



## Joint ICAO-ACI-PSIDS Info Sharing Session with PSIDS DGCA

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Item 4: Airport Health Accreditation (AHA)  
Programme and how to avail the ACI  
Fund to join the AHA programme

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# ICAO has been leading the industry in restart and recovery



CART 1<sup>st</sup> version



May 2020



CART 2<sup>nd</sup> version



Nov 2020



CART 3<sup>rd</sup> version



Mar 2021



CART 4<sup>th</sup> version



Oct 2021

# ACI Welcomes Ministerial Declaration at HLCC

**Ministerial Declaration of the High-level Conference on COVID-19**  
**"One Vision for Aviation Recovery, Resilience and Sustainability beyond the Global Pandemic"**  
(Adopted at the Ministerial Plenary (Closing) on 22 October 2021)

**We, the Ministers:**

- Recognizing the continued, unprecedented global crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and its serious public health, social and economic consequences;
- Recognizing also that the civil aviation sector is profoundly affected, including employment by renewed outbreaks and resulting travel restrictions, thus hampering global mobility, including of key air transport personnel as well as essential connectivity and supply chains, with a heavy strain on the global economy;
- Recognizing further the key role played by the operation of cargo air services, allowing for the global distribution of critical medical supplies and keeping the essential supply chains in operation;
- Underlining that ICAO's top and immediate priority is to enhance the cooperation among States to enable the safe and efficient recovery of civil aviation while managing risks to public health;
- Stressing the need to ensure the resilience and sustainability of civil aviation as an irreversible path towards recovery, inclusive growth and addressing the climate change challenge;
- Emphasizing that all passengers should benefit from fair and equitable treatment and the ability to travel, and that vaccination is not a precondition for travel although it is highly desirable that it be used to safely facilitate mobility;
- Underlining that travelling solutions should be made available to or be appropriate for all passengers, taking into consideration access to and types of vaccines, so as to ensure that no country is left behind in the global aviation recovery effort;
- Recalling that all States are sovereign and responsible for their own domestic public health-related measures, and remain free to implement any risk mitigation measures if and when necessary, consistent with their national legislation and international obligations;
- Supporting the work of the ICAO Council Aviation Recovery Taskforce (CART) and stressing the importance of common standards for travel, including interoperability and mutual recognition of digital applications, as well as the importance of drawing lessons from the current pandemic to better manage future crises; and
- Noting with appreciation the World Health Organization's (WHO) partnership on public health risk management in the aviation sector throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, including on vaccine certification and considering the conclusions from the Safety and Facilitation Streams of the Conference;

**Have adopted the following Declaration:**

1. We welcome ICAO's global leadership to facilitate aviation's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure its future resilience;

*"We..... commit to taking effective measures to prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2... and other communicable diseases by international air travel, in particular through the implementation of the ICAO CART guidelines and encourage the harmonization of Member States' multilayer risk management strategies to safely restore international connectivity...."*

## Ministerial Declaration of the High-level Conference on COVID-19 (Oct 2021)

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# Health Accreditation Helps Compliance with CART



- Launched in July 2020
- Officially Supported by ICAO
- Based on ICAO CART Guidance

AHA is an assessment of how aligned their health measures are with the ACI Aviation Business Restart and Recovery guidelines and ICAO Council Aviation Restart Task Force recommendations along with industry best practices.

*"...ACI's Airport Health Accreditation programme... aims to support ICAO's efforts and will provide pragmatic guidance to operators worldwide,"*  
ex-ICAO Secretary General, Dr. Fang Liu

*"The initiative (AHA) launched by ACI will be of importance in terms of providing.. airports with a platform and momentum for the implementation of the ICAO CART recommendations, of which harmonization and resilience are the guiding principles,"* ICAO Council President Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano

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# Objectives

## 1. Promote Best Practice

- Allows airports to validate its own measures
- Promotes recognition of professional excellence

## 2. Restore Confidence

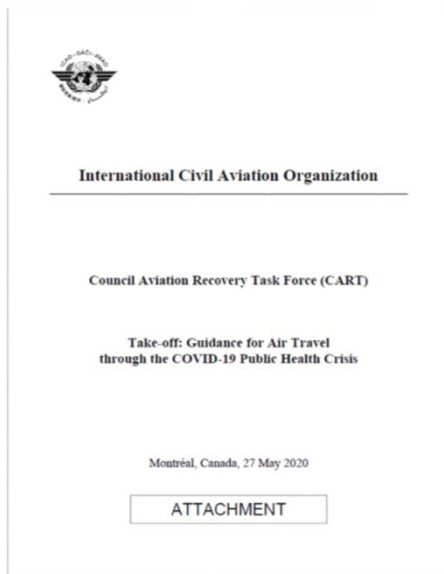
- Demonstrates to passengers, staff and government that airport is prioritizing health and safety

