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## ► Directors General

### ECAC Directors General consider solutions to the challenges of aviation growth

**Paris, 4 December** — Over 60 high-level delegates (*below*) from 29 ECAC Member States, EASA, EUROCONTROL, the European Commission and ICAO assembled with special guest speakers for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual ECAC Forum of Directors General.

The ever-increasing demand to fly has led to a boost in traffic and puts the responsibility on all civil aviation stakeholders to expand in a sustainable manner to avoid losing the benefits of growth. This year's Forum set out to explore solutions that have been, or could be, put in place to tackle the challenges created by the expected growth in the aviation sector.

Spread across three sessions, the discussions were expertly led by moderators Silvia Gehrler, Director General International (Austria), Halla Sigurdardottir, Deputy Director General (Ice-

land) and Flor Diaz Pulido, Head of Unit for Aviation Policy at the European Commission's DG MOVE.

Joe Sultana (EUROCONTROL) set the scene in the first session presenting the aviation growth forecasts to 2040 and the main constraints on infrastructure and safety, while Stephen Perkins (International Transport Forum) offered a global overview of civil aviation growth.

The second session explored experiences at the national and local levels from the perspective of Member States, industry and NGOs, and how these stakeholders are seeking to find a balance between growth and the socio-economic, safety and environmental needs. Michael Gill (ATAG) gave the air transport industry's perspective, highlighting the importance of a collaborative approach involving all stakeholders, while Olivier Jankovec (ACI EUROPE) spoke about coping with the challenges of airport capacity growth. Tim Johnson (Aviation Environment Federation) presented the challenges of balancing environmental priorities with growth, drawing attention in particular

to the effects of noise on health.

Luis Ribeiro (DGCA Portugal) gave his State's perspective on guaranteeing safety in times of high traffic growth, while Michal Witkowski (CAA Poland) focused on the growth and infrastructure constraints at Polish airports. Dan Micklethwaite (DGCA United Kingdom) presented the case of the planned Heathrow Airport expansion and the proposed environmental and communities package to support local communities and mitigate the environmental impact of growth on them. He also highlighted the importance of sharing the benefits of growth with local communities.

In the third and final session, Jonathan Wober (CAPA - Centre for Aviation) and Stephen Perkins proposed potential solutions to address the environmental, infrastructure, capacity, and technological challenges raised during the debates and thus sustainably accommodate the forecast growth in the sector.

Throughout the day, the Forum provoked lively debate and offered much food for thought. Key conclusions included the need for the sector to communicate better and be more self-confident in presenting the positive and beneficial aspects of aviation growth, that sustainability should be at the centre of all decision-making and connected to all aspects of aviation matters, and that it is critical for regulators and stakeholders to cooperate closely to ensure the benefits of growth are widely shared.



### End-of-year meeting for ECAC's Directors General of Civil Aviation

**Paris, 5 December** — Directors General were joined by observers EASA, the European Commission, the ICAO EUR/NAT Office and JAA TO for their last meeting of the year at the ECAC premises in Paris.

They heard reports from the Focal Points (members of the Coordinating Committee appointed to be responsible for leading specific fields of ECAC activities) on achievements in 2018 in the fields of safety, accident investigations, environment, security and facilitation, as well as on economic and legal matters. It was also the occasion to share a brief summary of the conclusions reached at the previous day's 11<sup>th</sup> ECAC Forum. The end-of-year reporting included the topics under discussion in the various ECAC working groups, their achievements so far, and the priorities for 2019.

With the 40<sup>th</sup> ICAO Assembly scheduled in September 2019, these priorities are designed to reflect the dossiers ECAC Member States will want to address in the global forum. Common positions and strategy in view of next September's Assembly were therefore discussed at length.

Directors General also received updates on the status of current aviation topics at the European Union level, with briefings from the current (Austria) and future (Romania) EU Council Presidencies as well as the European Commission itself. EASA provided an overview of its environmental resources and expertise, and the role it can play to strengthen and add value to the European processes.

