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IATA has announced three new pilot programs to test its [New Distribution Capability \(NDC\)](#) standard, with Aeroflot, Aer Lingus, Qatar Airways and JR Technologies among those participating.

The NDC pilot program was [launched](#) in 2013 with American Airlines, Air New Zealand, Hainan Airlines, China Southern Airlines and Swiss International Air Lines participating. Air Canada and Shandong Airlines joined in early 2014.

In May, the US Department of Transportation tentatively [approved Resolution 787](#), the foundation document for NDC. IATA is hopeful that final approval will come soon after the June 11 deadline for comments.

The new NDC pilot programs were announced Monday at the 70th IATA AGM in Doha. Qatar becomes the first Middle East carrier to participate in NDC development.

NDC was launched by IATA at its 2013 AGM after getting a mandate from members. It will develop an XML-based data transmission standard for distributing airline tickets and products, Although it initially met with pushback from some of the legacy distribution providers and travel agents, the industry now seems largely behind the initiative.

Speaking at the Doha AGM, IATA DG and CEO Tony Tyler said, "The stage is set and the standards developed to modernize the way that airline products are presented through travel agents. The challenge now is implementation."

Tyler said a total of five pilots will be launched this year, one in each IATA geographical location.

"We are looking for more airline volunteers—particularly from Asia-Pacific and Latin America—to create even more momentum," Tyler said.

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