

ICCAIA Welcomes CAAF/3 Agreement on Sustainable Aviation Fuels

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ICCAIA warmly welcomes the agreement reached by ICAO Member States today at the Third Conference on Aviation Alternative Fuels (CAAF/3) in Dubai and congratulates ICAO on achieving a successful outcome. The text not only reaffirms the commitment to the Long-Term Aspirational Goal (LTAG) of Net Zero carbon emissions by 2050 but also presents the international civil aviation sector with a strong opportunity to demonstrate climate action at the COP28 meeting starting in Dubai on November 30th.

ICCAIA applauds the inclusion of a goal in the ICAO agreement for carbon from fuels to be reduced by 5%. This aligns with our submission to the pre-CAAF meeting held in Montreal this past September when we strongly advocated for a goal of not less than 5% carbon intensity reduction by 2030. The agreement sends a strong signal to both the financial and energy sectors that the energy transition is inevitable and, together with the included financing measures demonstrates that rapid investment in Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) infrastructure is warranted.

The use of 'carbon intensity' as a measure also allows the inclusion of not only SAF but also Lower Carbon Aviation Fuels (LCAF) and other energies that are essential to the LTAG, such as electric or hydrogen power, in the future.

Text on the Regulatory Framework and Implementation Support will be key for States as they plan, develop, and implement regional policies, and the 'toolkit' will help to define the potential policy components to be integrated.

The text also calls upon aircraft and engine manufacturers to achieve compatibility with 100% SAF 'as soon as considered safe to do so'. ICCAIA manufacturers have already initiated this work to ensure such compatibility with suitably qualified fuels by 2030, with further information available on our website, <https://iccaia.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Public-Statement-100-SAF-Commitment-Final.pdf>

The aviation industry cannot achieve its ambitious goals without the support of the entire air transport ecosystem, and ICCAIA members stand ready to support States as the sector pursues the vision set forth in this agreement.