



Boosting States' aerodrome certification capacity

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Montréal, 31 July 2023 – A new agreement between ICAO and Airports Council International (ACI) will enhance support for Governments' certification of aerodromes to international standards.

The agreement, which launched the Aerodrome Certification Implementation Package (iPack) of materials for regulators and airport operators, was signed in Montréal by ICAO Secretary General Juan Carlos Salazar and the Director General of ACI World Luis Felipe de Oliveira.

"ICAO has developed this iPack in partnership with Airports Council International to aid State Civil Aviation Authorities and airport operators in addressing the technical challenges related to the development and implementation of an aerodrome certification programme," remarked Secretary General Salazar. "Certification of aerodromes by Governments in accordance with ICAO standards is key to assuring the safe development of international air services, and accordingly to States ability to access the sustainable development benefits of connectivity to the global flight network."

"This agreement builds on the strong and long-lasting collaboration between both organizations," remarked ACI World Director General Luis Felipe de Oliveira. "The Aerodrome Certification Implementation Package (iPack) will help our member airports in the aerodrome certification process through access to training and technical assistance—including the perennial ACI-ICAO APEX programme. We are proud to be one of the first external organizations to partner with ICAO to deliver an iPack. The benefits of the resource will extend beyond airports to aid States and the wider aviation ecosystem in their sustainable growth as we continue to serve air travellers and communities the world over."

The iPack includes documentation, tools, and an online training course to facilitate each recipient's aerodrome certification goals. A dedicated subject matter expert will also work with civil aviation authorities and airport operators to provide guidance.

Additionally, airport operators will receive a peer review of its facilities under the auspices of the ACI Airport Excellence (APEX) Programme. Based on ICAO standards, national regulations, and ACI best practices, the APEX Programme combines the mandate for regulatory compliance with day-to-day operational needs to maximize operational efficiency and implementation of safety and security standards.

The aerodrome's physical environment, visual aids, and other infrastructure, its operational procedures and safety management system, its manual and related documentation, and the aerodrome's compliance with the regulatory requirements for the issuance of the certificate are among the priorities encompassed by this initiative.



ICAO Secretary General Juan Carlos Salazar (*right*) and the Director General of ACI World Luis Felipe de Oliveira signed an agreement on 27 July 2023 to launch the Aerodrome Certification Implementation Package (iPack) of materials for regulators and airport operators.

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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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