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## New Training Agreement between ICAO and Singapore

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**Montréal and Singapore, 17 May 2022** – Recognizing that the safety and efficiency of air navigation rely on continuous skill upgrades for aviation personnel, ICAO and the Government of Singapore have signed a three-year extension to the Developing Countries Training Programme (DCTP).

Formalized on the sidelines of the Changi Aviation Summit by ICAO Council President Salvatore Sciacchitano, and His Excellency S Iswaran, Singapore's Minister of Transport and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations, the new agreement will permit the DCTP to continue augmenting the capabilities of aviation professionals in lesser developed countries, thereby improving the States' overall levels of air connectivity through improved ICAO compliance.

A projected 340 training professionals are expected to benefit from the DCTP's extension, which will be implemented through the ICAO Technical Cooperation Bureau.

The programme will award fellowships to participants from countries most in need of assistance in specific areas of training, categories which ICAO and the Government of Singapore will jointly identify.

"As global aviation begins its recovery from the impacts of the pandemic, enhancing ICAO compliance is key to ensuring air connectivity is able to act as a safe and effective catalyst for sustainable recovery and development, nationally and globally," Mr. Sciacchitano remarked.

"The renewal of this cooperation between ICAO and Singapore is very important to this objective, and to our broader goals to enhance the resilience of the global flight network in the face of future catastrophic events," Mr. Sciacchitano said.

"Capacity building is critical in rebuilding our aviation workforce and to prepare them to manage the demands of the future. Singapore has long been an advocate of human capital development, which enables opportunities to extend the benefits of aviation to all States. The renewal of the Singapore-ICAO Developing Countries Training Programme for another three years will support the growth and development of future aviation leaders and professionals," Mr. S Iswaran said.

New DCTP courses will be developed jointly by ICAO and the training arm of Singapore's Civil Aviation Authority, the Singapore Aviation Academy, and the framework of the ICAO TRAINAIR PLUS Programme will support the learning activities undertaken by the fellowship recipients.

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A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 18 May 2022 by President of ICAO Council, Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano (left), and His Excellency, Mr. S Iswaran, Minister of Transport and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations.

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### About ICAO

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is a United Nations agency which helps 193 countries to cooperate together and share their skies to their mutual benefit.

Since it was established in 1944, ICAO's support and coordination has helped countries to diplomatically and technically realize a uniquely rapid and dependable network of global air mobility, connecting families, cultures, and businesses all over the world, and promoting sustainable growth and socio-economic prosperity wherever aircraft fly.

As it enters a new era of digitization, and of incredible new flight and propulsion innovations, air transport is relying more than ever on ICAO's expert support and technical and diplomatic guidance to help chart a new and exciting future for international flight. ICAO is innovating itself to answer this call, and expanding its partnerships among UN and technical stakeholders to deliver a strategic global vision and effective, sustainable solutions.

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