



Australian Government



Australia

**Candidate for Part 1 ICAO Council
2022**

Australia in council

As a foundation member, Australia has contributed as a Council Member of ICAO for more than 70 years.

Since ICAO's inception, Australia has demonstrated a strong commitment, dependability and leadership in the international civil aviation sector.

If re-elected, Australia will:

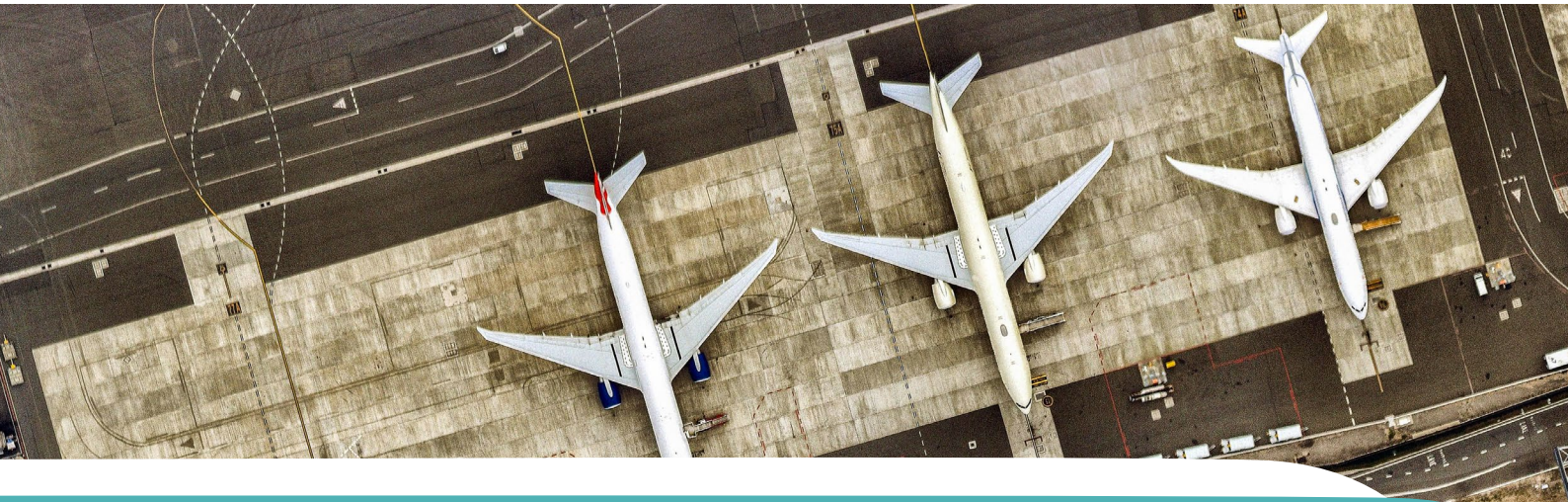
- improve the safety, capacity and security of our global aviation network
- strengthen economic development and environmental protections
- work with other States as a trusted and honest broker considering the interests of both established and emerging aviation States
- continue to invest in ICAO's future
- unite with ICAO and Member States to ensure global recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic is sustainable and equitable in line with ICAO's No Country Left Behind initiative
- provide valuable experience and continued stability to the Council to help steer the recovery of international aviation over the next three years.

