

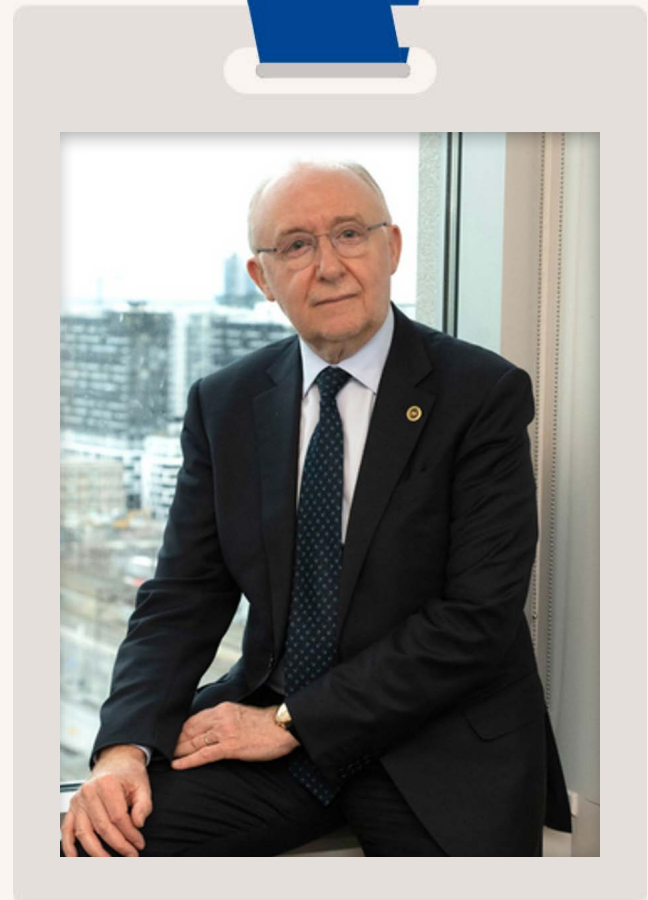
Insights from the President of the ICAO Council

How do you see the ICAO's role to grow a momentum toward sustainable aviation, and how does the 2025 Environmental Report contribute to this effort?

As the global momentum toward sustainable aviation intensifies, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) remains steadfast in guiding the international aviation sector toward a cleaner and resilient future. The adoption of the Long-term Global Aspirational Goal (LTAG) of net-zero emissions by 2050 in 2022 marked a turning point, setting the course for a comprehensive transformation of aviation's environmental impact. Since then, our 193 Member States, industry partners, and key stakeholders have made tremendous progress in addressing emissions from international aviation, in support of the temperature goal of the Paris Agreement and the overall UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The 2025 Environmental Report captures and reflects ICAO's enduring commitment to this agenda in the face of evolving global challenges. It highlights results of tireless and collaborative work by the ICAO Council and its subsidiary bodies, the continued engagement of Member States and all relevant stakeholders, and the dedicated efforts of the ICAO Secretariat, to drive forward innovative solutions to reduce environmental impacts and achieve our environmental Strategic Goal.

Major progress achieved during the 2023–2025 triennium is highlighted throughout the Report, including the adoption of the ICAO Global Framework for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF), Lower Carbon Aviation Fuels (LCAF) and other Aviation Cleaner Energies, and



subsequent approval of the implementation Roadmap by the Council, as well as the continued advancement of the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA). The implementation support and financing initiatives such as the ICAO Assistance, Capacity Building and Training for SAF (ACT-SAF) Programme, the operationalization of ICAO Finvest Hub, and other successful advocacy and outreach events and publications, has been and should be further strengthened.

Together, these efforts illustrate ICAO's critical role, not only as a standard-setter, but as a catalyst for collaboration, innovation, and real-world action across the aviation sector.

How would you describe ICAO's leadership in advancing environmental protection?

ICAO's activities in advancing environmental protection are guided by the core principles of innovation, collaboration, inclusivity, and transparency, all in line with ICAO's *No Country Left Behind* strategic goal.

Innovation drives the development and deployment of new technologies, operational improvements, and sustainable energy solutions critical to reducing aviation's environmental footprint. Collaboration ensures that States, industry, research institutions, and civil society work together to deliver coordinated and impactful solutions, recognizing that no single actor can achieve the sector's ambitious climate goals alone.

Inclusivity remains central, ensuring that all ICAO Member States — regardless of their level of development and readiness — can participate and benefit from global environmental initiatives, with capacity-building and support tailored to their needs.

Transparency underpins ICAO's commitment to building mutual confidence and driving meaningful progress in environmental protection. By fostering openness and accountability, ICAO ensures that all States and stakeholders can track progress, share best practices, and identify areas for further action and advancement.

What should be the collective priorities for the aviation sector, as we approach the 42nd Session of the ICAO Assembly?

As we approach the Assembly, our collective focus must remain on facilitating the development and bringing to the market innovative aircraft technologies, continuously optimizing operational efficiencies, accelerating the scale-up in the development and deployment of cleaner energy sources for aviation, while ensuring that implementation support and access to finance is available to enable this transformation in particular aviation's cleaner energy transition for all States. ICAO is fostering enhanced collaboration with development banks, financial institutions, and emerging technology and cleaner fuel providers through the operationalization of the Finvest Hub project to ensure that sustainability solutions are not only innovative, but also economically viable and widely accessible.

International aviation is at a defining moment. The commitments made today will shape the future of air transport for decades to come. At the Assembly, ICAO, together with its Member States and partners, will have an important opportunity to establish meaningful ICAO policies to continue to drive the environmental transformation of the sector, while ensuring it remains an enabler of global connectivity and socio-economic benefits. But we will need policies that not only enable but that accelerate the path to Net Zero.

By embracing a collective vision for innovation, investment, and policy support, we can accelerate the realization of a truly sustainable and resilient global aviation system.

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