

Ms. Helena Hallauer-Hess was appointed as the Representative of Switzerland on the ICAO Council in September 2025.

Ms. Hallauer-Hess has over 20 years of experience in civil aviation, she has held a range of regulatory, negotiation, operational and management roles. She recently served as the Head of Legal and International Affairs at the Federal Office of Civil Aviation (FOCA) in Switzerland. Prior to that role, she served as the Security Coordinator of FOCA and later become the Chief Negotiator Air Service Agreements for Switzerland.

Ms. Hallauer-Hess holds a Master of Arts degree in International Relations from the Geneva Graduate Institute, where she specialized in international law and economics. In addition, she holds an executive degree in Leadership from the Bern University of Applied Sciences and an executive certificate on Leadership in Crises from the Harvard Kennedy School.

Ms. Hallauer-Hess recently chaired the new ICAO Cybersecurity Panel for 3 years. She also actively represented Switzerland in the ICAO Aviation Security Panel for many years. She is fluent in German, English and French and has a proven track record in aviation negotiations.

In her free time, Helena loves music and travel. She enjoys water- and winter-sports.