



## *Economic development and CAA autonomy top items discussed during ICAO President mission to Mauritius*

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**Montréal and Port Louis, 16 October 2017** – On the occasion of his visit to Mauritius to attend the 27th ACI AFRICA/WORLD Conference, ICAO Council President Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu held bilateral talks today with the President of Mauritius, Her Excellency Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, the State’s Prime Minister Hon. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, and the Secretary to the Cabinet and Head of Civil Service Mr Nayen Koomar Ballah, to discuss matters of mutual interest related to civil aviation in Mauritius.

During the discussions, Dr. Aliu highlighted the importance of civil aviation as an enabler to national development, especially in Island States such as Mauritius. While recognizing its current performance in the aviation sector, he emphasized the need to further improve effective Implementation of aviation safety/security oversight and to address existing challenges identified through ICAO audits and missions, Mauritius’s membership in the ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD), and the autonomy of the State’s Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

The President encouraged Mauritius to strengthen regional and sub-regional cooperation in the South Africa Development Community and Indian Ocean States, and to enhance its participation in SASO, the Regional Safety Oversight Organization (RSOO), in order to achieve the objectives of ICAO’s *No Country Left Behind* initiative. The ICAO Council President further highlighted the need for appropriate infrastructure to be set in place in order to manage forecast flight and passenger growth in the Region.

Dr. Aliu lastly appreciated the commitment of the Mauritius government to aviation development, and its prioritization of the air transport sector in its national development agenda. He also reiterated ICAO’s support and assistance in aid of the State’s efforts to improve its effective implementation of aviation safety and security oversight systems through the ICAO Regional Office in Nairobi. The President was accompanied by the ICAO Regional Directors of the Eastern and Southern African (ESAF) and Western and Central African (WACAF) Offices.



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