



## SADC AVIATION SAFETY ORGANISATION

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### **SASO Hosts SADC Aviation Environmental Protection Workshop**

SASO hosted the SADC Aviation Environmental Protection workshop in Mbabane, Eswatini on the 24th and 25th of October 2024. The workshop was facilitated by the ICAO-ESAF Regional Environmental Officer Ms. Chinga Mazhetese and was attended by participants from Eswatini, Malawi and Zambia who were drawn from both operators and regulators.



The objective of the workshop was to sensitize the SADC Member States on how to meet the requirements of ICAO Annex 16 on Environmental Protection. Information from ICAO shows that 14 out of the 16 SADC States have developed and submitted their State Action Plans on the reduction of Carbon Dioxide Emissions. Despite that, there has been minimum action on the implementation of the same plans by the States. The workshop therefore highlighted strategies, out of those available in the basket of measures, where the aviation sector can make the most impact in mitigating the effects of these emissions. ICAO also presented environment regulations which States can adapt for their use.

At the end of the workshop, participants were invited to vote for a single environmental protection related slogan from a list that they had submitted. The winning slogan was submitted by Mr. Godfrey Kanyanta from Zambia and it says **“Environmental Protection – Our Shared Responsibility for a Sustainable Aviation Industry”**. This winning slogan will be added as a punchline to the SASO email signatures.

Participants reiterated their resolve to do their part in protecting the environment for the benefit of future generations. SASO appreciates the support that it has been receiving from ICAO and will make the workshop an annual event for the region.