



Dear Colleagues,

The summer season is in full swing and last week saw an all-time record for number of daily flights. Unfortunately, many challenges remain, specifically with ATC, security and customs/immigration staffing levels in key markets around the world, such as the US. We are working with the respective authorities to push for adequate resource re-allocation to ensure efficient operations for our member airlines during this busy time of the year.

Over the past weeks, we held two key events in the Americas: First, an Aviation Day for Ecuador in Guayaquil with over 350 senior executives and government officials in attendance, including Ecuador's President Guillermo Lasso and his Ministers of Tourism, Transport and the Environment. While we highlighted the positive progress made by the Government in advancing air transport in Ecuador over the past year, we also urged the authorities to address two key opportunities to further enhance the country's air transport competitiveness: 1) Reduction of Overflight and Landing Charges, and 2) Infrastructure investments to enhance connectivity with secondary cities.

At the end of June, we then held the Wings of Change Americas conference in Mexico City under the theme of "Empowering Aviation for Socio-Economic Recovery". The event brought together over 400 industry leaders and government authorities to explore the potential of aviation in driving economic resurgence and social progress across Latin America and the Caribbean. We focused our advocacy messaging on making the region more cost competitive by reducing taxes/charges, adequately investing in aging infrastructure and implementing the right regulatory framework to support the industry's sustainability goals.

Sustainability remains on everyone's mind and reaching net zero by 2050 is our region's biggest challenge and opportunity at the same time. To support this ambitious goal, IATA released a [net zero tracking methodology](#) to guide industry emissions reporting. IATA will aggregate and report annually inputs from IATA member airlines on an industry basis. In addition, IATA launched five [Net Zero roadmaps](#) to provide step-by-step detailing of critical actions for aviation to achieve net zero, addressing aircraft technology, energy infrastructure, operations, finance, and policy. We have started hosting sustainability workshops across the region to educate government authorities to ensure the right regulatory frameworks and policies are in place.

Lastly, I am also pleased to share two recent senior appointments: [Cintya Martínez Maldonado](#) joins IATA as the new Country Manager for Mexico. Cintya has an outstanding professional background, having previously worked at American Express. And on August 28, Julie Mailhot will join IATA as the new Regional Director, Operations, Safety & Security for the Americas. Julie is an accomplished aviation professional with an impressive career spanning over 33 years at Air Canada.

As usual, please find IATA's most recent activities across the Americas below and please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions. Thank you for your on-going support.



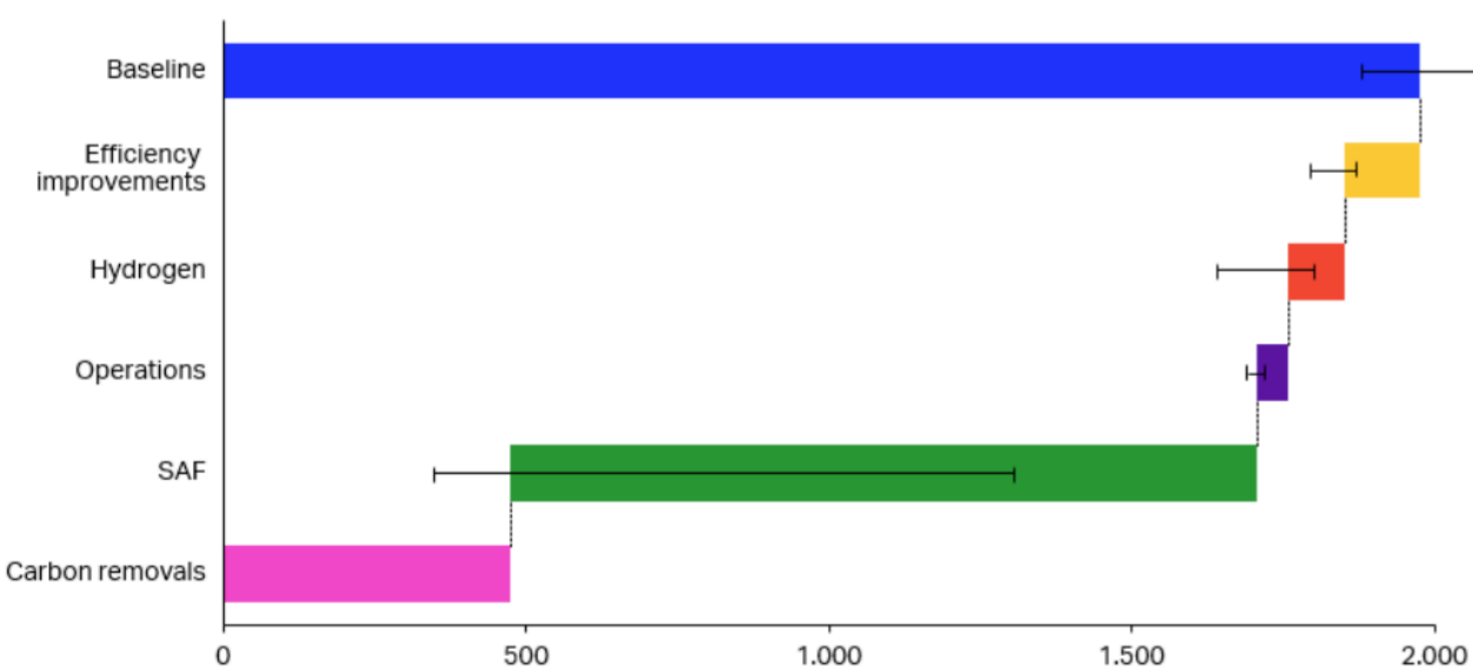
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GETTING TO NET-ZERO AVIATION – A BOTTOM-UP