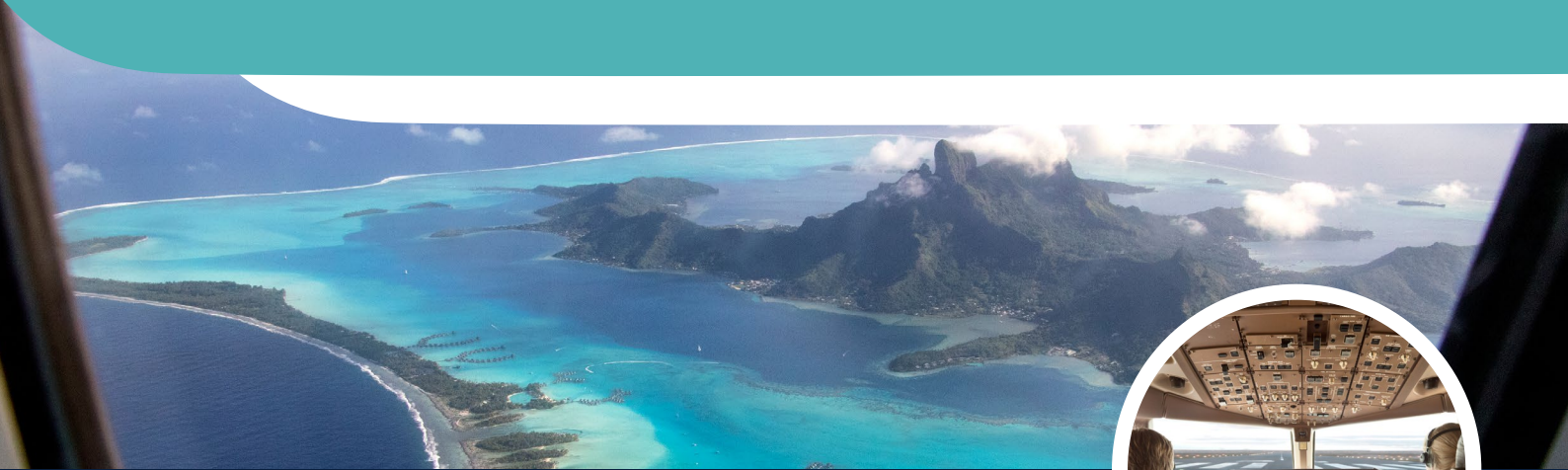


Our global contribution

We work collaboratively with Member States to develop international standards and practices across all five Strategic Objectives of ICAO through:

- providing technical and leadership contributions to ICAO committees, panels and study groups across ICAO's five Strategic Priorities
- sharing our experiences and lessons learned to benefit the international civil aviation community.
- being a leading participant and supporter of the work by the ICAO Council Aviation Recovery Taskforce during the COVID-19 pandemic, and of the APAC COVID-19 Contingency and Recovery Planning Group in the Asia and Pacific Region





Regional partnerships

Australia fosters constructive partnerships throughout the Asia-Pacific region – with particular focus on our closest neighbours – and works to find pragmatic solutions on aviation safety and security and air navigation matters by:

- acknowledging national and regional aviation interests and priorities and focusing on strategic dialogue and information exchanges
- championing a strong and ongoing commitment to people-to-people links in aviation, including senior executive engagement and staff exchanges and secondments, as well as fostering bilateral industry linkages and regional dialogue
- promoting gender equity opportunities and diversity initiatives in the aviation sector
- supporting the Pacific Islands during the COVID-19 pandemic through our Sustainable Pacific Air Connectivity Program
- facilitating travel during the COVID-19 pandemic, including repatriating stranded Pacific Island nationals, and the movement of critical vaccines and other essential supplies
- cooperating closely with other Asia-Pacific regional states and global partners to achieve effective and sustainable aviation standards including supporting the Pacific Aviation Safety Office.



Key statistics



Australia administers **11%** of the world's airspace

Australia has **31 designated international airports**, in a network of over **300 aerodromes** supporting regular public transport, charter and general aviation traffic



Australia has one of the largest search and rescue regions in the world, covering **53 million** square kilometres, bordering the search and rescue regions of 10 other countries

Australia has provided over **40% of total global assistance** into Pacific aid projects with nearly a quarter of this assistance going towards transport projects



Australia's domestic and international air freight is worth **one-fifth** of our total international trade value

There have been no fatal accidents involving civilian high capacity aircraft in Australia for nearly **50 years**



Australia is home to the **world's oldest** continuously operating airline

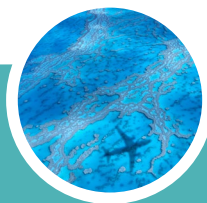
We're committed to improving global aviation

Air navigation capacity and efficiency

- promoting shared and harmonised civil-military airspace using a joint air traffic management (ATM) operating ruleset and a common fully integrated ATM system
- partnering with innovative technology companies sharing our expertise in ATM
- driving new capabilities to enhance the safety and efficiency for all airspace users.

Environmental protection

- engaging and cooperating in ICAO's Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection
- providing expertise in developing policies and technical requirements that achieve better global environmental outcomes while facilitating countries' different stages of aviation development
- supporting the implementation of the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), which aims to cap CO2 emissions from international aviation
- working constructively with other countries on the Long-term Aspirational Goal (LTAG).



Aviation safety

- maintaining one of the most respected aviation safety systems globally
- supporting our State Safety Programme and meeting our ICAO Annex 19 commitments as one of the first countries in the world to publish a National Aviation Safety Plan
- working with other countries on return-to-service considerations and safe transport of vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic as a safety partner in the Cooperative Development of Operational Safety and Continuing Airworthiness Programme South East Asia.

Aviation security and facilitation

- working closely with international partners to develop and maintain effective aviation security practices, including delivering aviation security capacity building activities with our partners in the Asia-Pacific region
- transforming passenger facilitation by integrating digitally-based immigration and health systems, acknowledging that many countries will continue to rely on paper-based systems into the future.

Post- COVID-19 response



As a vast island nation, Australia, like so many other States, experienced the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on our tourism and trade industries. Post-COVID-19, Australia is looking ahead to recovery and a stronger aviation sector in the future.

We will collaborate and cooperate with other States on developing sound policy and regulatory settings to support the recovery of the global aviation industry while continuing to strive to achieve ICAO's strategic objectives.

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