



ICAO Liaison Officer for Pacific Small Island Developing States to be based in Fiji

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Seoul and Montréal, 1 June 2023 – A significant milestone in ICAO's commitment to enhance support for the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) has been reached, with the Government of Fiji and ICAO agreeing to the establishment of an ICAO Liaison Office for PSIDS in Nadi, Fiji.

The agreement was signed by Fiji's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation, the Hon. Viliame Gavoka (*pictured centre right*), and the Secretary General of ICAO, Juan Carlos Salazar (*pictured centre left*), at the [ICAO Global Implementation Support Symposium](#), which is currently taking place in Seoul.

A dedicated ICAO Liaison Officer will play a vital role in fostering collaboration, providing technical assistance, and addressing the unique aviation challenges faced by these countries.

"We are delighted to formalize this agreement with the Government of Fiji, which demonstrates our shared commitment to strengthening aviation cooperation and support for the Pacific Small Island Developing States," remarked Secretary General Salazar. "The ICAO Liaison Officer based in Nadi will serve as a focal point for enhancing communication, providing tailored assistance, and addressing the specific needs of the PSIDS in line with ICAO's global and regional objectives."

By establishing a physical presence in Nadi, ICAO aims to facilitate closer collaboration with the PSIDS, providing targeted assistance and expertise to address their unique aviation requirements.

Today's agreement also reinforces the commitment of both parties to foster closer cooperation and implementation of implementation support initiatives to enhance aviation safety, security, and sustainability, helping to ensure the sustainable development of aviation in the region.



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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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