Aviation CO₂ emissions (in million tonnes) in 2050



Source: IATA Sustainability and Economics

IATA'S FIVE NET ZERO ROADMAPS

	Aircraft Technology Roadmap	Operations Roadmap	Infrastructure Roadmap	Policy Roadmap	Finance Roadmap
Reduce in-flight energy use	○	○		○	○
Change the fuel	○		○	○	○
Re-capture emitted CO ₂			○	○	○

ARGENTINA: UPDATE ON PLANS TO OPERATE LONG-HAUL FLIGHTS FROM AEROPARQUE (AEP)

IATA held discussions with government agencies ANAC, EANA, and airport operator AA2000 regarding the certification of Buenos Aires' Aeroparque Airport (AEP) for wide-body operations to the US. However, while some flights were originally planned for August, there continues to be significant disorganization, lack of coordination, and transparency among the agencies, which has caused delays and uncertainties. Outstanding items from ORSNA and EANA, including updated aeronautical charts and airport layout, still need approval from ANAC, and the timing of the TSA audit visit to AEP remains unknown. While the runway extension and terminal expansion have been completed, certain facilities like cargo and catering are not available at AEP, requiring transfers to/from EZE. Various operational aspects, including training, customs, immigration, and fuel supply, also need attention. IATA will continue its close dialogue with ANAC and other impacted stakeholders to ensure the above items are addressed before the start of long-haul operations. For details, please contact IATA's Area Manager for Argentina, Paraguay & Uruguay, [Maria Jose Taveira](#).



BRAZIL: TAX REDUCTIONS RESULTING IN INDUSTRY SAVINGS

After joint industry advocacy efforts, Brazil's National Congress approved the text of MP1147, and the President enacted it into Law 14.592, reducing some taxes (PIS & COFINS) levied on regular air passenger revenues to zero. The government estimates that the airline industry will save ~US\$100 Mi per year through this tax benefit from 2023 to 2026. IATA met with Senator Daniella Ribeiro to highlight the importance of this initiative and the benefits for the Brazilian aviation industry. For more details, please contact IATA's Country Manager for Brazil, [Dany Oliveira](#).



BRAZIL: PROPOSED GRU ENVIRONMENTAL TAX RECOGNIZED AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL



In a significant victory for the aviation industry, the Court of Appeals of the State of São Paulo ruled in favor of the industry, recognizing the unconstitutionality of the environmental tax proposed by the municipality of Guarulhos, thus reinforcing the federal government's jurisdiction over aviation law. This decision serves as a deterrent for other municipalities or states (such as Congonhas) attempting to impose similar taxes. While there remains a potential risk of appeal by GRU City Hall, IATA remains committed to advocating for a favorable outcome in support of the industry. For more details, please contact IATA's Assistant Director, External Affairs & Sustainability, Brazil, [Marcelo Pedroso](#).

CANADA: SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS ON AIR PASSENGER PROTECTION REGULATIONS (APPR)



The Canadian Transportation Minister announced new proposed amendments to the Canadian Transportation Act on 24 April 2023, to strengthen Canada's Air Passenger Protection Regulations (APPR). On 22 June 2023, the Canadian Government passed the Budget Implementation Act, 2023, which modified the Canadian Transportation Act to provide the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) the authority to issue new regulations in this area. On 11 July 2023, the CTA published a [consultation paper](#) on the proposed changes to the APPR, including making compensation mandatory for all disruptions except under very limited situations and replacing the existing air travel complaint process with policies that favour the complainant. IATA will be preparing comments on the consultation for submission by the 10 August 2023, deadline. IATA encourages all members serving the Canadian market to either file their own comments or support the IATA comments. For more details, please contact IATA's Vice President, Member & External Relations, North America, [Doug Lavin](#).

