Key Outcomes: ATConf/6

The much-anticipated ICAO Sixth Worldwide Air Transport Conference (ATConf/6) was held at ICAO Headquarters in Montréal from 18 to 22 March 2013.

It was attended by over 1,000 delegates and observers from 131 Member States and 39 international organizations.

Through five days of intensive work, the Conference covered a wide-ranging agenda and produced a comprehensive package of conclusions and recommendations which will now help to guide related policy directions and actions of both States and ICAO in the air transport field.

Main Achievements

The success and main achievements which arose from the ATConf/6 deliberations can be summarized on the basis of four important developments:

- Highlighting air transport policy as an integral element of a sustainable civil aviation system.
- Reaffirming the objective of enhanced liberalization and ICAO's leadership role in developing related policies and tools.
- Breaking new ground in modernizing the global regulatory framework.
- Providing a basis for concrete actions by ICAO in its future work in the air transport field.
ICAO Council Action Plan

The ICAO Council has reviewed and approved the recommendations of ATConf/6 and subsequently adopted an action plan to implement the recommendations which fall under ICAO’s areas of responsibility.

Some of the major actions the Organization plans to take in the next three years are:

- To establish a voluntary air transport fund to support its work and meet States needs.

- To develop a long-term vision for international air transport liberalization, including examination of an international agreement for States to liberalize market access.

- To develop a compendium of competition policies and practices of States and regional bodies.

- To develop an international agreement to liberalize air carrier ownership and control.

- To develop a set of core principles on consumer protection.

- To keep ICAO policy guidance on air transport regulation and liberalization current and responsive to changes and needs of States, and to develop further guidance and additional means to facilitate liberalization.

- To consider establishment of operational and economic incentives to allow early benefits of new technologies and procedures relating to the aviation system block upgrades (ASBUs).

- To explore the establishment of new mechanisms to ensure the sustainable funding of the oversight functions at the State and regional levels.

For more information on the results of ATConf/6, please visit: [www.icao.int/Meetings/ATConf6/Pages/WorkingPapers](http://www.icao.int/Meetings/ATConf6/Pages/WorkingPapers)

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