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**Subject:** Invitation to attend the ICAO Facilitation Regional Forum, Yaoundé, Cameroon, 3-4 March 2025.

**Action required:** a) Register participation online by 14 February 2025; and  
b) Disseminate this letter as requested.

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that ICAO will conduct a Facilitation Regional Forum on Air Transport Facilitation under the theme “Seamless Skies: Efficient Facilitation for a Connected World”, from 3 to 4 March 2025 at the Palais des Congres, Yaoundé, Cameroon.

The Forum is intended to provide an opportunity for regionally focused discussions related to the recently concluded 2024 Year of Facilitation (FAL2024).

The ICAO Secretary General, Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar, will officially open the Facilitation Regional Forum which will offer interpretation services in English and French. The Forum will address various facilitation areas of Annex 9 — Facilitation to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, recognizing the recent 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its first publication. This event will offer an excellent opportunity for ICAO to collaborate with its Member States and the aviation community to highlight the significance of air transport facilitation in the efficient conduct of air transport operations and to enhance global awareness of Annex 9 provisions. Air transport facilitation refers to the clearance of aircraft, people and goods through the formalities required at international borders. The Forum will focus on how to enhance the passenger experience throughout the traveler journey, in the context of rapid technological evolutions supported by the effective implementation of several Annex 9 provisions.

I invite you to officially confirm your participation by registering online at <https://www.icao.int/WACAF/Pages/FALForumAfrica.aspx> by **14 February 2025**. For any additional information, please send your questions to [FALForumAfrica@icao.int](mailto:FALForumAfrica@icao.int).

As this Forum would benefit many different stakeholders beyond aviation authorities, I would like to request that you disseminate this letter accordingly to all appropriate entities in your State, such as passport issuing and civil registries offices, aviation security and health authorities, border control and law enforcement agencies, customs, aircraft and airport operators and other relevant stakeholders.

I trust that you will seize this opportunity to learn more about enhancing facilitation.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Nika Meheza Manzi  
Acting Regional Director

**Enclosure:** Programme outline