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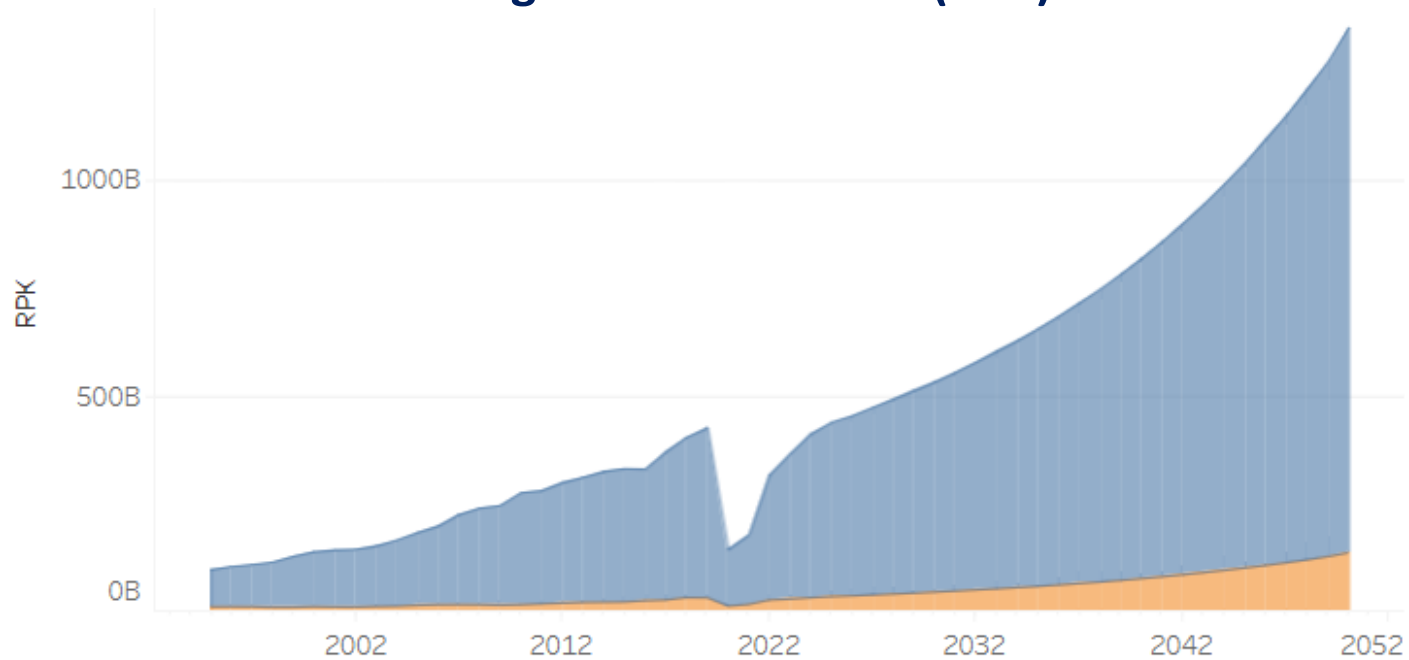
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Long Term Traffic Forecasts (Africa)

Passenger traffic forecast (RPK)



