



# Understanding the Process: Programme Applications for Assessment by the TAB

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- 1) Background on CORSIA and TAB – ICAO Secretariat
- 2) Application Form Basics and Questions and answers about the TAB process – TAB Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson



## Part 1: Background on CORSIA and TAB

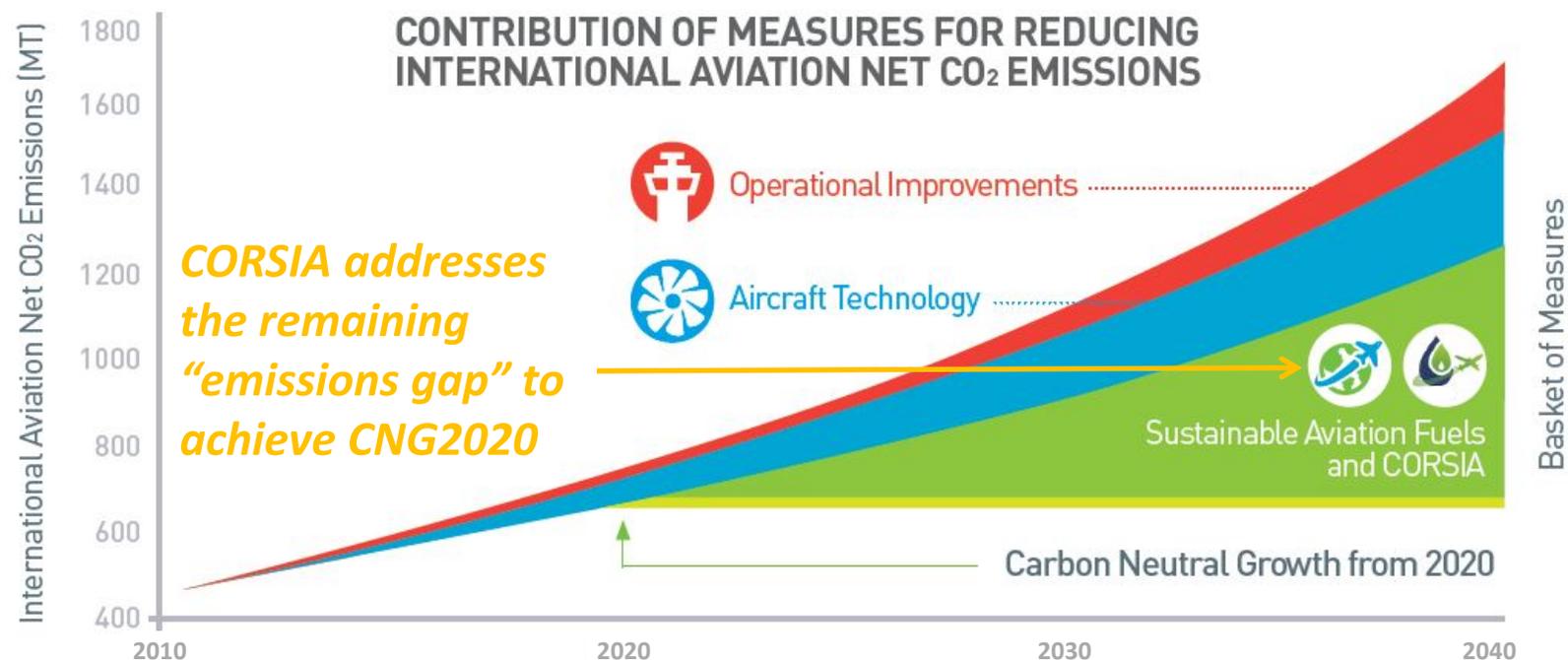
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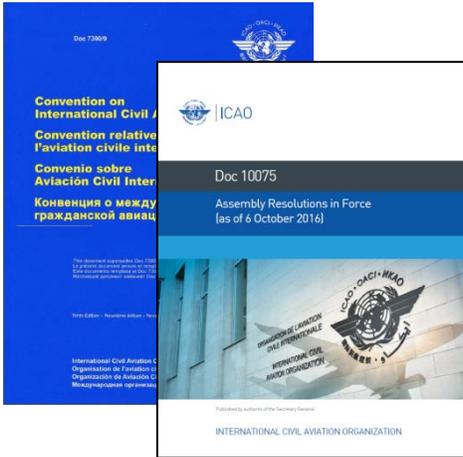
## The first global MBM scheme for any industry sector

To achieve ICAO's global aspirational goal of carbon neutral growth from 2020 (CNG 2020), CORSIA is one complementary element in the basket of measures to:

- aircraft technology
- operational improvements
- sustainable aviation fuels



## ICAO Policy



### Chicago Convention

### ICAO Assembly Resolutions

### A39-1, A39-2 and A39-3:

Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies and practices related to environmental protection

## ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs)



### Annex 16 - Environmental Protection:

Volume I, Aircraft Noise

Volume II, Aircraft Engine Emissions

Volume III, Aeroplane CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

Volume IV, CORSIA

## ICAO Guidance



### Various guidance on noise, LAQ and climate change, e.g.:

Environmental Assessment of Proposed ATM Operational Changes (Doc 10031)

