



ROBERTO KOBEH GONZÁLEZ



Nationality: Mexican

Education: A graduate of 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 for Air Navigation Services (COCESNA). In 2009, he received the degree of Doctor of Engineering *Honoris Causa* from the Korea Aerospace University. In 2010, the President of the United Mexican States awarded him the *Lázaro Cárdenas Prize*, the highest award presented by the National Polytechnic Institute to distinguished graduates. In 2011, he was awarded the title of Doctor *Honoris Causa* by the Turkish Aeronautical Association University. In 2012, at the IATA FIDAE Wings of Change Conference 2012 held in Chile, he was presented with the *Galería Aeronáutica Latinoamericana (GALA) Award for his Distinguished Service in Latin American Air Transport*. He also received the *Peace Medal Award* from the President of Mongolia, and was honoured with an award from Airports Council International – Latin America and the Caribbean (ACI-LAC) for his extensive experience in aviation activities and his support to the world aviation industry. In 2013, the Government of Burkina Faso bestowed on Mr. Kobeh the *Médaille d'Officier de l'Ordre national* for his extensive experience in aviation activities, exceptional leadership, multiple presences in Africa to promote the improvement of civil aviation in the Continent, and for his strong support of the AFI Plan. Upon his retirement, in December 2013, the Council of ICAO conferred on Mr. Kobeh the honorary title of “Lifetime Goodwill Ambassador of ICAO” in recognition of his outstanding contribution to international civil aviation.

Career: 1/8/06 to 31/12/13 — 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 Aviation (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