



New professional programme to boost aviation regulators' and managers' abilities to address challenges

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Seoul and Montréal, 30 May 2023 – A new innovative initiative aimed at equipping aviation regulators and senior and mid-level managers with comprehensive professional training to address current and emerging challenges will result from an agreement signed today between ICAO, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU), Korea Aerospace University (KAU), and Incheon International Airport Corporation (IIAC).

The agreement, which was signed at the on-going [ICAO Global Implementation Support Symposium](#) in Seoul, Republic of Korea, establishes the “Global Aviation Professional Programme (GAPP).”

Under this new agreement, the partners will collaborate to deliver a transformative learning experience. This programme represents a significant milestone in aviation education and training, harnessing the collective knowledge and expertise of the partners. By leveraging their combined resources, the programme will offer a dynamic curriculum covering a wide range of critical aviation topics.

It is the first programme to combine ICAO, academia and industry expertise, with participants gaining a profound understanding of particularly crucial ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs). By instilling these skills, the programme aims to ensure effective management of aviation issues and the consistent implementation of industry best practices.

Following his signature of the agreement, ICAO Secretary General Juan Carlos Salazar remarked that “the Global Aviation Professional Programme represents a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to enhance the competencies of aviation professionals, and support States in their efforts to assure the highest standards of civil aviation regulation. This programme exemplifies the power of partnerships and our commitment to fostering a culture of continuous learning and improvement in the aviation sector.”

The GAPP will provide an inclusive and diverse learning environment, open to aviation professionals and regulators from around the world. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with renowned academic experts, industry leaders, and fellow professionals, fostering a global community of practice that promotes the highest standards of aviation safety, security, and efficiency.

Further details and registration information will be available on the programme's website, which will be launched in the coming months.



ICAO Secretary General Juan Carlos Salazar (*centre*) signed an agreement with Matthew Flaherty, Vice Chancellor and Head of Asia at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's campus in Singapore (*second from right*), Hee-Young Hurr, the President of Korea Aerospace University (*second from left*), and Hee-Jeong Lee, Acting President of the Incheon International Airport Corporation (IIAC) (*far right*), to create the Global Aviation Professional Programme. The signing ceremony, which took place on 30 May 2023 at the ICAO Global Implementation Support Symposium in Seoul, Republic of Korea, was attended by the Director of ICAO's Technical Cooperation Bureau, Jorge Vargas (*far left*).

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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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