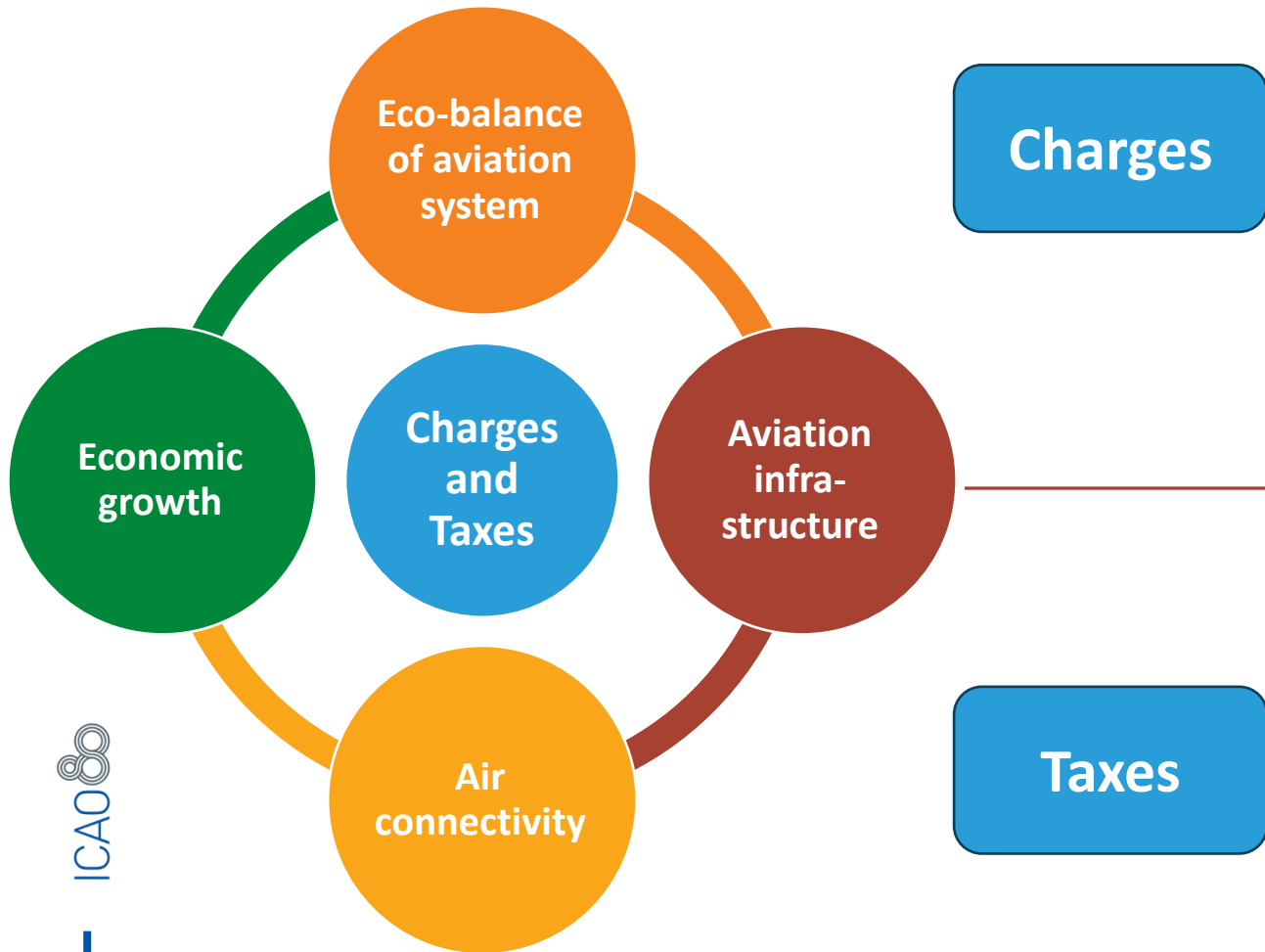
- **Passenger traffic 2019-2050 forecast is 3.8% overall (3.7% for international traffic, 4.9% for domestic traffic)**
- **Traffic is expected to increase continuously**
- **Forecast for cargo similar**
- **Air traffic has recovered to pre-COVID level**

Intra-African Connectivity

	Central Africa	Eastern Africa	North Africa	Southern Africa	Western Africa
Central Africa	41%	13%	19%	10%	16%
Eastern Africa		44%	11%	18%	6%
North Africa			67%	5%	34%
Southern Africa				46%	3%
Western Africa					45%

- **Figures based on direct connections between all countries of two regions: actual number of connections vs. possible number of connections**
- **Connectivity improving, now above pre-COVID level**
- **Higher connectivity within regions ↔ lower connectivity between regions**

Impact of charges and taxes on air transport development



Charges

Implementation of ICAO's Policies on Charges for Airports and Air Navigation Services (Doc 9082)

Key charging principles: Non-discrimination, cost-relatedness, transparency and consultation with users