CANADA: PEAK PRICING AT TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Toronto Pearson



GTAA (Greater Toronto Airports Authority), the operator of Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ), continues its plan to implement peak pricing charging suggesting it could improve the use of infrastructure and influence airlines behavior. If implemented, airlines will be charged based on their slot use and peak arrival and peak departure times stipulated in the proposal, with the peak times varying by season. Airlines and IATA opposed peak pricing charging during several interactions with GTAA, including a letter to its CEO, because it redistributes costs among different airline users arbitrarily. In addition, IATA opposes the use of "slot requests" as a charging base instead of actual movements, as it could involve airports charging airlines for unused facilities/services. IATA is coordinating further actions with member airlines and NACC. For more details, please contact IATA's Country Manager for the United States, [Ben Barrocas](#).

CAYMAN ISLANDS: POSSIBLE INCREASE IN AIRPORT FEES



IATA expressed the industry's concerns to the authorities in the Cayman Islands regarding the recent announcement of the airport redevelopment plan that will be financed through an increase in the airport terminal tax to CI\$5 and the creation of a new airport development fee of CI\$15. IATA urged the government to engage in a consultation process with airlines before the charges take effect and the proposed CAPEX program begins. For details, contact IATA's Charges Manager, the Americas, [Guillermo Rodriguez](#).

COLOMBIA: ANTICIPATED FLEXIBILITY FOR RESTRICTED PALANQUERO AIRSPACE IN BOG



IATA, in coordination with airlines, the Colombian Air Force and Aerocivil, carried out a coordinated plan to make the restricted military airspace surrounding El Dorado International Airport (BOG) more flexible. A trial is being carried out to identify opportunities for improvement in the approval process, time savings, CO2 emissions and fuel consumption. The analysis meeting between the various stakeholders will take place at the end of July, and IATA expects a more flexible use for commercial operations moving forward. For more details, please contact IATA's Manager for Safety & Flight Operations, [Edgar Sanchez](#).

COSTA RICA: GOVERNMENT COMMITS US\$40 MILLION FOR RUNWAY RENOVATION IN LIBERIA



Following the publication of a low pavement coefficient number (PCN) and IATA's letter to authorities voicing the industry's concern, the government has committed US\$40 million to resurface the runway at Liberia's Daniel Oduber International Airport (LIR). Due to its importance for tourism, the project has been fast-tracked with emergency status; this will expedite the bidding process to break ground in September 2023. IATA remains engaged with the Civil Aviation Authority to ensure that the improved runway includes a PCN that accommodates operator requirements. For more details, please contact IATA's Manager, Industry Relationships for Central America, [Lucas Castrellon](#).

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 217-2022 EXTENDED



The Civil Aviation Board (JAC) of the Dominican Republic has extended Resolution 217-2022 by another 30 working days. The Resolution was scheduled to come into effect on July 14. JAC formally notified airlines of the extension on July 7, bringing the new deadline to on or around August 28. In parallel, IATA continues to follow up with the local tax authority (DGII) on their progress in exploring solutions to resolve this ongoing issue. For details, contact IATA's Area Manager for the Caribbean, [Annaleen Lord](#).

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN INITIATIVE TO RETHINK GLOBAL TAXATION POLICY



The Colombian Ministry of Finance, in close collaboration with the Ministries of Finance from Brazil and Chile, is leading an initiative in the region to contribute to an inclusive, sustainable and equal global tax framework, aimed to align the regions' interests and positions and raise their visibility on the international tax policy debate. IATA has been participating actively in the various sessions, contributing its views on the OECD BEPS Pillars 1 and 2, UN Article 8 revision and the need to exclude aviation from any environmental tax proposals. The Ministerial Summit will take place in Cartagena, July 27-28, where ministers will agree on the key topics to prioritize. For more details, please contact IATA's Manager, External Affairs & Sustainability, [Alejandro Restrepo](#).

MEXICO: DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MOVE CARGO ONLY OPERATIONS FROM MEX TO NLU



The Mexican Government published a [new decree](#) extending the term of the closure of all-cargo operations at Mexico City International Airport (MEX) from 108 to 148 business days, resulting in a deadline of September 1. Over the past months, IATA has been actively working with the government and various stakeholders to support the readiness of Felipe Angeles International Airport (NLU) to transfer all cargo-only operations from MEX, and we will continue provide its expertise to all stakeholders involved in the transitioning process. For more details, please contact IATA's Country Manager for Mexico, [Cintya Martinez](#).

UNITED STATES: UPDATE ON FAA REAUTHORIZATION



On 14 June 2023, the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee passed legislation to reauthorize the funding and programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, which are currently set to expire on 30 September 2023. The bill is expected to be considered by the full House of Representatives in mid-July. Of particular interest, the measure would make changes to Open Skies policy, institute new requirements on foreign repair stations, and raise the retirement age for commercial pilots in the US from 65 to 67. The Senate Commerce Committee has not set a date to consider its version of the legislation due to a disagreement over modifying pilot training requirements in the US. For more details, please contact IATA's Vice President, Member & External Relations, North America, [Doug Lavin](#).