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Council President's Qatar bilaterals focus on air navigation and environmental sustainability



Within the framework of his mission to Doha, ICAO Council President Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano (*left*) conducted bilateral meetings with both the Amir of Qatar, H.H. Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani (*right*), and the Prime Minister of Qatar, H.E. Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani.

These meetings were supported by subsequent engagements with Qatar's Minister of Transport, H.E. Jassim Saif Ahmed Al-Sulaiti, and the Acting President of Qatar's Civil Aviation Authority, Mr. Mohammed Faleh Al Hajri. Discussions focussed on the significance and future of ICAO's cooperation with Qatar, centered on both the implementation of the recent ICAO Council decision regarding the Doha Flight Information Region (FIR) and on environmental sustainability of international civil aviation.

The implementation of Doha FIR decision calls for the encouragement of broader regional cooperation, while the technological and scientific innovations supporting a greener future for flight could greatly benefit from Qatar's expertise and resources in this area.

Within this context, the President of the Council visited the *Qatar Science & Technology Park*, where a variety of relevant research and development programmes were presented, along with a tour of the Qatar Air Traffic Control Centre, where detailed insights into the operations and outlook for the centre were provided.