



**Address by the ICAO Secretary General
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1. The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), a specialized UN organization for international aviation, with its 193 Member States and in collaboration with over 100 international organizations, is committed to achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.
2. Last year, ICAO adopted the Global Framework at the third ICAO Conference on Aviation and Alternative Fuels (CAAF/3) held in Dubai, UAE, to scale up clean energy in aviation. Through the Framework, ICAO and its Member States will strive to reduce international aviation CO₂ emissions by 5 percent by 2030, through the use of aviation cleaner energies.
3. Today, 125 airports are distributing SAF globally, with more than 330 facilities producing it. SAF is currently approved for up to 50% blending with conventional jet fuel, and the aviation sector aims for 100% SAF commercial operations by 2030.
4. The Global Framework provides clarity, consistency and predictability to governments, investors, industry and fuel producers, on policies, regulations, implementation needs, and investments required to support and unlock the full potential of the aviation sector’s energy transition globally.
5. The clean energy transition for aviation is happening now. Our pathway forward is clear and the process is underway. We have the goal. We have the globally harmonized regulatory frameworks which includes internationally agreed technical and sustainability criteria and standards that are transparent, robust and environmentally sound. It does not exclude any particular fuel source, pathway, feedstock or technology, as long as it meets the CORSIA sustainability criteria. We are providing concrete implementation support with our ICAO Assistance, Capacity-building and Training for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (ACT-SAF) Programme and we are making progress on the

new ICAO Finvest Hub to facilitate the financial access to aviation decarbonization projects. Tomorrow You will be hearing good news about a significant milestone we have achieved for the Finvest Hub with a new strategic partnership.

6. The journey to Aviation Net-Zero 2050 is not just an ambition, it is a necessity. We will need unprecedented cooperation, and I am sure that with our continued collaboration and innovation, we can together achieve a sustainable future for aviation.
7. Let me conclude by recognizing that the Aviation Clean Energy Transition is not going to be easy... but quoting from Santos Dumont - Brazil's "Father of aviation" and the "Godfather" of the Iguazu Park – an aviator, ecologist and visionary...
8. "As alturas nao me intimidam".
9. Thank you