## 3. Align Measures

- Ensures harmonization between ICAO and ACI guidance
- Aligns efforts across industry



# Accreditation mainly based on ICAO CART



CART Take-off Doc  
(Airport module)



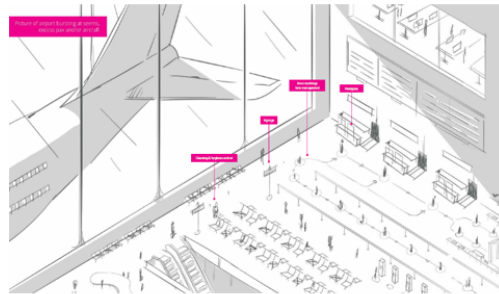
## Areas of assessment

- 1) Terminal building
- 2) Passenger protection
- 3) Check-in area
- 4) Security screening
- 5) Terminal airside area
- 6) Arrivals and customs/immigration
- 7) Baggage claim area
- 8) Exit to landside area
- 9) Staff, operations and training

# The Questionnaire

## Terminal Building

CART Objective: Guidance for the operation of terminal buildings needs to consider all aspects of operations, including who has access to the building, the upkeep of cleanliness and disinfection procedures in place within the terminal building, as well as health measures, the provision of first-aid/medical attention guidance, and the protocols for passengers and staff.



## Cleaning and Disinfection

CART: A written plan for enhanced cleaning and disinfection should be agreed between the airport health authority, airport operators, and service providers, according to the standard operating procedures outlined in the WHO Guide to Hygiene and Sanitation in Aviation. The plan needs to be kept updated in terms of process, schedule and products, when new information becomes available.

Does your airport have a written plan for enhanced cleaning and disinfection and is it reviewed and updated? If yes, provide a copy of the plan.

*(Provide description and attachment file name)*

Has it been agreed and approved by the relevant health authority?

## Examples:

- How often are frequently touched surfaces in the security screening checkpoint cleaned? Is there a process for the cleaning of trays within the security screening checkpoint?
- Does the airport provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer stations for passengers throughout all areas? Provide details.

# Also based on ACI guidance materials



Security

Montreal, 20 March 2020 – Airports Council International from airports and screening while preserving aviation se

Checkpoint management

Prior to passengers or staff, disinfection products should thermometers should be us

It should be noted that hydr likelihood of false alarms wil

Appropriate measures shou passengers show signs of ill

If passenger traffic permits,

This is effective in maintaini mitigates the risk of exposu

Checkpoint managers, how the checkpoint should be av

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ACI Asia-Pacific Task Force COVID-19 Version 1 – March 2020



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Analysis of Public Health Measures for Protecting Passengers and Rebuilding Confidence

