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# Ministerial Meeting on Enhancing Air Transport Connectivity and Growth in West Africa

**Segment 4: Strategies and sectoral synergies required for air transport growth**

**The role of innovation**

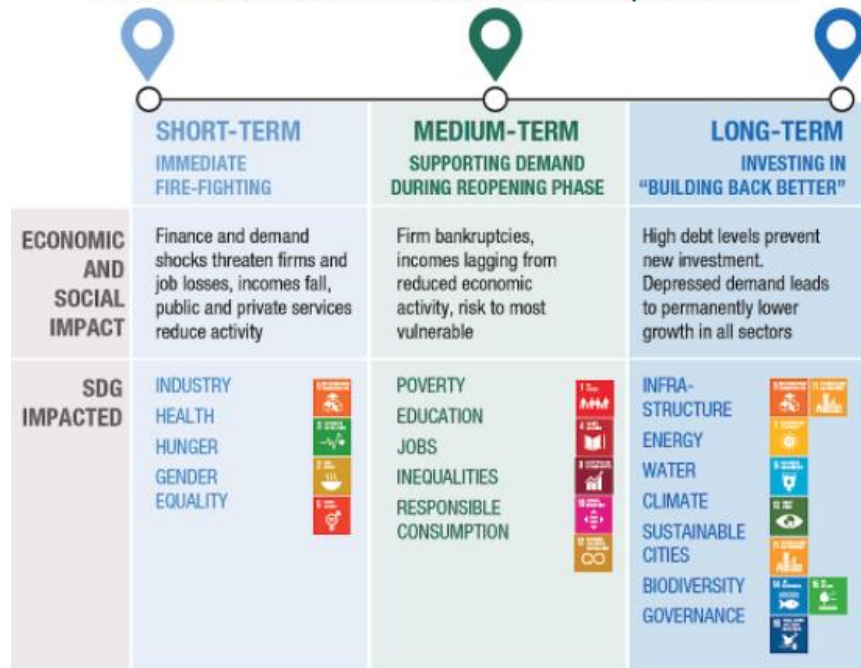
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- COVID-19 hit on the eve of the Decade of Action for the SDGs, increased inequalities and exacerbated vulnerabilities
- Bolder steps needed for a systemic shift towards the Sustainable Development Goals
- Financing gap magnified by COVID-19 to achieve the SDGs remains concerning: OECD analysis shows developing countries face a shortfall of **USD 1.7 trillion in the financing** required to keep on track for SDGs

Infographic 2. The COVID-19 economic and social shock and its consequences for the SDGs



<http://www.oecd.org/development/global-outlook-on-financing-for-sustainable-development-2021-e3c30a9a-en.htm>



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## Innovation as a catalyst for change

- Big data
- Biometrics
- Robotics
- Block chain
- Unmanned aircraft systems
- Augmented Reality
- Artificial Intelligence
- Hybrid and Electric planes





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Developed in 2019, as guidance for ICAO Member States to establish or enhance National Aviation Planning Frameworks, providing;

- a clear and comprehensive approach to support sustainable development of a State's national air transport system;
- guidance for public and private investments in the States aviation infrastructure;
- effective implementation of SARPs and policies;
- elevating the priority of the aviation sector into their national development plans and budget plans supported by robust air transport sector strategic plans and civil aviation master plans.





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