



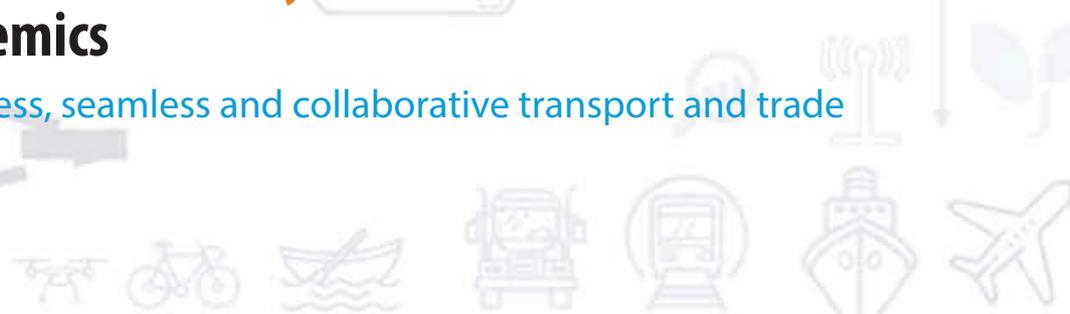
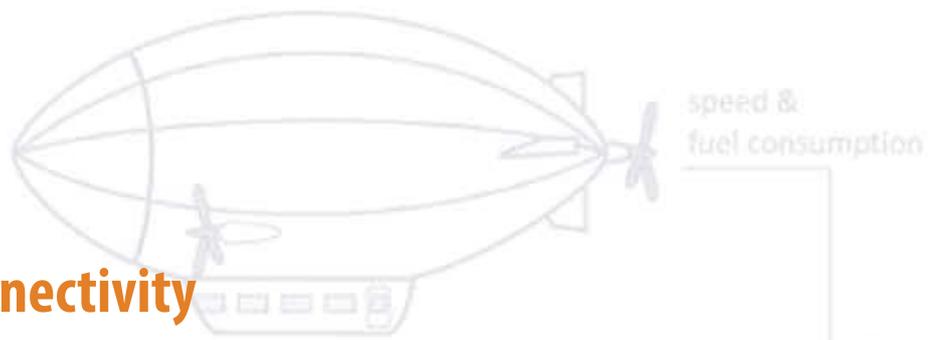
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# AIRSHIP TECHNOLOGY FOR AIR CONNECTIVITY AND HUMANITARIAN AID IN THE CARIBBEAN AND THE PACIFIC

## Transport and trade connectivity in the age of pandemics

UN solutions for contactless, seamless and collaborative transport and trade

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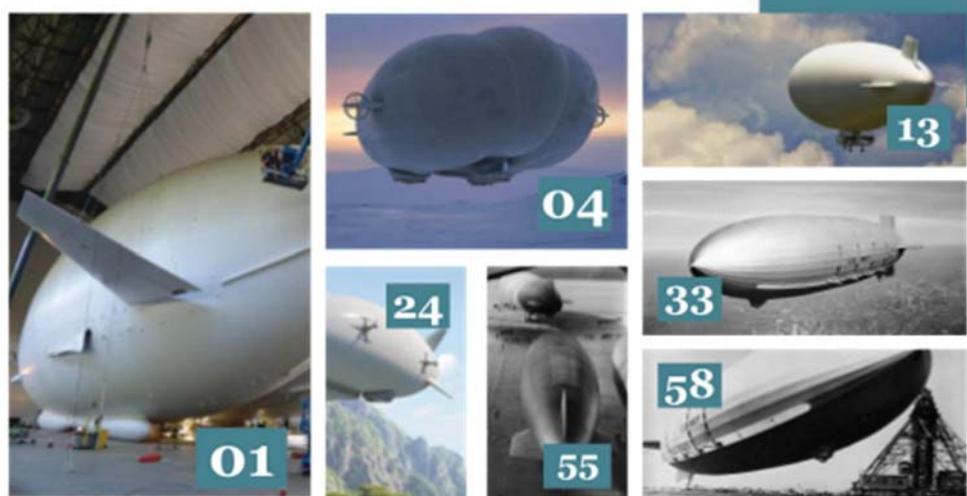
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Airship transport alternative, in its diverse engineering variants, has the potential to be a game-changing technology with significant development in recent years. It offers the technical capabilities to make a broad contribution to the optimization of mobility and logistics networks in isolated communities and territories, especially but not only in Small Island Developing States (SIDS). This innovative mode should be incorporated into the transport matrix (both nationally and regionally), for the latter to move towards more efficient, sustainable, and resilient networks. Airships do not necessarily compete with other means of transport, instead, they complement traditional modes which improve co-modality/synchro-modality and perform social functions, achieving a clear improvement in connectivity, interior (hinterland) and external (foreland) accessibility. There is a diversity in Airship technology, operational mode, and in the functions, both in commercial and in non-commercial operations (such as humanitarian aid), as will be showcased in the following sections, along with the logistics and connectivity standards that it has the potential to raise. Besides transporting cargo and passengers for scheduled or rescue flights, Airships can provide communication and monitoring services to remote and vulnerable locations, as well as to provide health care through mobile sanitary units.

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