Air Services Agreements

ICAO: An Efficient Meeting Facility for Air Service Negotiations

ICAO Air Services Negotiations (ICAN) events provide an innovative and practical means by which ICAO Member States can conduct multiple bilateral air services negotiations in a single location. ICAN events greatly improve the efficiency of the negotiation process by avoiding situations where a State would have to travel separately to each of its partner States to conduct its talks. They also permit ICAO Member States to engage in regional, plurilateral or multilateral negotiations on a one-stop basis if needed.

Since its inception in 2008, ICAN has been held annually, in different regions, with increasing participation. Up to date, a total of 107 States, representing 56 per cent of the ICAO membership, have utilized this facility at least once, resulting in the signing of over 300 air services agreements and arrangements, including many ‘open skies’ agreements. States have widely recognized the value of ICAN as an efficient and cost effective means for conducting air service negotiations.

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ICAN 2013

The 2013 ICAN event will take place from 9 to 13 December 2013 in Durban, South Africa, hosted by the Department of Transport of South Africa. ICAN2013’s seminar session during the opening day will be an enhanced version, featuring a specific session dedicated to fostering dialogue between competition authorities from ICAO member States in discussing compatible approaches in dealing with competition issues in air transport.

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ICAO World Air Services Agreements (WASA)

The WASA database is an on-line product accessible to States, industry and the general public. It contains the original text of over 3,000 air services agreements and amendments involving 166 States. An analytical tool allows WASA users to identify the existence or absence of up to 90 distinct provisions covering the exchange of traffic rights, administrative, capacity as well as tariff clauses.

The database also includes a summary of the routes exchanged through the agreement. ICAO WASA is intended for air services negotiators from civil aviation authorities and consultants analyzing and researching markets on behalf of regulators. The use of the database empowers regulators and aviation experts to evaluate developments in the air transport field and to assess the degree of liberalization on different routes.

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ICAO Template Air Services Agreement (TASA)

The ICAO Template Air Services Agreements (TASAs) are comprehensive framework air services agreements for optional use by States. This template is a “living document” developed to include provisions on traditional, transitional and most liberal approaches to the various elements in an air services agreement (both bilateral and regional/plurilateral).

The wording of TASAs is based on the model clauses or language developed by ICAO over the years on various air services agreement articles as well as a distillation of the most common and current usage by States in this field. States have the ability to choose different approaches for different provisions and shape agreements which best fit their own pace and path for changes in market access and liberalization.

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