

# AIR TRANSPORT COMPETITIVENESS AND CONNECTIVITY



## Social benefits of aviation

Resilience in the face of extreme weather events

Makes it easier to visit family and friends

## Economic benefits of aviation

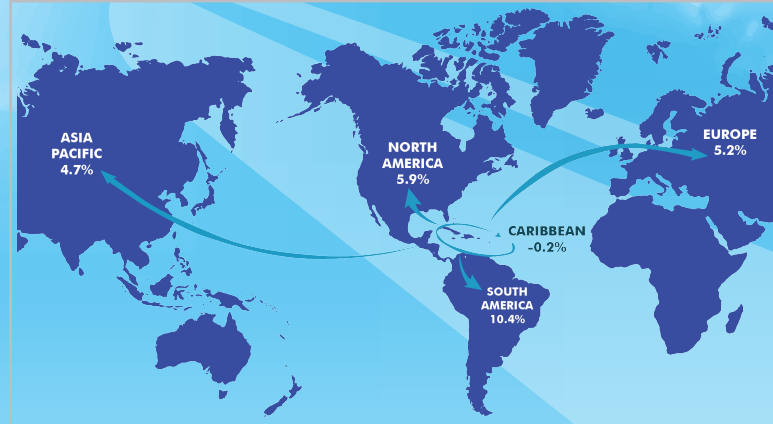
Travel and tourism growth

Improves competitiveness of all industries



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## ANNUAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC GROWTH FROM THE CARIBBEAN 2007-2017



## MIXED STORY FOR REGIONAL AVIATION GROWTH

There has been an increase in air traffic and routes into the Region

There is a decrease in traffic within the Region, and no change in the number of routes

This is consistent with an overall increase in global-sourced tourism but a decrease in Caribbean-sourced tourism

## RATIONALE BEHIND MIXED RESULTS FOR REGIONAL AVIATION GROWTH



## ECONOMIC EFFECTS FOR THE REGION



The decline in intra-regional connectivity is a concern for tourism development as it undermines the industry's growth potential. It also undermines the competitiveness of other sectors.

## BENEFITS OF ENHANCED CONNECTIVITY

THE COMBINATION OF:



COULD ALSO LEAD TO INCREASES IN GDP AND EMPLOYMENT

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