

Sustainable development of air transport focus of G20 activities in Indonesia



The ICAO Council President's (left) keynote address to the G20 "*Financial Measures for the Aviation Recovery*" themed Aviation Dialogue in Bali, Indonesia, provided him with the opportunity to both advocate for air transport's crucial contributions to sustainable development directly before the attending G20 nations, and to cooperate on the sidelines with Indonesia's Minister of Transport (right) on the country's critical contributions to international civil aviation and ICAO's work.

President Salvatore Sciacchitano and Minister Budi Karya Sumadi were accompanied by ICAO's Asia Pacific Regional Director, Mr. Tao Ma.

The President's keynote speech, which was delivered at the opening of the Dialogue on 18 October 2022, highlighted the key role of air transport in a world of increasingly complex supply chains and international tourism flows, in particular to Least Developed Countries, Small Island Developing States, and Landlocked Developing Countries.

While praising the G20 countries for their leadership role in the safe, secure, and sustainable development of global air connectivity, the President underlined that "this leadership is needed more than ever to realize a sustainable future for tourism and trade, and to keep our world and its diverse peoples connected and united in the face of climate change and other risks which are threatening the international order".

Pointing to a variety of related outcomes from the recently concluded 41st Session of the ICAO Assembly, Mr. Sciacchitano highlighted the endorsement of States for ICAO to develop a new strategy to better prepare the world for future public health emergencies, noting that ICAO has supported the related efforts of the G20 Health Working Group throughout 2022.

He also said that Indonesia's leadership at the G20 reflected its significant role in prioritizing aviation recovery issues.

In addition to these advocacy activities, President Sciacchitano and Minister Sumadi signed an agreement on the *Developing Countries Training Program* between ICAO and Indonesia's Transportation Human Resources Development Agency.

The following day, the President and the Minister also attended the closing of the Dialogue by ICAO Secretary General Juan Carlos Salazar and the Ministry's Secretary General Novie Riyanto.