



Elevating ICAO implementation support to accelerate aviation's safe, secure and sustainable recovery

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Montréal and Istanbul, 4 July 2022 – Significant progress towards heightening the governments' implementation of ICAO's safety, security and sustainability global plans, international standards and guidance was achieved at the ICAO Global Implementation Support Symposium, held last week.

Hosted by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation of Türkiye, the event focussed on identifying means to globally align governments' aviation recovery policies, strategies, initiatives and activities by means of enhanced partnership through and with ICAO. This is key to assuring the inclusiveness, sustainability, and resilience of the recovery of air services and the vital sustainable development benefits delivered by air transport.

The Deputy Minister of Transport and Infrastructure of Türkiye, Enver İskurt, and ICAO Secretary General Juan Carlos Salazar, provided opening remarks. The event was also addressed by the Ministers of Transport of Angola, Ricardo Viegas D'Abreu; and of Singapore, S Iswaran. Ministers and Deputy Ministers from Nigeria, Iraq and Zimbabwe were also present at the Symposium.

"Where previously this agency had pursued standards development, and related assistance and capacity building, as quite distinct priorities, ICAO is now driving a much more integrated approach that will see implementation support aspects holistically informing new standards, practices and policies from the moment they begin being researched," declared Secretary General Salazar.

Many ICAO Member States lack the basic funding needed to develop and sustain their civil aviation organizations, infrastructure and skilled human resources. In this context, the Secretary General further presented the organization's key priorities as it undertakes this implementation support focused transformation: achieving a needs-based approach, expanding funding and expertise resource partnerships, and fostering innovation.

A number of agreements were reached between ICAO and aviation stakeholders during the event that will contribute towards these objectives. Memoranda of Understanding on cooperation with Airports Council International and the United Kingdom Civil Aviation Authority International will contribute to the deployment of implementation support activities, including [ICAO's implementation packages \(iPacks\)](#).

Addressing human resources priorities, an agreement with the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority also provides a platform for contributions to ICAO's Gender Equality Training Program. Additionally, 18 TRAINAIR PLUS Member civil aviation training centres were recognized in a ceremony held on the side of the Symposium.

Looking forward, ICAO's implementation support delivered through the Organization's implementation pillar, the Technical Cooperation Bureau (TCB), will prioritize an interactive dialogue with States to better understand the evolving situations, needs and priorities. A focus on results-oriented programmes, projects, products and other activities, and the optimization of all resource mobilization opportunities to benefit States will call upon ICAO to further strengthen its partnership endeavours.



ICAO Secretary General Juan Carlos Salazar opened the 2022 ICAO Global Implementation Support Symposium on 28 June 2022.

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About ICAO

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is a United Nations agency which helps 193 countries to cooperate together and share their skies to their mutual benefit.

Since it was established in 1944, ICAO's support and coordination has helped countries to diplomatically and technically realize a uniquely rapid and dependable network of global air mobility, connecting families, cultures, and businesses all over the world, and promoting sustainable growth and socio-economic prosperity wherever aircraft fly.

As it enters a new era of digitization, and of incredible new flight and propulsion innovations, air transport is relying more than ever on ICAO's expert support and technical and diplomatic guidance to help chart a new and exciting future for international flight. ICAO is innovating itself to answer this call, and expanding its partnerships among UN and technical stakeholders to deliver a strategic global vision and effective, sustainable solutions.

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