Developed by the ACI Asia-Pacific Task Force COVID-19 July 2020



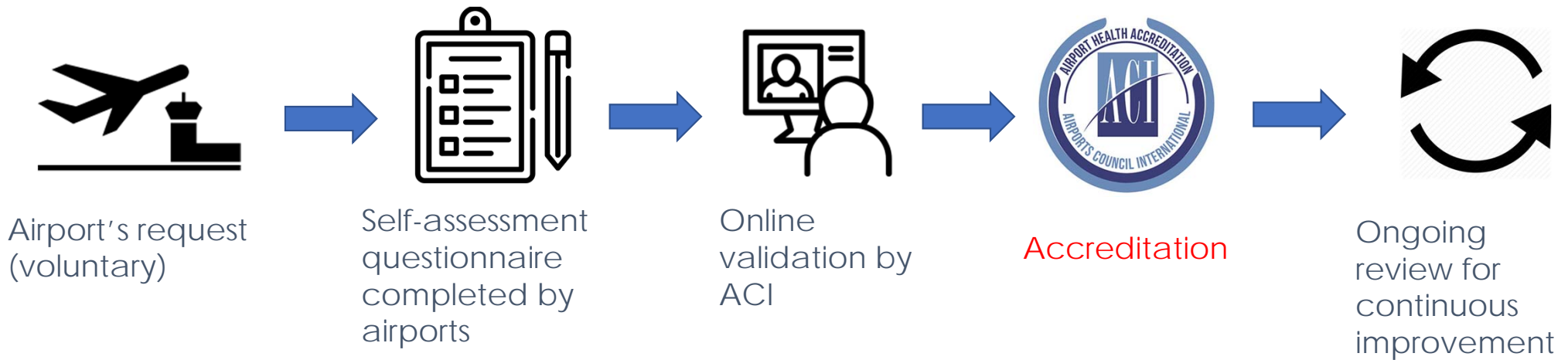
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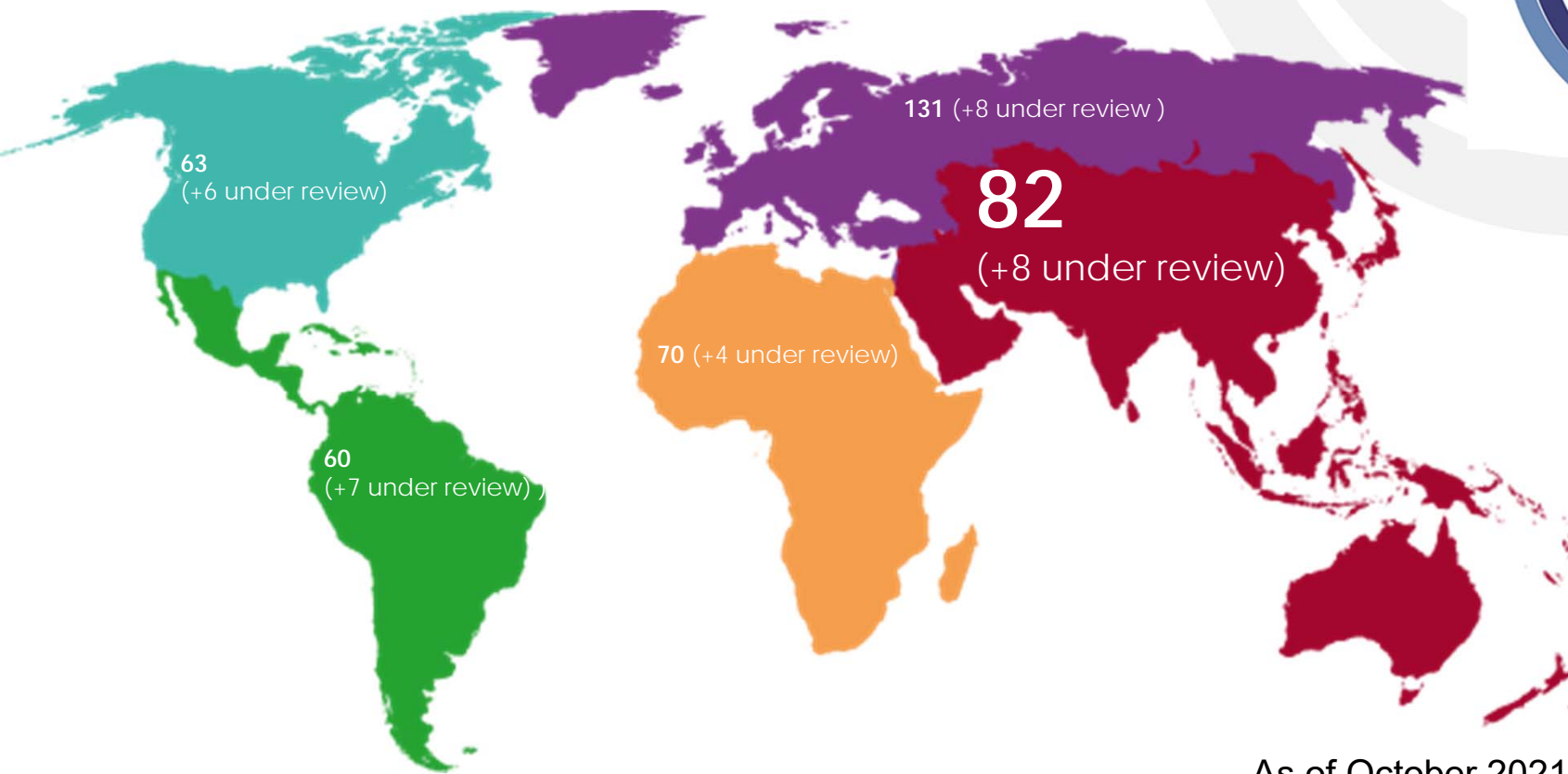
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# Health Accreditation Process



