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# Recommendations to Support the Recovery of the Air Transport Sector, Presented by ACAO, AACO, and IATA





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## Impact of COVID-19 Crisis in Numbers Globally and Across the Arab World

#### World

Passenger traffic (measured in RPKs) is expected to decline by 66.3% and Seats offered (measured in ASKs) to decline by 57.6% in 2020 compared to 2019



Airline revenues are expected to drop by USD 510 billion in 2020, where government support amounted for 27.5% from total losses

### **Arab World**



Passenger traffic (measured in RPKs) is expected to decline by 70.6% and Seats offered (measured in ASKs) to decline by 63.4% in 2020 compared to 2019



Airline revenues are expected to drop by USD 43.3 billion in 2020, where government support amounted for only 11.8% from total losses

**Recovery Period** 

Best-case Scenario
Passenger traffic will not
recover to 2019 levels
until 2024

Worst-case Scenario
Passenger traffic will not
recover to 2019 levels
until 2027

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## Impact of COVID-19 on the Travel & Tourism Sector

#### **Globally**

Travel & Tourism contribution in GDP is expected to decline from USD 8.9 trillion in 2019 to reach around USD 3.4 trillion in 2020



Job losses in Travel & Tourism are expected to reach <u>53.9%</u> of total job losses, which is equivalent to around <u>174</u> million jobs



#### **Arab World**

Travel & Tourism contribution in Arab GDP is expected to decline from USD 266 billion in 2019 to reach around USD 72 billion in 2020



Job losses in Travel & Tourism are expected to reach 44.8% of total job losses, which is equivalent to around 6.6 million jobs



#### **Travel is Safe**

97.1%
Of COVID-19 cases are locally transmitted

2.9%

Of COVID-19 cases are imported

0.0000004 %

Of COVID-19 cases are onboard transmissions 88%

Of tourists are not willing to travel with quarantine

#### **CART Phase 2 Updates are Very Useful and can be Enhanced**

1

Guidance on evaluating Risk

Management Strategies that can be

used for Public Health Risk

Management

2

Bilateral agreements between states to agree on public health measures under the umbrella of **Public Health Corridors (PHC)** 

3

Risk mitigation measures including the use of **Rapid Antigen Tests** can be considered as an alternative for quarantine to curb the spread of the virus

States Need to Follow the Risk Assessment Strategy in the ICAO Testing and Cross-border Risk Management Measures Manual, along with the following:

1

Remove
quarantine on
arrival and
replace it with
systematic testing

2

Use Rapid
Antigen
Tests, which
can be done
predeparture

3

Develop the manual to unify public health measures related to the appropriate categorization, which can be agreed upon under the umbrella of CART with wide consultations with states and health authorities. This recommendation is intended to emphasize the role of air services agreements as the basis of air transport relations between States.

4

Coordinate with WHO to develop a unified health certificate to be used when the vaccine is available

5

Support the development of an electronic travel pass, which includes required health information and measures at arrival