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# ATR welcomes ICAO officials

### ATR fully supports the ICAO's "No country left behind" initiative

**Toulouse, 8 December, 2015** – Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu, ICAO Council President, and Dr. Fang Liu, ICAO Secretary General, were welcomed on December 4<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup> by Patrick de Castelbajac, ATR's Chief Executive Officer, Thierry Casale, Senior Vice-President Programs, and Christopher McGregor, Flight Safety Officer, to ATR facilities.

Focus of discussion was ICAO's strategic objectives in relation to the regional aircraft market. The visit of the ICAO officials provided an insight to ATR's leadership position in the regional aircraft market and its commitment to an environmental-oriented product policy.

ATR has a long standing commitment to greener aviation. This year, an ATR 72 took to the skies on the first flight test campaign of a "Clean Sky" program, to test and validate the use of new materials. This enables further CO2 emission reduction and contribute to an overall greener aviation in the future. This commitment to sustainable operations now and in the future, is fully aligned with ICAO objectives to reduce air transport CO2 emissions by 50% in 2050.

ATR also fully supports the principle of "No country left behind", the ICAO initiative to improve safety and operational standards at a global level. ATR highlighted for example the benefits of Performance Based Navigation (PBN), demonstrated on an ATR simulator. The newest navigation aid tools certified onboard the ATR '-600 series' aircraft also enable more accurate approaches, optimizing flight times and fuel emissions.

ATR became in 2011 the very first regional aircraft manufacturer to obtain an ISO14001 certification for the entire life-cycle of the aircraft, -from design to dismantling-, consolidating its position as the green reference in aviation.

On the occasion of their visit to Toulouse, the ICAO officials also met with senior representatives of Airbus and ENAC, France's Civil Aviation College.

#### About ATR:

Founded in 1981, ATR has become the world leader on the market for regional aircraft with 90 seats or less. Since its creation, ATR has sold over 1,500 aircraft. With over 27 million flight hours, ATR models equip the fleets of more than 190 airlines in over 90 countries. ATR is an equal partnership between two major European aeronautics players, the Airbus Group and Alenia Aermacchi, Finmeccanica Group. Its head office is in Toulouse. ATR is ISO 14001 certified. For additional information, log on to [www.atr-aircraft.com](http://www.atr-aircraft.com).

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