

UFAC Financial Assessment and Options Subcommittee

General description

Objective/Goal of the Subcommittee:

The subcommittee will assess current user fee collections both nationally and internationally and develop advice for the benefit of the trade and CBP.

Chair /Co-Chair Names:

The UFAC Financial Assessment and Options subcommittee Co-Chair is Matt Cornelius, Managing Director, Air Policy for the Airports Council International-North America.

Number of Participants from UFAC :

Eight of the sixteen UFAC members participate on this subcommittee.

Projects under the Subcommittee

1. Study of the overall financial environment of CBP
 - The subcommittee, along with CBP, is recommending an independent review of the agency's financial performance to include a detailed study of revenues and expenses as well as financial operations impacted by user fees. Once completed, the subcommittee will evaluate the results of the independent assessment and communicate the results to the entire UFAC for consideration and future recommendations.

Update:

- A scope of work has been developed and reviewed with CBP. The subcommittee will recommend to the UFAC, to recommend to CBP, to fund and procure a third party contractor that will implement the agreed scope of work. The subcommittee will continue to review and provide guidance to CBP as the study begins work.

2. Inventory of User Fees

Update:

- An initial structure for identifying various user fees in the air environment was compiled. The group reviewed the document and CBP identified 20 markets it would like the structure to include. The subcommittee is working to develop the document further.
 - United Airlines is working on the document, and will have it completed in October.

3. Mapping of the Collection and Transmission of Fees

Update:

- IATA and A4A provided an initial map for the aviation sector to the subcommittee and CBP. CBP has several questions about the document, which the subcommittee will review and discuss before moving forward. The land and sea modes will begin developing a similar document.

4. Impact of User Fees on Industry

Update:

- The subcommittee discussed approaches to evaluating the potential impacts from user fees on industry and consumer behavior. The subcommittee incorporated this effort as a tasking in the study on agency revenues and expenses.

Next Steps

The scope of activities may include the following areas:

- CBP will advise UFAC on the progress to fund, procure and launch the study of the agency's financial environment.
- The subcommittee will continue to develop the inventory of user fees and the mapping of the collection and transmission of fees.