



Over 100 States now participate in ICAO's Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA)

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Montréal, 6 July 2021 – ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu announced today that 16 small island and lesser-developed States had notified her of their decisions to voluntarily participate in ICAO's [Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation \(CORSA\)](#), bringing the total number of participating states to 104 and adding significant momentum in support of ICAO's climate work.

The 16 States are Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cook Islands, Gambia, Grenada, Kiribati, Nauru, Oman, Saint Kitts and Nevis, South Sudan, Suriname, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

CORSA is an important element to complement the basket of measures that ICAO is promoting to reduce the climate impact of flying. The other measures being undertaken include technological innovation, operational improvement, and the implementation of sustainable aviation fuels.

While the CORSA implementation of CO₂ monitoring, reporting and verification has been fully on-track, more participating States will bring ICAO States closer to meeting the global aspirational goal of carbon neutral growth for international aviation. This goal was agreed through ICAO.

For States with particular interest in eco-tourism, such as island States, their CORSA participation will provide the additional benefit of greening air transport connections to the rest of the world.

"I highly welcome the announcements and engagement of more States to volunteer to join CORSA. The increasing number of ICAO Member States' participation in CORSA sends a strong signal in terms of ICAO's continued commitment to addressing CO₂ emissions from international aviation, as recently emphasized by the Council. This timely leadership will help to build the strong momentum for global climate action, in the lead up toward the next ICAO Assembly and beyond," highlighted ICAO Council President Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano.

ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu emphasized that "the ICAO Assistance, Capacity-building and Training for CORSA (ACT-CORSA) programme has also been well in place, bringing States and aviation industry to partner together for the full implementation of CORSA. In the best spirit of ICAO's *No Country Left Behind* initiative, ICAO will continue its efforts to support States and encourage more to join CORSA."

In the spirit of 2021 as the "make it or break it" year for global climate action to build the strong momentum, ICAO Deputy Director Environment Ms. Jane Hupe added that "Joining CORSA is a sign from Member States of commitment to climate action in aviation through ICAO. We stand fully behind those States in responding to the climate change challenge, facilitating concrete actions."



Resources for Editors

[ICAO's Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation \(CORSIA\)](#)
[ICAO's No Country Left Behind initiative](#)

About ICAO

A specialized agency of the United Nations, ICAO was created by governments in 1944 to support their diplomacy on international air transport matters. Since that time, countries have adopted over 12,000 standards and practices through ICAO which help to align their national regulations relevant to aviation safety, security, efficiency, capacity and environmental protection, enabling a truly global network to be realized. ICAO forums also provide opportunities for advice and advocacy to be shared with government decision-makers by industry groups, civil society NGOs, and other officially-recognized air transport stakeholders.

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