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ICAO High Level Conference on COVID-19 (HLCC 2021)

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Introduction

- ❖ The High-level Conference on COVID-19 (HLCC 2021), approved by Council on 18 November 2020, will be held **12 to 22 October 2021**.
- ❖ Will be held in a virtual or hybrid setting, depending on the evolution of the situation.
- ❖ Broad range of issues: relating to COVID-19 pandemic response and aviation sector recovery, with emphasis on safety and facilitation matters.
- ❖ Open to all Member States (senior officials in a decision-making capacity desirable) to achieve the projected outcomes. (Non-Member States and international organizations, as invited by the Council, may also participate in the meeting with observer status)
- ❖ Will be conducted in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.



Scope and Objective

- ❖ To achieve concrete outcomes, distinct agendas were prepared for a **Plenary Session and two technical streams**, one related to **safety** and the other related to **facilitation**.
- ❖ The proposed agendas incorporated topics that are of common interest and pose challenges to aviation, transport and health authorities, border and custom agencies, tourism and travel sectors, and the industry stakeholders at large.
- ❖ The main outcome of the Conference seeks to culminate in the political will and commitment of States to reach a global consensus on the recovery and resilience of the aviation sector while ensuring its safety and facilitation objectives for the coming years.



PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE PLENARY SESSION: Post-COVID-19 Aviation Economic Recovery And Resilience

- ❖ The Plenary Session will address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on aviation, seeking to strengthen political commitments by States to lead a sustainable recovery, building resilience, which touches on most of the economic-related issues mentioned in States' responses.
- ❖ Following the review of the latest information concerning the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on air transport (including the near-term outlook and the long-term traffic forecasts), the discussion will be oriented around two pertinent topics that require a global response and strong political support, i.e. **leading sustainable recovery and building resilience.**



PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SAFETY STREAM

- ❖ The Safety stream agenda items were developed based on the tentative agenda circulated under State letter 2020/44. The majority of the comments received from States and international organizations indicated support for the Safety stream provisional agenda.
 - **Agenda Item 1: Safety and operational measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic**
 - **Agenda Item 2: Strategy and policy**
 - **Agenda Item 3: Standardization**
 - **Agenda Item 4: Implementation and support**
 - **Agenda Item 5: Other issues to be considered by the Safety stream**



PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FACILITATION STREAM

- ❖ The Facilitation stream will consider agenda items in line with all health-related Annex 9 provisions and corresponding guidance material as proposed in the State letter. The majority of the proposals received from States and international organizations were already considered as part of the proposed facilitation stream agenda items.
 - **Agenda Item 1: Facilitation operational measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic**
 - **Agenda Item 2: Enhancing National Coordination and International Cooperation**
 - **Agenda Item 3: Enhancing digital data sharing to facilitate seamless and contactless processes during and beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic**
 - **Agenda Item 4: Future approaches to the management of sustainable health-related Facilitation measures for the passenger experience and advancing the implementation monitoring**
 - **Agenda Item 5: Other topics to be considered by HLCC 2021**



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