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## Past. Present. Future: 75 Years of Enabling Air Travel

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### PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Monday 20 May 2024	
TIME	
10:00–18:00	ON-SITE REGISTRATION
Tuesday 21 May 2024	
TIME	
18:00–18:30	<p><b>OPENING CEREMONY</b></p> <p><b>Master of Ceremony: Ms. Ramia Farrage</b>, Executive Producer and Presenter at Forbes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keynote address by Mr. Abdulaziz Al-Duailej, Head of General Authority for Civil Aviation (GACA)</li> <li>Keynote address by Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano, President, Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)</li> </ul>
18:30–19:45	<p><b>1. High-level session on ICAO’s regulatory role in Facilitation</b></p> <p>Annex 9 — <i>Facilitation</i> is considered one of the most diverse Annexes to the Chicago Convention, as it comprises a wide variety of multidisciplinary topics related to aviation that are linked to other Annexes. This session will provide high-level information on the ICAO role and mandate related to facilitation matters, highlighting recent developments in Annex 9, notably Amendment 29 to Annex 9 — <i>Facilitation</i> and the on-going work in implementing the resolutions adopted by the 41st Session of the Assembly (A41), which note the importance of national and international actions and cooperation on facilitation matters.</p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Mohamed Khalifa Rahma</b>, Director, Air Transport Bureau, ICAO</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ms. Hiwot Mosisa Deressa</b>, Representative of Ethiopia on the Council of ICAO, Chairperson of the Air Transport Committee</li> <li><b>Mr. Manar Abdenebi</b>, Director General, Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO)</li> <li><b>Mr. David de Benito Astudillo</b>, Director General, Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility, Spanish Civil Aviation Authority (ECAC Focal Point for Facilitation)</li> <li><b>Mr. Jaime Binder</b>, Secretary, Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC)</li> <li><b>Mr. Kamil Alawadhi</b>, Regional Vice President Africa &amp; The Middle East DG-Strategic Leadership Team, IATA</li> </ul>

