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AIR MAURITIUS CHAIRMAN ADDRESSES IATA AVIATION & ENVIRONMENT SUMMIT 2008



Air Mauritius Chairman, Mr Sanjay Bhuckory

Air Mauritius Chairman and IATA Governor, Sanjay Bhuckory, addressed the IATA Aviation & Environment Summit in Geneva on 23rd April 2008. The Summit was attended by several prominent personalities of the aviation and related sectors. The Opening Speech was delivered by the Director General & CEO of IATA, Mr Giovanni Bisignani. The Session, in which Air Mauritius' Chairman intervened, examined the practical measures to limit carbon emissions through the optimisation of infrastructures and operations.

Giving the example of the national airline, Mr. Bhuckory explained how, in investing in the latest technology, it possessed one of the youngest fleets in Africa, thereby optimising its fuel efficiency. He also spoke about Air Mauritius' proposed initiatives to reduce carbon emissions, namely through the adoption of the shortest flight routes, single engine taxiing, continuous descent approach, use of electric ground handling vehicles and the recycling of in-flight waste, amongst others.

Mr. Bhuckory made a strong plea in favour of African airlines to IATA and ICAO to impress upon certain States to reduce their exorbitant over-flying charges. He also advocated a gradual approach to the emission trading schemes, so as not to hamper the growth of African airlines, more especially small and vulnerable ones.

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Pictured above: Mr Philippe Rochat, Executive Director of Air Transport Action Group, Mr Giovanni Bisignani, Director General & CEO of IATA and Mr Sanjay Bhuckory, Air Mauritius Chairman

A Declaration on the 'Commitment of Action on Climate Change' was unanimously adopted at the Summit. Mr. Bhuckory engaged Air Mauritius adherence to the Summit Declaration, which seeks to accelerate action aiming at mitigating the aviation industry's environmental impact, whilst globally sustaining the development of society. In so doing, he added, the national airline recognised its environmental responsibilities and determination to a pathway to carbon-neutral growth.

In conclusion, Mr. Bhuckory announced that, with a view to implementing IATA's Strategy on the reduction of carbon emission, Air Mauritius is taking the lead and hosting a Summit on 'Aviation & Environment: Sustainable Development' in Mauritius on 30th October 2008. The Summit is supported by the Government of Mauritius and IATA. The Director General & CEO of IATA and other international experts in aviation and the environment will participate in the Summit.

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Air Mauritius is the national carrier of the Republic of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. Created in 1967, it currently operates a fleet of five A340-300, two A340-300E, two A319-100, one A330-200 and two ATR72-500. Air Mauritius presently flies to twenty six destinations in Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa and the Indian Ocean.

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