The meeting was pleased to welcome newly appointed Director General of Civil Aviation for Armenia, Tatevik Revazyan, and conveyed best wishes to Silvia Gehrler, Director General of Civil Aviation for Austria (International) who will join the ICAO EUR/NAT Office in Paris as Regional Director as from 1 February 2019. ■



## ► Outreach activities

### ECAC represented at 30<sup>th</sup> AFCAC Plenary Session

**Livingstone, 4-5 December** — The 30<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Plenary Session of the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) was held in Livingstone, Zambia, on 4 and 5 December.

As is customary for regional assemblies, the 'sister' organisations – the Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACA), ECAC and the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC) – were invited to address their counterparts. Haydar Yalçın, Deputy Director General for Turkey (*pictured right*), represented ECAC at the event, delivering a speech in the opening ceremony that focused on intensified cooperation between the two continents.

Over the course of two days, AFCAC Member States deliberated on issues that will be at the core of the AFCAC Work Programme for the triennium 2019-2021. African Directors General of Civil Aviation also elected the new Bureau of the Commission. ECAC is pleased to congratulate

late Gabriel Lesa (Zambia) and Tefera Mekonnen Tefera (Ethiopia) following their appointment as President and Secretary General respectively, and looks forward to cooperating with them.



### Regulators and industry stakeholders gather for first "Administration and Industry – ICAO" seminar at the Directorate General of Civil Aviation in Paris

**Paris, 7 December** — The first "Administration and Industry" seminar organised by the French Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGAC) on

the theme "*The French influence at ICAO*" was held at DGAC headquarters in Paris on 7 December, bringing together around 100 actors from the administration and professionals from the aviation sector.

ECAC Deputy Executive Secretary Patricia Reverdy presented an overview of the collaborative approach initiated by ECAC and the European Commission in elaborating European positions at ICAO. Ms Reverdy highlighted in particular the importance of cooperation amongst all 44 ECAC Member States to promote Europe's priorities and objectives and ensure Europe speaks with one voice during strategic debates, as well as explaining how the cooperation mechanisms are structured. She highlighted the importance of proactivity, careful planning of topics, and understanding the ICAO environment, as well as drawing attention to some of the challenges. Ms Reverdy closed her presentation with the most recent example of European coordination during the ICAO High-level Conference on Aviation Security held in Montreal in November 2018. ■

## ► Environment

### Second ECAC Environmental Forum in Paris

**Paris, 10-11 December** — The second meeting of the Environmental Forum, chaired by Michael Lunter (Netherlands), brought together representatives of ECAC Member States, European organisations and stakeholders from the aviation industry, environmental NGOs and civil society. For the first time, the meeting also welcomed representatives of Canada, Singapore and the United States in an endeavour to further strengthen the relationship between ECAC and its key international partners.

The participants had an exchange of views on potential key challenges for 2019 and beyond, which led to an interesting debate on pathways to decarbonising aviation. An entire session was dedicated to exchanging information on the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) implementation, including in terms of technical assistance and capacity building. In this respect, the meeting recalled the Bratislava Declaration and Europe's commitment to mutual support between ECAC Member States and towards other regions in an effort to make this historic agreement a reality.

Information was also shared on research work

undertaken to better understand aircraft noise and emissions exposure, effect, perception and acceptability, which led to lively discussion on the World Health Organization's Environmental Noise Guidelines for Europe, and on supersonic air transport.

Following the discussion on pathways to the decarbonisation of aviation, the meeting decided to plan an Environmental Forum dedicated to energy management, including the potential of e-fuels, before summer 2019.

### ECAC organises regional workshop on CORSIA implementation in Turkey

**Istanbul, 13-14 December** — On 13 and 14 December, ECAC organised an ICAO 'ACT CORSIA' (Assistance, Capacity-building and



Training programme) regional workshop in Istanbul, in line with the commitment in ECAC's Bratislava Declaration of September 2016 to

implement CORSIA in all 44 ECAC Member States and to address the arising needs for capacity building.

