

# Industry Taxation

## Purpose

Since the 1980s, many Governments have required the airline industry to collect taxes, fees and charges from consumers on their behalf. These amounts have increased from less than USD 1 billion annually, in the 80s, to more than USD 64 billion today. This results in a significant administrative and financial burden for the airline industry and higher costs for consumers – and the money collected is rarely allocated to making the aviation industry more digital, modern, safe, secure or sustainable.

The Industry Taxation area of involvement provides Strategic Partners with opportunities to engage with the IATA Industry Taxation team and the taxation specialists who work for IATA's member airlines (including members of the Industry Taxation Working Group) and work together to explore ways to manage the administrative and financial challenges in the area of industry taxation.

## Designed for

- Tax services and consulting firms
- Aircraft manufacturers
- Aircraft lessors
- Fuel producers
- Airports
- Travel and tourism entities

## Meetings & Working Groups

### INDUSTRY TAXATION WORKING GROUP

The Industry Taxation Working Group is a specialized group of airline tax experts that provides technical advice and guidance to IATA management on taxation issues.

## Focus Areas

- Developing strategies and action plans to protect IATA Member airlines, their customers and the overall travel and tourism sector from an ever-increasing tax burden
- Expressing strong opposition to policies imposing taxes to finance activities other than aviation-related services, since they have a negative impact on a country's travel and tourism industry
- Directing the attention of aviation and non-aviation stakeholders (e.g., governments) to the real impact of taxation on transport and tourism economics
- Sharing intelligence on new taxes with Strategic Partners and maintaining a 'watch-list' of potential new taxes to identify where industry advocacy efforts might be required
- Promoting the importance and maintenance of the worldwide regime of reciprocal tax exemptions, as laid out in Policy Document 8632 of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

## Area Benefits

- Ability to attend the annual Industry Taxation Forum, held in conjunction with IATA's World Financial Symposium, with access to preferential speaking, marketing and sponsorship opportunities.

A full list of the Strategic Partnership Program benefits can be found [here](#).

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