  
**Moderator: Dr. Philippe Rochat, Executive Director, Air Transport Action Group (ATAG)**

- **Ensuring responsive infrastructure for traffic growth and larger aircraft**
  - 1) **Mr. Robert J. Aaronson, Director General, Airports Council International (ACI)**
- **Liberalization for tourism and economic development**
  - 2) **Mr. Geoffrey Lipman, Special Adviser to the Secretary General, World Tourism Organization**
  - 3) Route development for the developing countries (the ICAO/UNWTO Essential Air Service and Tourism Development Route Scheme):  
**Mr. Jon Woolf, Director and Principal Consultant, Airport Strategy and Marketing Ltd.(ASM)**

*1525 – 1545 Coffee break*

- **The fast growing market and its impact on the world**
  - 4) China's perspective:  
**Mr. Wang Ronghua, Director General, Department of International Affairs and Cooperation, General Administration of Civil Aviation of China (CAAC)**

**Panel discussion (Speakers), and Q&A period**  
What are the future prospects for international air transport?  
How to build a better future for all stakeholders of civil aviation?

**1710 – 1740 — CLOSING SESSION**

- **Concluding remarks by Mr. Mohamed Elamiri, Director, Air Transport Bureau, ICAO**
- **Summary by Chairman of the Symposium**

*1900 – 2100 Farewell Reception at the Aviation Club, sponsored by Dubai Duty-free*

**Wednesday, 20 September** (post-conference activity)

*0800 – 1100 Optional tour (Dune Drive & optional Sand Skiing)*

*1530 – 2130 Complimentary tour (Desert Safari & BBQ dinner)*