The workshop was organised with the support of the German Environment Agency (UBA), which provided three trainers, the ICAO EUR/NAT Office, which provided one trainer and the ICAO ACT CORSIA training material, and the Turkish Directorate General of Civil Aviation, which hosted the workshop at the Turkish Civil Aviation Academy. Representatives of Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey attended.

### European Aviation and Environment Group meeting

**Paris, 18-19 December** — The 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the European Aviation and Environment Group (EAEG) focused on the preparations for the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ICAO Committee on Aviation and Environment Protection. It also initiated preparatory work for the 40<sup>th</sup> ICAO Assembly, and for ECAC Member States' replies to the ICAO State letter on the establishment of a Technical Advisory Body and developments on the Emissions Units Criteria for CORSIA. ■



2<sup>nd</sup> ECAC Environmental Forum in Paris



10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the European Aviation and Environment Group

## ► Security

### Joint ECAC and CASE Project workshop on insider threats

**Dublin, 11-12 December** — At the invitation of the Irish Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, the first ECAC workshop dedicated to the insider threat to aviation security was held in Dublin in the premises of the Irish Aviation Authority.

The event was also significant for being the first ever workshop jointly organised by ECAC and the CASE Project, thus functioning both as part of ECAC's capacity-building programme and as a workshop within the framework of CASE.

The workshop brought together 75 participants from 18 ECAC Member States and 11 CASE Partner States. Discussions focused on the nature of the insider threat and possible measures to mitigate it, and included several national case studies with an underlying emphasis on security culture. The workshop was moderated by Patricia Reverdy, with speakers from across Europe and Africa as well as Canada and the European Commission. ■



## ► CASE Project

### Subregional training of vulnerability assessors on landside security for WAEMU States

**Cotonou, 11-14 December** — As one of the new activities introduced in the scope of the CASE Project in 2018, a training course on conducting landside security vulnerability assessments was delivered in Benin to six national auditors from Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Togo. The course, the result of a joint initiative between ECAC and the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), was hosted by the Beninese *Agence Nationale de l'Aviation Civile*.

The activity, which was conducted by two French-speaking ECAC-certified assessors on landside security, aims to offer CASE Project Partner States training similar to that included in the capacity-building programme provided by ECAC to its own Member States. In addition, it featured a half-day of practical exercises carried out at Cotonou Cadjehoun International Airport. The three-day training course was concluded by a series of written and oral tests.



### Two seconded aviation security experts join the CASE Project

For the first time, two secondees have joined the CASE Project team in Paris. Mouniratou Tchado Issoufou (Director of Aviation Security & Facilitation, *Agence Nationale de l'Aviation Civile* of Niger, pictured below left) and Artem Melnyk (Head of Analytical Division, AVSEC Department, State Aviation Administration of Ukraine, pictured below right) are the first in a planned succession of aviation security experts to be seconded from ECAC Member States and CASE Partner States to the Project for the remainder of its duration. The secondees will work as part of the CASE team for a minimum period of six months and will reinforce the Project's capacity to deliver national and regional activities on-site in Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. ■



## What's on in January?

- 14-15 72<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Technical Task Force (TTF/72), Paris
- 16 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the ECAC ad hoc study group on cyber security aspects of screening equipment (ADHOC-CYBER-AVSEC/2), Paris
- 16-17 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Study Group on Cyber Security in Civil Aviation (CYBER/31), Paris
- 22-24 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Practices on Covert Testing (BPCT/2) training, Istanbul
- 24 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Common Evaluation Process (CEP) Management Group (CEP-MG/40), Paris
- 29-31 EaP/CA Best Practices for Cargo Inspectors course, (EaP/CA-BPCI), Amsterdam

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