



**Congratulatory remarks  
by the Secretary General of the  
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)  
Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar  
to the 2022 AMPAP Graduation Ceremony**

*(Montreal, 26 September 2022)*

1. Good afternoon.
2. It's a tremendous pleasure to be joining you today on the eve of our 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly and to be celebrating with you how aviation continues to reconnect our world.
3. I wish to begin these brief remarks by welcoming all of you, including our many honoured guests, and most especially ICAO's strategic partners for this very important programme:
  - Mr. Luis Felipe de Oliveira, Director General of ACI
  - And Mr. Pierre Coutu, President of Aviation Strategies International, and the AMPAP Programme Executor.
4. Many of our common objectives for modernized airport infrastructure and building back better in passenger facilitation, will have important implications for the next generation of airport leaders. Also, some important new decisions supporting the digitalization of the passenger experience will be made here at ICAO over the next ten days.
5. This very critical modernization process speaks to why updating and improving your skills and knowledge in the coming decades will be so essential, both to long-term air transport adaptability and profitability.
6. This means that the vision and innovation you bring to your responsibilities as airport managers must be equal to or exceed what we are seeing across all of aviation today, and that is not a simple challenge.

7. I look forward to how you live up to this responsibility going forward, just as ICAO and ACI will look forward to your feedback on this Programme, and on how we can improve it for future generations.
8. I encourage you to remain engaged with ICAO throughout your professional development and activities, and also consider ICAO in your future career paths.
9. It's my great pleasure to congratulate you today, and I wish you great success with the very exciting future which await you.
10. Thank you.