Balance between the interests of airports, ANSPs, airlines and passengers

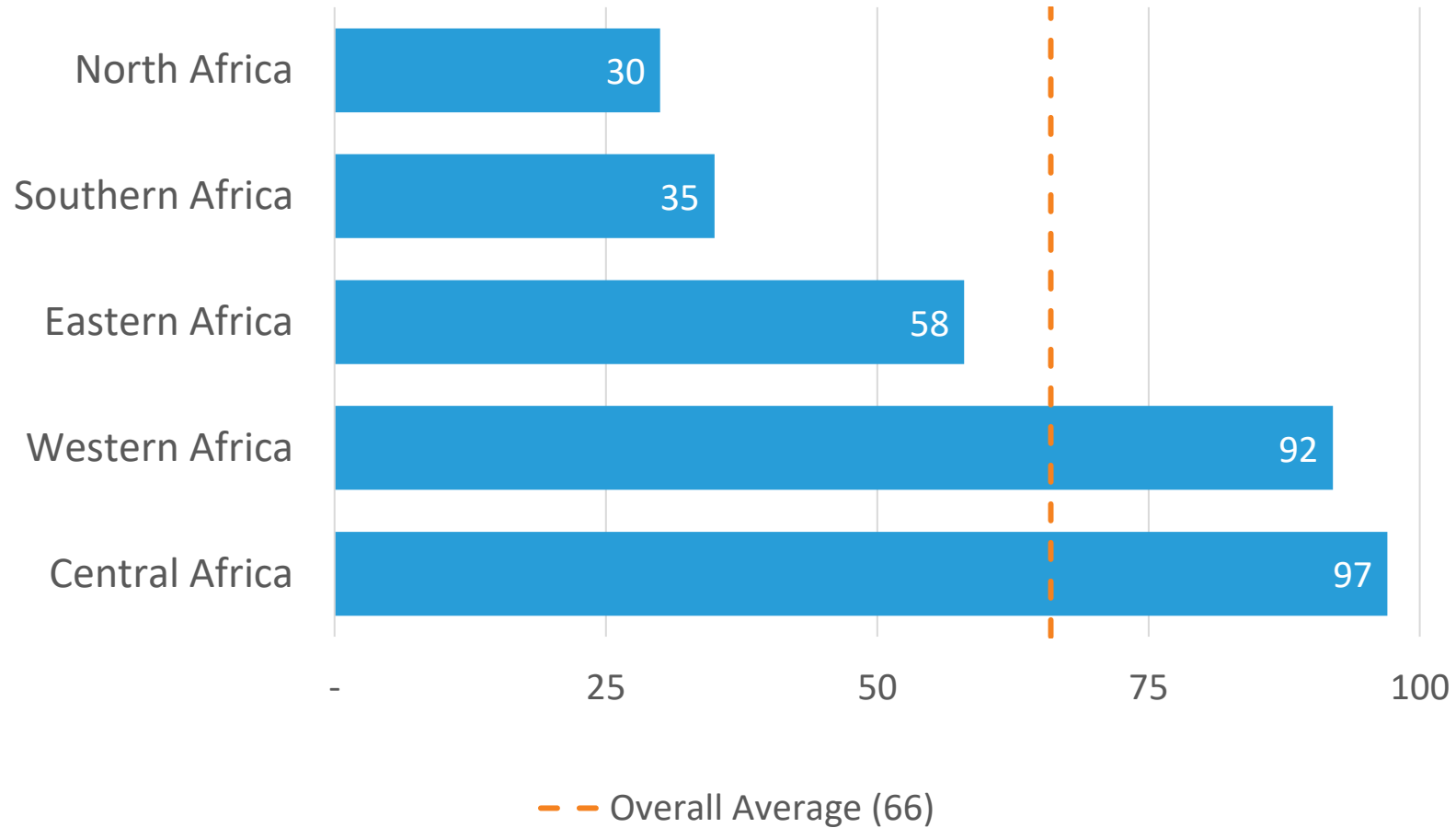
Taxes

Implementation of ICAO's Policies on Taxation on International Air Transport (Doc 8632)

Consider the implication of taxes on the industry's contributions to national economy

Taxes and Charges: Example

Average amount of taxes and fees for international departures (USD)



ICAO and SAATM

- **Resolution A41-27** – “Requested the Council to continue to **cooperate with regional and sub-regional bodies** in the examination and development of measures of cooperation, **including liberalized arrangements**, and the results of these measures, in order to see whether similar or other measures should at the appropriate time be recommended to Member States **for application on a wider basis.**”
- **ICAO commend the advancements made by many African States and the efforts of AFCAC towards the implementation of the SAATM, and the move for Yamoussoukro Decision (YD) compliant Air Services Agreement (ASA) that includes the following aspects*:**
 - (i) Market access up to 5th Freedom Rights
 - (ii) Liberalized air tariffs
 - (iii) Unrestricted capacity and frequency
 - (iv) Full liberalization for air cargo services
 - (v) Adherence to the uniform rules for fair competition, consumer protection and dispute settlement
- **Two strategic issues for considerations to ensure the success of SAATM:**
 - (i) Take into consideration of aviation’s crucial role when defining **national policy** and **spending priorities**
 - (ii) Recognize the ways and extend that **protectionism** transpires and **impacts economic** and **social progress**
- **ICAO has been and will continue to provide supports to AFCAC and African Member States in realizing SAATM:**
 - ✓ Provisions of **guidance, trainings and advisory** through continued close collaborations with AFCAC and African Member States
 - ✓ Platforms for Member States to conduct **negotiations** during the annual ICAO Air Services Negotiation Event (ICAN)
 - ✓ Avenue for AFCAC to conduct **workshops** during ICAN

Air transport connectivity and sustainability in Africa

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