# OVER 400 AIRPORTS WORLDWIDE ACCREDITED



As of October 2021

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# ACI FUND



## Mission

Advance airport safety; security; management; economics; sustainable development and service excellence through targeted assistance and the development of human resources at member airports in developing nations

- Established in 1993
- Focus primarily on airports located in LDC as designed by the UN/ OECE
- Managed by a Council, separate entity from ACI World
- Funding for developing and facilitating training seminars
- Tuition assistance
- Airport-wide programmes (ie. APEX and AHA)

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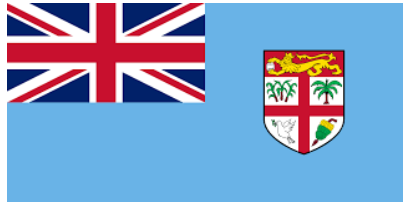
## ACI Fund - AHA



- 9 of 14 PSIDS have ACI Asia-Pacific memberships
- Subsidies offered for airports with annual passenger traffic above 1 million
- FOC for airports with annual passenger traffic below 1 million
- Each eligible member can apply up to 3 airports for support

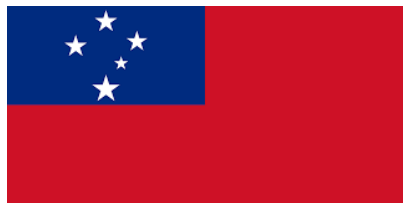
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# PSIDS airports supported by ACI Fund on AHA



"This recognition and international award delivers excellent news for Nadi International Airport and for Fiji as a whole. A significant portion of our economy depends on tourism and with this ACI Airport Health Accreditation award, Fiji's appeal as a safe destination will be amplified and provide a boost of confidence for our intending international visitors," **Geoffrey Shaw, Chairman at Fiji Airports**

Nadi International Airport – Fiji Airports



"It [represents] the efforts by ACI. to assist airports and travellers, because health and safety are very vital. "That's the movement, that all other countries across the globe are heading towards, to inform the people that we are implementing measures for the safety of the travelling public," Silimana'i Ueta Solomona, General Manager of the **Samoa Airport Authority**

Faleolo International Airport, Samoa



"We are reassured that the procedures we implement every day at the Airport are the best they can be and meet global best practice expectations," **Jason Rakau, Chief Executive Officer of AVL**

Port Vila International Airport - Vanuatu

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## PSIDS eligible for ACI Fund support on AHA



Cook Islands



Federated States of Micronesia



Kiribati



Papua New Guinea



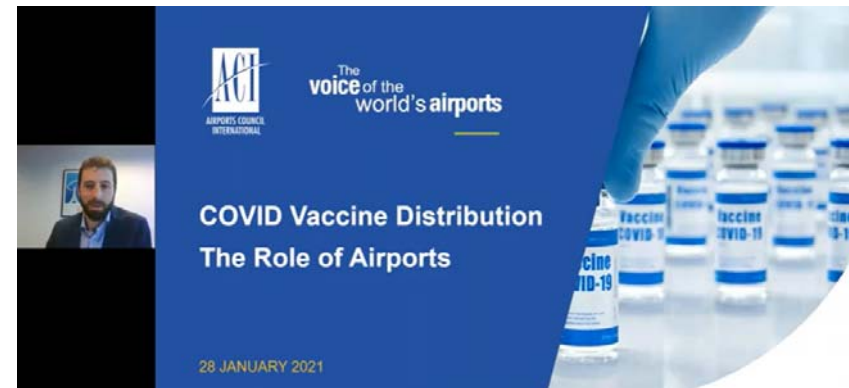
Marshall Islands



Tonga

# Other ACI's Services on COVID recovery

- Publications & Guidance Documents
- Webinars
- Covid-19 Business Recovery online courses



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## DGCAS OF PSIDS ARE INVITED TO:

- Encourage their airports to **participate in AHA** making use of ACI fund if eligible
- Encourage their airports to **join ACI**, if haven't
- Note and **make use** of other **ACI services** on Covid Recovery