

THE ICAO ASIA-PACIFIC FACILITATION REGIONAL FORUM (FALF 2025)
CLOSING REMARKS BY MR. S. BATBOLD, STATE SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY
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Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,

First and foremost, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all participants of the Asia-Pacific Facilitation Regional Forum (FALF 2025) for your active engagement, fruitful discussions, and the generous sharing of your experiences.

Over the past two days, we have held constructive and results-oriented discussions across seven thematic sessions, addressing the future of facilitation in international civil aviation, the need for regional cooperation, challenges, and opportunities.

Let me express our deep appreciation to Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar, Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), for his virtual message of congratulations on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of civil aviation in Mongolia and warm greetings.

The opening remarks delivered by Mr. L. Munkhtushig, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. E. Turbayar, Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority of Mongolia, and Mr. Ma Tao, Regional Director of the ICAO Asia-Pacific Office, played an essential role in deepening the substance of the Forum and enhancing its overall significance.

On behalf of the Government of Mongolia, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to ICAO for co-organizing this important Forum.

Our appreciation also goes to all ICAO Regional Member States, and the representatives of ACI, IATA, IOM, SITA, international airports, and air carriers who contributed valuable insights and shared their experiences. I also thank all moderators for skillfully guiding the sessions and the speakers for their thoughtful presentations and policy ideas.

Dear participants,

One of the key outcomes of this Forum is Mongolia's initiative to propose the development of a draft Asia-Pacific Regional Roadmap on Facilitation. We are pleased to announce that ICAO's Regional Director has expressed his support for this initiative, and we have reached a consensus that ICAO Regional Office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Civil Aviation Authority of Mongolia to jointly develop a Working Paper for submission to the upcoming ICAO 42nd Assembly to be held in Montréal from 23 September to 3 October 2025. We warmly invite all Asia-Pacific Member States to join this initiative as co-sponsors.

The themes discussed during this Forum, such as digital transformation, passenger data interoperability, new border technologies, and systems for responding to pandemic risks are recognized as foundational to the future of civil aviation development in our region.

For Mongolia, this Forum is not only a platform for dialogue, but also a milestone in regional aviation diplomacy, opening a new chapter of cooperation. We are ready to work hand-in-

hand with ICAO and all Member States to enhance connectivity, and together build a sustainable, safe, and digital future for civil aviation in our region.

Our slogan “From Mongolia to the World: Seamless Skies Ahead” represents our aspiration for a connected and forward-looking aviation future. The responsibility now rests with all of us to carry the outcomes of this Forum forward and transform them into real, actionable results.

Thank you for your attention.