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Momentous Dangerous Goods Train the Trainer Course in San Jose, Costa Rica

Over twenty participants from 10 countries gathered for a week long training course to become certified trainers for the ICAO FIATA Dangerous Goods by Air Training Programme. The Trainer (TOT) programme was held in San Jose, Costa Rica, from August 29th to September 2nd, with the goal of preparing the next generation of trainers in the Central American region in cooperation with ACACIA, the local FIATA Association Member.

“This was a much needed first step for the region which will help the dissemination of dangerous goods training initiatives and help the industry better engage on dangerous goods and safety matters in the region” voiced FIATA’s Logistics Academy Chairman Mr Issa Baluch

Participants completing the course received a certification of their competency to deliver dangerous goods training. The event is the first time FIATA has offered a course for trainers in this region, and it was seen as a milestone in enhancing training efforts. Following the ToT, FIATA will be able to expand its authorised training centres in Central America and deliver industry specific dangerous goods by air training to forwarders, shippers and packers.



Launched in 2012, the ICAO FIATA Dangerous Goods by Air Training Programme is a collaboration between the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA). The programme which consists of initial and recurrent courses is offered through a network of accredited ICAO FIATA Training Centres. Successful completion is recognised by the issuance of a universally accepted ICAO FIATA Certificate recognised by the International Air Transport Association and its over 250 global air carrier members.

“Our objective is to ensure that a Freight Forwarder is able to verify that the shipper has properly identified, classified, packed, marked, labelled, and documented an article for air transport, according to ICAO’s Technical Instructions” echoed FIATA’s Airfreight Institute Chairman Mr Rodolfo Sagel, who himself is based in South America.

FIATA already has a second Train the Trainer course scheduled for October in Beijing and looks forward to several more ToTs in the coming year to meet the growing training needs of the air cargo supply chain partners, to ensure the safety of air transport. For those interested in obtaining more information on the programme, please contact the FIATA secretariat at eid@fiata.com.

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About FIATA

FIATA, the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations, was founded in Vienna, Austria on May 31st 1926. It is a non-governmental organisation that today represents an industry covering approximately 40,000 forwarding and logistics firms, employing around 10 million people in some 160 countries. FIATA has consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations (inter alia ECE, ESCAP, ESCWA, etc.), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and the UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) as well as many other UN related bodies, e.g. the World Bank. It is recognised as representing the freight forwarding industry by many other governmental organisations, governmental authorities, private international organisations in the field of transport and logistics, such as the European Commission (through CLECAT), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the International Union of Railways (UIC), the International Road Transport Union (IRU), the World Customs Organization (WCO), the World Trade Organization (WTO), etc.

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