

Doha summit to discuss 'green aviation'

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DOHA: Aviation industry leaders meeting here for three days from today will discuss a possible roadmap for "Green Aviation" to influence policymakers at the forthcoming Copenhagen climate summit.

The crucial Doha Aviation Summit will also discuss the public-private partnership in ensuring a carbon-free future and formulate a green agenda for the aviation industry.

IATA has been calling on governments to adopt a sectoral approach to emission reductions for long. The industry has committed to some tough targets, including carbon-neutral growth from 2020. At the Doha summit, Quentin Browell, Assistant Director, Aviation Environment, at IATA, will explain why each government needs to think globally to finetune the aviation industry's strategy to fight climate change.

The theme of the summit is "Clean Sky". It is a joint technology initiative intended to reduce CO2 emissions by around 40 percent and the existing noise levels by 50 percent. It aims to develop an advanced competitive air transport system. The meet would discuss how to achieve this critical target during this time of crisis.

IATA's environmental team will present a case study on the environmental activities of airlines. The meet would also discuss the technological breakthroughs that will enable the aviation sector to go green.

Most airports have decided to implement a strategic green plan to reduce the environmental impact. The information and communication technology (ICT) has a crucial role to play in reducing the gas and energy consumptions. The session will explore how ICT can improve airports' green credentials while reducing costs.

Kevin Welsh, Environmental Regulatory Affairs Manager at the Air Transport Association of America, Quentin Browell, and Kurt Edwards, Senior International Advisor, Environment, at the Federal Aviation Administration, are among the speakers at the summit.

Captain Chris Schroder, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Environment and Fuel Optimization at Qatar Airways, will be the moderator.

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