



ICAO



International Air Law Treaty Workshop

Provisional Programme

Singapore | 12 – 14 December 2023





Day 1 - Tuesday, 12 December 2023
Kallang Hall, Singapore Aviation Academy
Dress code: Business Formal

**9:00am –
9:30am**

Registration
Coffee & Tea

**9:30am –
10:15am**

Session 1 – Opening

Opening & Welcome Addresses

Group photo

**10:15am –
10:45am**

Coffee Break

**10:45am –
12:15pm**

Session 2

Introducing key air law treaties – Background, overview of policy objectives and ratification status

Speakers will present an overview of air law treaty development over the last 100 years and how ICAO's work in the legal field contributes to the development of air law. The major objectives and main elements of key air law treaties adopted under the auspices of ICAO in the fields of aviation safety and security and air carrier liability will be presented.

Speakers will highlight how these treaties enable the aviation industry to address and deal with new and emerging threats to civil aviation, modernise the liability regime and curb the escalation of unruly and disruptive passenger behaviour on board aircraft.

Participants will receive first-hand information about the status of ratifications by their States and other States in the region and around the world regarding of the selected air law treaties and the role a civil aviation administration together with relevant agencies can play to support its State in the ratification process. An overview



	<p><i>of the collaborative work by UN agencies to counter terrorism and the suite of tools including training modules and legislative database developed for use by States in domesticating counter terrorism treaties will also be presented.</i></p> <p>States' ratification experiences and queries</p> <p><i>Participants are invited to share what they have learnt in the course of their work about how to champion or support and progress the process of ratification of air law treaties by their respective States, highlighting the winning strategies, lessons learnt, and how to overcome any barriers to success.</i></p> <p><i>Participants will have the opportunity to receive more information from their colleagues about strategies that have worked in other States and enabled them to conclude the ratification process along with the means of implementation; and the changes and benefits they have seen following ratification.</i></p> <p><i>Participants are also invited to raise the challenges they faced or are facing in the ratification process and any queries they have regarding ratification.</i></p>
<p>12:15pm – 1:15pm</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>1:15pm – 2:30pm</p>	<p>Treaty Review Sessions</p> <p>Session 3</p> <p>MC 1999: <i>Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air (Montréal, 1999)</i></p> <p><i>Panelists will outline the global efforts and motivations that informed the modernisation of the Warsaw regime on air carrier liability since 1929, leading to the development of MC 99 and supplemented with a case study illustrating how universal adoption of MC 99 addresses uniformity in the liability regimes for aircraft operators and avoid the fragmentation of applicable compensation regimes, thereby enabling fair and equitable compensation for</i></p>



	<p><i>passenger and cargo consignees affected by disruption, loss or tragedy in the course of air travel. Legislative and key judicial developments on specific provisions of the treaty will be elaborated. Emerging trends in the development and implementation of air passenger rights legislation will also be highlighted.</i></p>
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Coffee Break
3:00pm – 4:15pm	<p>Session 4</p> <p>Beijing 2010 Instruments: <i>Convention on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Relating to International Civil Aviation (Beijing, 2010) and Protocol Supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft (Beijing, 2010)</i></p> <p><i>Speakers will trace the evolution of aerial crime over the last century since the start of commercial air travel and how international air instruments have been used to address the dramatically changing aviation security landscape. The presentations will specifically illustrate how the Beijing 2010 Instruments were developed to deal with new and emerging threats against civil aviation and to reflect innovations in counter terrorism law since the early aviation security treaties were developed over 50 years ago. Specific provisions highlighting the enhancements introduced by the Beijing 2010 Instruments will be examined.</i></p> <p><i>A case study will present a scenario(s) of how a cyberattack against civil aviation could be launched and invite participants using a selected scenario to examine how the Beijing 2010 Instruments would apply to incidents of cyberattacks against civil aviation.</i></p>
5:00pm – 7:00pm	<p>Welcome Dinner</p> <p><i>Bus to depart SAA at 4:30pm</i></p>



Day 2 - Wednesday, 13 December 2023
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8:30am – 9:00am	Coffee & Tea
9.00am – 10.30am	<p>Session 5</p> <p>MP 14: <i>Protocol to Amend the Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft (Montréal, 2014)</i></p> <p><i>Participants will receive first-hand information about the state of the issue of unruly and disruptive passengers and ongoing trends since the COVID-19 pandemic. Presenters will highlight specific provisions introduced to assist States to deal with the escalation of the severity and frequency of unruly and disruptive passenger behaviour aboard aircraft.</i></p> <p><i>Participants will also receive expositions of guidance material developed by ICAO to assist States to prevent or respond to unruly and disruptive passenger incidents and implement MP 14.</i></p> <p><i>A case study will illustrate the nature and impact of unruly and disruptive behaviour and how it can be dealt with under the treaty framework together with implementing national legislation and industry guidance, including ICAO Doc 10117.</i></p>
10:30am – 11:00am	Coffee Break
11:00am – 12:30pm	<p>Session 6</p> <p>Other treaties – UNCPISA: <i>United Nations Convention of the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies, New York, 21 November 1947</i> and VCDL: <i>Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations Vienna on 18 April 1961</i></p> <p><i>Speakers will highlight the key elements of the international legal framework that accord privileges and immunities to ICAO and how they are implemented for purposes of facilitating the work of ICAO</i></p>



	<i>in the States and the corresponding implementation in national legislation.</i>
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm – 3:30pm	<p>Session 7</p> <p>Tools for effective ratification – requirements and processes and practical experiences (ICAO and State perspectives)</p> <p><i>Participants will receive and respond to first-hand information about how the treaty ratification process works. ICAO’s requirements for ratification of air law instruments, whether amending the Chicago Convention or a new treaty, will be highlighted. Speakers will highlight the necessary steps leading to and following the deposit of an instrument of ratification, accession or acceptance with the depositary, highlighting impediments that may be avoided and examining ICAO and UN treaty practices to handle novel situations including the treatment of notifications, declarations and reservations and identify resources available to assist States in the ratification process. Information on registration of aeronautical agreements including air services agreements and Article 83bis agreements and ICAO’s online database (WAGMAR) will also be provided.</i></p> <p>Session 8</p> <p>Action plan: After Singapore IAL-TW - What shall we do next?</p> <p><i>Participants will be invited in a group format to discuss in a brain storming session the challenges opportunities, means and tools to attain ratification and identify strategies and proposals for facilitating the ratification and implementation of air law treaties in the future and what their roles will be; what support should be provided by ICAO; and mechanisms to collaborate and exchange information to keep abreast of relevant air law and related treaty developments around the world.</i></p>



	Closing
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Coffee Break
4:00pm – 6:00pm	Social Programme <i>Bus departs SAA at 4:00pm</i>

Day 3 - Thursday, 14 December 2023
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9:30am – 10:00am	Coffee & Tea
10:00am – 12:30pm	Asia Pacific Civil Aviation Legal Advisors Forum (CALAF) <i>Following discussions at the second edition of the CALAF in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman in February 2023 this session will focus on highlighting the outcomes and progress on actions, continuing the collaboration among air law professions and their colleagues in the region, to identify means to support or strengthen the role of legal adviser to support their organizations. The discussions will also address the competency framework and how it can work more effectively for States in the region.</i>
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Lunch