



**Congratulatory remarks  
by the Secretary General of the  
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)  
Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar  
to the 2020 AMPAP Graduation Ceremony**

*(Cancun, Mexico, 24 November 2021)*

1. Good morning everyone.
2. It's a tremendous pleasure to be joining you today, and to appreciate how aviation is beginning to reconnect our world. I am delighted to be here this morning with the AMPAP graduates, senior airport executives, special guests and attendees present, and of course with my co-hosts and partners in this important Programme:
  - Mr. Luis Felipe di Oliveira, Director General of ACI
  - And Mr. Pierre Coutu, the President of Aviation Strategies International, and AMPAP's Programme Executor.
3. ICAO and many other agencies in the United Nations are working closely with governments to accelerate the recovery process, just as we are with ACI and other industry partners.
4. Many of our common objectives for modernized airport infrastructure and building back better in passenger facilitation should have important implications for the next generation of airport leaders, and this speaks to why refreshing and improving our skills and knowledge in the coming decades will be critical to long-term air transport sustainability and profitability.
5. The vision and innovation you bring to your responsibilities as airport managers must be equal to or exceed what we are seeing across all of aviation today, and that is not a simple challenge.
6. I look forward to seeing how you live up to that responsibility going forward, just as ICAO And ACI will look forward to your feedback on this Programme, and on how we can improve it for future generations.

7. It's my great pleasure to congratulate you all on your graduation today, and I wish you great success with the very exciting futures that now await you.
  
8. Thank you.