



Roberto Kobeh Gonzalez named forty-second recipient of ICAO Edward Warner Award

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Montréal, 24 September 2019 – The 42nd Edward Warner Award, the highest honour in the world of civil aviation, was conferred this evening by the ICAO Council on Mr. Roberto Kobeh González of Mexico, who served as Council President of ICAO from 2006 to 2013, in recognition of his eminent contribution to the development of international civil aviation in the fields of aviation safety, security, efficiency, and sustainability.

Named in honour of the first President of the ICAO Council, the Edward Warner Award is bestowed, in the form of a gold medal, on an individual or institution, in recognition of outstanding contributions to the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation.

The award ceremony took place on the opening day of ICAO's 40th triennial Assembly and was led by the current President of the ICAO Council, Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu.

President Aliu drew attention in his remarks to Mr. Kobeh's accomplishments in Mexico on posts of increasing responsibility with its Government's Directorate General of Civil Aeronautics, including as its Deputy Director General in the areas of Administration and Air Transport, and later as Director General of the Air Navigation Services of Mexico (SENEAM) and as a professor of aeronautical electronics at the National Polytechnic Institute of Mexico.

He also drew the attention to Mr. Kobeh's further contributions to the Council as its First Vice-President, Chairman of its Finance Committee, and as a member of the Council's Air Transport and Unlawful Interference Committees, but especially of course as its Council President.

"Of particular note is his tenure as President of the Council of ICAO," Dr. Aliu highlighted, "during which he helped achieve fundamental consensus among the Member States of the Organization toward the adoption of policies and initiatives for the protection of the environment. He also played a decisive role in driving strategies and initiatives in aviation safety and security, and air navigation efficiency, thanks to his ability to negotiate and promote cooperation among States."



ICAO Council President Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu (front right) bestows the 42nd ICAO Edward Warner Award, the highest honour in the world of civil aviation, on Mr. Roberto Kobeh González of Mexico. The ceremony was attended by ICAO's Secretary General, Dr. Fang Liu (centre back); the Minister of Transport and Communications of Mexico, Mr. Javier Jiménez Espriú; and Dr. Tatiana Grigorievna Anodina, Chairperson of the Interstate Aviation Committee.

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A specialized agency of the United Nations, ICAO was created in 1944 to promote the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation throughout the world. It sets standards and regulations necessary for aviation safety, security, efficiency, capacity and environmental protection, amongst many other priorities. The Organization serves as the forum for cooperation in all fields of civil aviation among its 193 Member States.

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