**Environmental Technical Manual Volume IV (Doc 9501)**

- CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units will be determined by the ICAO Council, upon recommendation of an expert group: the Technical Advisory Body (TAB)
- CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units will meet the CORSIA Emissions Unit Criteria (EUC) by:
  - Originating from programmes which meet the Program Design Elements as defined in the EUC
  - Adhering to the Carbon Offset Credit Integrity Assessment Criteria as defined in the EUC
- More information on the EUC can be found on the ICAO website:  
<https://www.icao.int/environmental-protection/CORSIA/Pages/CORSIA-Emissions-Units.aspx>

- In March 2019, the ICAO Council made the following decisions:
  - Approved the Emissions Unit Criteria, to be used by the TAB.
  - Established the TAB. The 19 members of the TAB are experts nominated by their States and approved by Council.
  - Approved the Terms of Reference (TOR), which indicate that the tasks of the TAB are to:
    - ...undertake the assessment of emissions unit programmes against the emissions units criteria
    - ...develop recommendations on the list of eligible emissions unit programmes (and potentially project types) whose emissions units would be eligible for use under the CORSIA, for consideration by the Council;

# TAB Work Programme and Timeline

- We are here in the timeline – this webinar to provide further information on the programme application process for assessment by the TAB
- Applications for the first TAB assessment are due 12 July 2019 at: [officeenv@icao.int](mailto:officeenv@icao.int)
- TAB Recommendations are expected for consideration by the Council in March 2020

TAB Work Programme and Timeline (as of May 2019)

Activities	2019										2020				
	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May		
<b>1.1 Initial TAB Activities</b>															
1.2 Election of Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson	█														
1.3 Development of TAB work programme and timeline															
1.4 Development of process for the applications by emissions units programmes	█														
<b>2.1 Programme Applications</b>															
2.2 ICAO invites programme applications on CORSIA TAB website		█	█												
2.3 ICAO updates website with application status		█	█												
2.4 Programme requests clarifications from ICAO		█	█												
2.5 ICAO webinar on programme applications			█												
2.6 ICAO conducts completeness review of submitted applications. ICAO informs programmes that applications are complete.			█												
<b>3.1 Programme Assessment</b>															
3.2 TAB conducts initial screening of programme applications and ICAO requests clarifications from programmes in writing			█												
3.3 ICAO publishes programme applications on website, and starts 30 day public comment period				█											
3.4 Possible in-person meetings of TAB with programme representatives					█										
3.5 TAB conducts assessment of programme applications against emissions unit criteria, and makes recommendations to Council						█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█		

Note 1: The above TAB Work Programme and Timeline is subject to further changes.

Note 2: The TAB process above is iterative, and the second programme application period is foreseen to begin in March 2020.

- Applications and other information submitted by emissions unit programmes will be published on the ICAO website, except for materials designated as “business confidential”.
- The public will be invited to submit comments on programme applications, for consideration by the TAB.



## **Part 2: Application Form Basics and Questions and answers about the TAB process**

Molly Peters-Stanley (TAB Chairperson) and Benedict Chia (TAB Vice-Chairperson)

- Based on ICAO Council decisions, the TAB will use the emissions units criteria to evaluate Emissions Units Programmes
  - An Emissions Unit Programme administers standards and procedures
    - for developing offset projects, and
    - for verifying and “issuing” offsets created by those projects
  - The Emissions Units Criteria focus on *Programme*-level standards and procedures—as such, evaluation will focus on Programmes
  - The TAB may also evaluate a Programme’s rule-set as it pertains to specific project “types”, e.g., sectors or emissions categories

- The Programme Application Form contains three documents:
  - The Programme Application Form, containing questions about...
    - The Programme’s administration and design, including the Programme’s registry(ies)
    - Procedures and standards the Programme has in place to ensure offset quality
  - Appendix A – Supplementary Information Form
    - Contains the *Emissions Units Criteria and Guidelines for Criteria Interpretation*
    - These are cross-referenced by paragraph number in Application Form questions
  - Appendix B – Programme Scope Information Request

- In the Programme Scope Information Request, Programmes should identify the project types (e.g., emissions sectors or categories) and associated methodologies or protocols...
  - that the Programme *is submitting* for evaluation by the TAB, as described in its Application Form
  - AND
  - That the Programme *does not wish to submit* for TAB's evaluation (and so are not described in the Application Form)
- See **Form Instructions** section regarding ***Form Scope***

- The Application Form contains detailed instructions for form completion—please read in full. Highlights include:
  - Respond to all questions—if any question(s) do not apply to the Programme, briefly explain the exception
    - If Programme does not have a relevant procedure in place—but *plans* to—respond to the question as requested in the **Form Instructions** section regarding **Program Revision**
  - Thorough responses encouraged—external information (e.g., weblinks) is not a substitute for written summary responses
    - See **Form Instructions** section regarding **Form completeness**
  - “Linked” schemes (e.g., for certifying co-benefits) should be described by the primary carbon standard *as relevant*
    - See **Form Instructions** section regarding **“Linked” Certification Schemes**



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