

Introduction

The international civil aviation sector stands at a pivotal moment of growth and transformation. By 2050, the industry is projected to serve over 12 billion passengers annually and transport significantly higher volumes of cargo, underscoring aviation's critical role in global connectivity and economic development.

This rapid growth presents both challenges and opportunities. ICAO's Strategic Plan ensures that all nations can benefit from sustainable aviation growth, fostering collaboration and resilience to build a more inclusive, efficient, and environmentally sustainable future.

ICAO Vision

A safe, secure and sustainable international civil aviation system that connects the world for the benefit of all nations and people.

THREE ESSENTIAL ASPIRATIONS CRYSTALLIZE THIS VISION



The goal of Zero fatalities in international aviation from accidents and acts of unlawful interference.



The long term global aspirational goal of Net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 for international civil aviation operations.



The goal of aviation to serve as an integral part of a thriving, connected, accessible, inclusive, and affordable transport system for people and goods, contributing to socio-economic development, while ensuring no country is left behind.

Mission

To lead international civil aviation as a key driver of social and economic development while enhancing aviation safety, security, economic development and environmental sustainability for a growing aviation system by advancing air law, developing policies, plans and standards, monitoring and auditing, and supporting States' capabilities for the benefit of all nations and people.



ICAO Strategic Plan 2026–2050

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Strategic Goals

ICAO has identified six Strategic Goals to achieve and support its vision and mission. They serve as the guiding principles for the outcomes that ICAO strives to achieve, forming the foundation for all programmes, projects, and activities.



EVERY FLIGHT IS SAFE AND SECURE

ENSURE continuous protection for air passengers and cargo, the general public, and staff from all safety risks and from security threats posed by any act of unlawful interference.

ACHIEVE zero fatalities resulting from aviation accidents or incidents.



AVIATION IS ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE

STRIVE to achieve the global long term aspirational goal of net-zero carbon emissions for international aviation by 2050 and ensure that international aircraft noise and emissions are mitigated to the lowest level possible, in accordance with international provisions. Additionally, adapt aviation operations and infrastructure to the impacts from climate change.



AVIATION DELIVERS SEAMLESS, ACCESSIBLE, AND RELIABLE MOBILITY FOR ALL

ENSURE that regulations, procedures and systems facilitate seamless air navigation and travel through airports and borders for all flights, passengers, air cargo and air crew with easily understood, well-coordinated, predictable and affordable access to quality international travel services.

ENSURE that flight operations are reliable, and highly efficient by continuously advancing aircraft operations and airspace management. This accommodates the needs of all types of aviation operations, while also enhancing overall aviation resiliency and crisis preparedness to effectively address unanticipated challenges.



NO COUNTRY LEFT BEHIND

LEAD collaboration and cooperation, including with the support of its Member States and stakeholders, for continuous capacity building and support, enabling the achievement of safety, security, efficiency, and sustainability goals. This means States will benefit from ICAO's implementation support and resource mobilization activities, which are designed to promote the effective implementation of policies, standards and recommended practices and help overcome resource limitations that impact infrastructure, finance, training, supply chain access and coordination, especially in developing countries. This approach ensures that the benefits described in this strategic plan are enjoyed by all people, leaving No Country Left Behind.



THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION CONVENTION AND OTHER TREATIES, LAWS, AND REGULATIONS ADDRESS ALL CHALLENGES

ADAPT International Air Law (legal frameworks, agreements, conventions and regulations) as necessary to ensure the international civil aviation legal framework remains responsive to current and emerging challenges and opportunities, thereby fostering strong Member States support for all aspects of ICAO's work as it moves towards its centenary and beyond.



THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF AIR TRANSPORT ASSURES THE DELIVERY OF ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND SOCIETAL WELL-BEING FOR ALL

FOSTER the development of a sound and economically viable and affordable civil aviation system, that will facilitate the achievement of measurable prosperity and well-being for everyone through aviation, with ICAO supporting every Member State using a balanced approach across all strategic areas.

High Priority Enablers

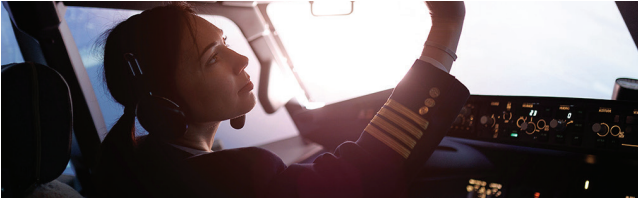
To achieve its Strategic Goals, ICAO emphasizes 4 key enablers that underpin its successful implementation:



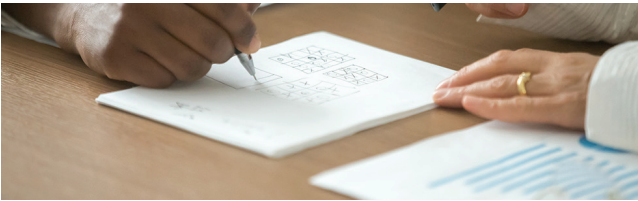
ORGANIZATIONAL EFFICIENCY
Streamlining operations through improved human resources, digitalization, financial management, and governance.



INNOVATION
Promoting new technologies and practices to enhance aviation efficiency and inclusivity.



GENDER EQUALITY AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT
Advancing diversity and attracting top talent to ensure a resilient aviation workforce.



PARTNERSHIPS AND FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY
Collaborating with stakeholders to mobilize resources and maintain financial stability.