

Workshop on
Aviation and Climate Change - Challenges on a global and equitable solution
organized by LAYA- INECC and Bread for the World, Germany

Aviation is the fastest growing source of greenhouse gas emissions in the transport sector and the most climate-intensive form of transport. International aviation emits more CO₂ than France or Australia. Aviation emissions have more than doubled in the last twenty years and the sector accounts for 4.9% up to 14%¹ of total worldwide emissions contributing to climate change. If it is left unregulated, aviation emissions may quadruple by 2050 forming by then a very significant proportion of a global carbon budget. Global targets to reduce emissions within the aviation sector urgently need to be tabled.

The mandated UN Agency ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization) has failed so far to agree on any binding measures to control greenhouse gas emissions in the ensuing 15 years. The EU has implemented a regional scheme to address emissions from international aviation which has led to an intense international indignation of unfair practices. The EU has stopped the clock for the international inclusion of emissions from aviation under the precondition that until January 2014 a global scheme will replace the regional solution of the EU. The ICAO has started to work on a global scheme facing the same problems as in the past years in integrating the Common but Differentiated Responsibilities (CBDR) principle based on respective capabilities of industrialized and developing countries.

The sector is inherently global in nature which is why the ICAO underlies the principle of Non-Discrimination and does not differentiate between rich and poor countries. A well designed approach must be environmentally robust and ensure a significant reduction of emissions caused by aviation. It should also address equity to ensure that poor countries do not take the same burden as rich countries. But it's a challenge for us as a part of civil society in India to engage with this issue considering its future ramifications and imperative that we safeguard equity concerns in policy options.

This workshop aims at providing an overview of current developments to curb emissions from international aviation. Analysing the role of India in this debate, the workshop will particularly focus on the questions of equity. This includes also the question that only 3% of the rich population, no matter which nationality, contributes to emissions through aviation and 97% suffers from these emissions. Focus will also be on false solutions such as the risks of potential options that involve offsets from the UN's flexible mechanisms. The ultimate goal of the workshop is to kick-off a dialogue between civil society organizations and national authorities in India to actively participate in this political debate.

¹ Lee et al. 2009: Aviation and global climate change in the 21st century (<http://elib.dlr.de/59761/1/lee.pdf>)

Note: Draft programme schedule: (speakers yet to be confirmed)

9th May 2013

Day 1 of the Workshop:

9.00 – 9:30	Registration and Arrival
09.30-10.00	Welcome by LAYA- INECC, Nafisa Goga D’Souza
10.00-10.45	The dimension of equity in aviation Sabine Minninger, Bread for the World
10.45-11.45	Myths and truths about tourism Sumesh Mangalassery, Kabani – India
11.45-12.00	Coffee & Tea
12.00-13.00	Aviation in Carbon Markets Eva Filzmoser, Carbon Market Watch
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-14.45	Challenges on a global regulation for aviation, Sanjay Vasisht, CANSA
14.45-15.30	India’s position in ICAO Mr. T.S. Tirumurti INDIA Joint Secretary (UN), Ministry of External Affairs, Negotiator in ICAO
15.30-16.00	Tea & coffee
16.00-17.30	Panel Discussion on Equity in Aviation Moderated by: Chandrabushan, CSE Input: Lavanya Rajamani, Centre for Policy Research, Panelists: Srinivas Krishnaswamy, Vasudha T.S. Tirumurthi, India Joint Secretary Bill Hemmings, T&E Commentator: Ragunandhan
17.30-18.00	Q&A –a wrap up
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Day 2 of the Workshop:	
9-9.30	Reflections on the first day: Siddharth D’Souza
9.30-11:00	Panel with representatives from Embassies from emerging economies, EU, SIDS, Airline and NGO representative
11:00-12:00	Break-up Groups on equity in aviation (Bill Hemmings), climate justice in tourism (Sumesh Mangalassery), aviation in carbon markets (Eva Filzmoser)
12:00-1:00	How to move on with aviation in India
1pm	End and Lunch