



ICAO implementation roadmap to provide important support and resources to help align national and regional COVID-19 responses in civil aviation

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Montréal, 27 July 2020 – ICAO began the global roll-out of a civil aviation recovery Global Implementation Roadmap (GIR) today, providing an important enabling framework for countries as they begin to apply the COVID-19 pandemic restart and recovery measures in the ICAO Council's Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART) recommendations and annexed 'Take-off' guidance document.

The UN specialized agency for civil aviation began conducting a series of GIR preview webinars this week with Directors General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) from all world regions, explaining its priorities and describing the important monitoring and reporting platform, and 'Implementation Packages' (iPack) resources, which ICAO has established to support it.

In addressing the DGCA from Africa, the Americas, and the North Atlantic and Europe during three separate webinars this week, ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu noted that the GIR "encompasses ICAO's priority activities and initiatives in an outcome-driven format. It has been a significant team effort, involving all of ICAO's Bureaus and Regional Offices, and also underwent a detailed consultation with our UN colleagues at the [WHO](#), [IMO](#), and [IOM](#), industry groups such as [IATA](#), [ACI](#), [CANSO](#), the [ICCAIA](#), [IBAC](#), and [TIACA](#), as well as regional aviation organizations and commissions."

Dr. Liu noted that the activities and initiatives identified in the GIR provide required support for countries as they begin to apply the COVID-19 pandemic restart and recovery measures recommended in the CART Report, which in turn are to be guided at every stage by the latest and best public health advice relevant to the local COVID-19 status States are facing.

"Recognizing that a "one size fits all" solution may not respond to States' individual and collective efforts in light of local, national and regional needs, the GIR positions itself to support and complement States and industry actions, where necessary and in respect of appropriate responsibilities," she clarified.

Global and regional GIR initiatives will be aligned, documented and updated, and these initiatives, along with the associated timelines, will be compiled in the GIR's Online Roadmap. ICAO conducted a series of earlier webinars to present the content and functionalities of [ICAO's COVID-19 Response and Recovery Implementation Centre \(CRRIC\)](#), in particular its gap analysis tool and database of risk mitigation measures.

"The Online Roadmap will enhance transparency, allow flexibility in regional implementation, and facilitate partnerships with all stakeholders," Dr. Liu emphasized.

A related and essential component of ICAO's CART Report implementation support activities are the tailored 'iPacks' ICAO is making available on a cost-recovery basis, and which bundle together specific guidance materials, training, tools, and expert assistance.

The agency also announced to its DGCA audiences that it is working on an interactive dashboard for *COVID-19 Operational Impacts on Air Transport*, which ICAO is now monitoring worldwide.

“Accounting for aviation’s instrumental role in the post-crisis recovery, and its value and benefits towards the realization of national, regional and global priorities, your continuous firm engagement and commitment to the CART recommendations and guidance, through the GIR activities and tools, will be pivotal to how we navigate aviation through the course of restart and recovery,” Dr. Liu concluded.

“I would like to reaffirm ICAO’s highest commitment to fulfilling our important multilateral role during this crisis, and to actively providing support as required and outlined in the GIR to tackle the imminent issues and challenges arising from the evolving COVID-19 pandemic.”



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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 guidance 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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