	<b>QUESTION &amp; ANSWER PERIOD</b>
19:45	<b>Wrap-up of Day 1 by the Master of Ceremony</b>
20:00–22:00	<b>Welcome Reception</b>
<b>Wednesday 22 May 2024</b>	
08:00–09:00 <b>Side Event</b>	<b>Interactive workshop</b> <b>Assistance to aircraft accident victims and their family: Emergency Planning</b>
	<p>Overview of current ICAO initiatives and material and Annex 9 implementation experience of ICAO requirements will be discussed from the perspective of implementing States, oversight authorities, aircraft and airport operators. Delving into the specifics of the training programme, in-depth examination of the need for practical training and exercises will be discussed. Through sharing case studies and expertise, areas of improvement and/or adjustment of international standards may be identified.</p> <p><b>Welcome: Mr. Sylvain Lefoyer</b>, Deputy Director, Aviation Security and Facilitation, Air Transport Bureau, ICAO</p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Ángel-Luis Arias</b>, Representative of Spain on the Council of ICAO</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Laurent Pic</b>, Representative of France on the Council of ICAO</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Diantha Raadgers</b>, Ministry of Infrastructure and Watermanagement Directorate-General For Transport And Aviation Unit Aviation Safety &amp; Security, Kingdom of the Netherlands</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Pilar Vera Palmés</b>, Chairperson, Air Crash Victims’ Families’ Federation International (ACVFFI)</li> </ul>
09:00–09:30	<b>NETWORKING</b>
09:30–11:00	<p><b>2. Facilitating the air traveller journey</b></p> <p>This session is intended to review the facilitation processes and the border control formalities with the aim of reducing congestion at departure control points and in the interests of improving facilitation by streamlining traffic flows. The session will discuss proposed unified and safe strategies for worldwide implementation leading to the rationalization of the processing of passengers and crews during their journey. There is a need for continuing action by Member States to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of clearance control formalities and the establishment and active operation of national air transport facilitation programmes and facilitation committees is a proven means of effecting needed improvements. International cooperation on facilitation and coordination with the various national and regional parties and industry stakeholder has substantially improved the passenger experience.</p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Sylvain Lefoyer</b>, Deputy Director, Aviation Security and Facilitation, Air Transport Bureau, ICAO</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Musayeroh Barrie</b>, Director General, Sierra Leone Civil Aviation Authority</li> <li>• <b>Col. Turki Alharbi</b>, Official Spokesperson for the Presidency of State Security, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Marcelo de Souza Carneiro Lima</b>, Head of International Affairs, National Civil Aviation Agency, Brazil.</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Robert Frain</b>, Policy Officer, Operational Support and Analysis Directorate, International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Callan Thomas</b>, Program Analyst, Passport Services, Department of State, United States</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Christine Bradley</b>, Chief, Countering Terrorist Travel, United Nations Office of Counterterrorism</li> </ul>
	<b>QUESTION &amp; ANSWER PERIOD</b>
11:00–11:30	<b>NETWORKING/COFFEE</b>
11:30–13:00	<p><b>3. Accessibility in International Civil Aviation</b></p> <p>Facilitation of the transport of persons with disabilities is a major challenge for air transport facilitation as a significant and expanding portion of the global population comprises persons with disabilities and reduced mobility. As a result, it is becoming increasingly important to render accessibility in aviation for all passengers worldwide, particularly those most vulnerable, such as those with disabilities. However, certain barriers prevent elderly and disabled persons from utilizing international air transportation services to their full potential. These obstacles include varying requirements throughout the passenger journey. The Summit will discuss how to develop an effective ICAO strategy on accessibility for passengers with disabilities and reduced mobility in order to reach for a disability-inclusive air transport system in cooperation with all the stakeholders. This session will build on the actions identified in the Assembly Resolution A41-15, related to Accessibility.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Mr. Sameh Ahmed Zaky Elhefny</b>, Representative of Egypt on the Council of ICAO</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Eileen Poh</b>, Representative of Singapore on the Council of ICAO</li> <li>• <b>Ms. France Pégeot</b>, Chairperson and CEO, Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Hashem Nawaf Al-Ghaleb</b>, General Manager of Research and Development, Authority of People with Disabilities, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and <b>Mr. Turki Ahmed Halabi</b>, Section Manager of Economic Empowerment and Recruitment Coordination, Authority of People with Disabilities, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Linda Ristagno</b>, Assistant Director External Affairs, IATA</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Nathalie Herbelles</b>, Vice-President for Industry Affairs, ACI World</li> </ul>
	<b>QUESTION &amp; ANSWER PERIOD</b>
13:00–14:00	<b>LUNCH</b>
14:00–15:30	<p><b>4. Management of public health-related matters in aviation</b></p> <p>This session will place an emphasis on the recognized need for the enhancement of data sharing possibilities and capabilities, across government and the private sector, in order to facilitate seamless and contactless travel processes. The planned discussions between health and civil aviation authorities will include the major challenges civil aviation faces during different types of public health events and the identification of lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic. To ensure aviation’s resilience the health entry requirements should be globally interoperable.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Mr. Laurent Pic</b>, Representative of France on the Council of ICAO</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Esono Anguesomo</b>, Representative of Equatorial Guinea on the Council of ICAO, Chairperson of the Council Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Ansa Jordaán</b>, Chief, Aviation Medicine Section, ICAO</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Hani Abdulaziz Jokhdar</b>, Deputy Minister of Health and Consultant of Public Health and Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Khalil Khalil</b>, Chairperson, Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA) MID</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Wilfred Haggai</b>, ICAO/CDI OPAS Expert (Oman), previously Head, Aeromedical Standards Department, Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority</li> </ul>
	<b>QUESTION &amp; ANSWER PERIOD</b>
15:30–16:00	<b>NETWORKING</b>
16:00–17:30	<p><b>5. Benefits of Innovation on the future air traveller’s journey</b></p> <p>This session will consider the different areas of innovation in air transport Facilitation and their impact on the typical future traveler’s journey. Member States that have experience in facilitating the introduction of innovation in civil aviation, and that have evolved their regulatory methods to better evaluate and assess the application of such innovations, will be encouraged to share their experience with other States through ICAO. Consideration will notably be given to innovative digital systems and tools allowing seamless, contactless, quicker and more efficient cross-border processes from departure to arrival in an airport. The discussion will highlight both the need for agility of stakeholders in incorporating new data in the processes when necessary and the key role of interoperability in the implementation of seamless and contactless solutions.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Mr. Hamad Salem Almuhairei</b>, Chairperson of ICAO Aviation Security Panel</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Ciaran Carolan</b>, Public Key Directory (PKD) Officer, ICAO</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Christiane Dermarkar</b>, Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP) Officer, ICAO</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Christoffer Bonn</b>, Chief Technology Officer, Finnish Immigration Service</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Cor de Jonge</b>, Vice-Chairperson, PKD Board (Kingdom of the Netherlands)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Ayman Abdul Aziz AboAba</b>, CEO, Riyadh Airports Company</li> <li>• <b>Eng. Faisal Albluwi</b>, General Manager for programs at the National Information Center (SDAIA), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</li> </ul>
	<b>QUESTION &amp; ANSWER PERIOD</b>
17:30–18:00	<p><b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b></p> <p>Closing address by <b>Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar</b>, Secretary General, ICAO</p>

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