



ROBERTO KOBEH GONZÁLEZ

Born in Huixtla, Chiapas, Mexico, on 18 October 1943

Nationality: Mexican

Marital Status: Single

Education: Graduate from the *National Polytechnic Institute of Mexico* (1965), Mr. Kobeh González holds an Engineering degree in Communications and Electronics. He was a professor of aeronautical electronics at the Institute from 1972 until 1975. He also studied at the *Federal Aviation Administration Academy* in Oklahoma and at the *National Productivity Centre of Mexico* and has taken several management, planning, quality assurance and leadership courses.



Awards: Mr. Kobeh González received the *Award for Extraordinary Service* from the Federal Aviation Administration of the United States in 1988. In 1997, he was awarded the *Emilio Carranza Medal* from the Government of Mexico for his contribution to the development of civil aviation in Mexico for thirty consecutive years. In 2004, he received the award for *Contribution to the Development of Aviation in the Central American Region* from the Central American Corporation of Air Navigation Services. Most recently, in 2009 he received the degree of Doctor of Engineering *honoris causa* from the Korea Aerospace University.

Career: 1/8/06 to date — President of the Council of ICAO

1998 to 31/7/06 — Permanent Representative of Mexico on the Council of ICAO

First Vice-President of the Council (2003)
Chairman of the Finance Committee (2000)
Third Vice-President of the Council (1999)
Member of the Air Transport Committee

1978 - 1997 — Director General of the Air Navigation Services of Mexico (SENEAM) – Government agency responsible for the planning and provision of air traffic control, meteorology and aeronautical telecommunications services.

1976 - 1978 — Deputy Director General of Administration and Air Transport of the Directorate General of Civil Aeronautics (DGCA) – Participated in negotiations on bilateral international air transport agreements with various countries and in studies concerning the issuance of permits and certificates to operators.

1973 - 1976 — Head of the Flight Check Department of the DGCA of Mexico – Involved in the planning of certification flight programmes as well as radio aids and visual aids flight check programmes, pilot, console operator and aircraft maintenance personnel training; development of technical specifications for the procurement of communications, radio aids, and radar equipment, and participated in their installation and certification.

1966 - 1972 — Office of Aeronautical Engineering of the Aeronautical Check Department – Responsible for site location, installation, adjustment and certification of air navigation systems; maintenance of electronic systems installed in flight check aeroplanes; design and installation of a laboratory to calibrate these systems used in the certification and checking of radio aids.

Mr. Kobeh González has participated in numerous worldwide conferences and regional meetings convened by ICAO:

- Delegate to the Communications/Operations (COM/OPS) Conference (Montreal, 1966)
- Delegate to the Regional Caribbean/South American (CAR/SAM) Meeting (Mexico, 1966)
- Participant in the studies related to the ICAO Future Air Navigation Systems (FANS) (between 1980 and 1982 in Montreal)
- Chief Delegate to the following meetings:
 - Sessions of the ICAO Assembly in 1998, 2001, 2003 and 2004
 - Worldwide Communications, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS/ATM) Systems Implementation Conference (Rio de Janeiro, 1998)
 - International Conference on the Authentic Chinese Text of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* (Montreal, 1998)
 - International Conference on Air Law (DCW) (Montreal, 1999)
 - Third Caribbean/South American (CAR/SAM/3) Regional Air Navigation Meeting (Buenos Aires, 1999)
 - Coordinator of the Latin American and Caribbean Group of Representatives on the ICAO Council (1999)
 - Conference on the Economics of Airports and Air Navigation Services (ANS CONF 2000) (Montreal, 2000)
 - Fifth Air Transport Conference (AT-Conf/5) (Montreal, 2003)
 - Eleventh Air Navigation Conference (Montreal, 2003)
 - Directors General of Civil Aviation Conference on a Global Strategy for Aviation Safety (Montreal, 2006)

Languages: Spanish and English