



AVIATION PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



**REACHING GLOBAL MARKETS:
CONNECTING LLDCS' CITIES THROUGH
SUSTAINABLE AVIATION**

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A side event to the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

When: Wednesday 11 July 2018, 13:15 - 14:30 hrs

Where: Conference Room S-1520, UN Secretariat Building, New York City

Registration: Open to HLPF participants

For any questions, you may contact the host at hertova@un.org, TDebodt@icao.int.

Overview

Sustainable aviation is a driver for economic development, trade and tourism in all countries. A poorly funded and overseen aviation industry, which does not meet international requirements adopted by ICAO, has been proven to raise risks and barriers for the socio-economic development of countries. For the LLDCs, given their geographical location and isolation, aviation also represents an essential lifeline to connect to the rest of the world and help overcome the challenges of landlockedness. Air transport systems, in particular airports, are ideally positioned to connect the major cities of the LLDCs, which are the hubs of economic activity but are typically remote and isolated from global centres of economic activity, with the world markets.

This high-level event, organized as a side event on the margins of the 2018 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (2018 HLPF) is an Aviation Partnerships for Sustainable Development initiative that will support States in achieving commitments made in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular the Vienna Programme of Action for the LLDCs (VPoA).

Objective

This side event aims at raising sustainable air transport as priority for sustainable development and investment and sensitizing decision-makers from LLDCs, transit countries and development partners on the contribution of air transport in connecting the landlocked developing countries to global networks and supporting socio-economic development.

Programme

Moderated by Ms. Fekitamueloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, UN-OHRLS

Panel:

- Keynote address - Paraguay (Chair of the Group of LLDCs): National experience sharing with a specific focus on how aviation benefits the LLDCs' socio-economic development.
- ICAO: Benefits of prioritizing aviation in the urban development, with view to identify the driving force of aviation for enhancing connectivity of LLDCs' cities.
- University of Sydney, Institute of Transport and Logistics Studies: Modelling the potential for aviation liberalization in Central Asia (Video Connect)

National experience sharing by LLDCs:

- Ethiopia: Best practices and principles in sustainable urban land use and land management around air transport infrastructure – the Addis Ababa airport (tbc)
- Mongolia: Upgrading aviation infrastructure to connect the global markets

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