

The allocation issue

The ICAO Assembly has expressed an interest in how ICAO might assist in furthering discussion on the issue of allocating international aviation emissions. This issue is being examined within CAEP in the context of analysing the potential role of emissions trading as a means of limiting or reducing greenhouse gas emissions from civil aviation.

In this connection, we noted with interest the statement in the Secretariat's document that "It would be up to the Parties to determine whether, and if so when, the inclusion of international bunker fuels into national totals would affect "assigned amounts" as defined in Article 3 of the Kyoto Protocol" (FCCC/SBSTA/1999/INF.4, footnote 1 to para 9), .

Emissions reporting

Finally, ICAO has considerable expertise in the area of data collection in the field of aviation. The Secretariat's document (FCCC/SBSTA/1999/INF.4) focuses on the difficulties that States have experienced in accurately reporting emissions from the aviation sector. We would like to extend an invitation to work more closely with the appropriate organizations (IPCC, SBSTA or the UNFCCC Secretariat) in developing and implementing a plan to improve inventory reporting of greenhouse gases from the aviation sector.

SUMMARY

This short summary is intended to give a comprehensive review of the significant and wide-ranging efforts being made to address the reduction of emissions from aviation. The IPCC report, requested by ICAO, gives a thorough assessment of the relevant issues including the status of research and knowledge about the various impacts of aviation on the atmosphere. ICAO itself is leading investigations into the possible further actions, including new technology, new or revised standards, operational measures and market-based options to achieve the desired results, while taking into account the unique features of civil aviation.

Endnotes

1. Appendix F to Resolution A32-8, *Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies and practices related to environmental protection*. Accessible on the ICAO website (www.icao.int).
 2. Appendix H of Resolution A32-8, *Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies and practices related to environmental protection*. Accessible on the ICAO website (www.icao.int).
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