



Ministers and Vice Ministers from 11 Countries Discuss Policies to Support Implementing the ICAO's Standards and Recommended Practices

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- Commitment of active cooperation in supporting the implementation of ICAO's standards and recommended practices as well as efforts on financial support

Deputy Minister for Civil Aviation Office HA Dong-soo of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT), Secretary General of the ICAO, along with Ministers and Vice Ministers from 11 countries who attended the 'ICAO GISS (Global Implementation Support Symposium) 2023' held on 31 May recognized the importance of close cooperation between the ICAO and its member states for implementing the ICAO's standards and recommended practices through 'Policy Strategy Discussion on High-level Implementation Support', and pledged their support and cooperation for ICAO's policy support.

* Lebanon, Singapore, Indonesia, Cuba, Fiji, Zimbabwe, Eswatini, India, Angola, etc.

Ministers and Vice Ministers from 11 countries shared policies, experiences and opinions on improving implementation support for aviation industry development, securing and strengthening aviation experts to mutually cooperate in aviation capacity development, promoting data sharing and supporting digital technology development, discovering financial resources to support sustainable air transportation, and establishing common environmental standards, and so forth.

It was acknowledged that the problem of inadequate implementation of ICAO's standards and recommended practices due to lack of resources has a negative impact on international aviation safety, and they agreed with the importance of joint cooperation among international aviation communities to resolve this issue.

Deputy Minister for Civil Aviation Office of the MOLIT attended as a representative of Korea and mentioned Korea's initiatives to support fostering aviation professionals, digital conversion projects, UAM industrial development, to establish carbon neutral implementation plan until 2050, and to produce sustainable aviation fuel, etc.

He stated, "We hope that policies and strategies to support the implementation of the aviation industry, which will be shared by each country through this discussion, could be paving the road for a better post-pandemic future of the aviation industry."

In addition, ICAO Secretary General Juan Carlos Salazar expressed gratitude at the conclusion to the MOLIT for organizing the high-level meeting, while conveying his empathy for various challenges that are facing each country, and committed for continuing cooperation not only with internal agencies of ICAO but also with member countries to resolve such issues.



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**Global Implementation Support Symposium (GISS 2023)
Key Takeaways**

Four main takeaways:

1. Ministers acknowledged the importance of internationally adopted standards (particularly in areas like environment, digital transformation and urban air mobility), and their role in creating a safe, secure, and environmentally sustainable global air transportation system. As a result, ICAO's continued leadership will be critical in facilitating and promoting the implementation of ICAO global goals standards, agreements and procedures for air navigation.
2. Aside from safety which will always be aviation's number 1 priority, the increased deployment of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) has to be a collective area of focus in the immediate timeframe. In this area, ICAO has a key role to play in supporting financing initiatives for the development of SAF facilities, working in particular with regional financial institutions, and in spreading access to new SAF technologies on a collaborative basis across the world.
3. ICAO's continued, agile leadership in facilitating the implementation of standards will be critical in addressing the challenges to the overall health of the global civil aviation community. That leadership must include the development of products, services, guidance material and access to finance aimed at addressing emerging technologies, innovation, and the legal and regulatory framework they will require.
4. In order to promote the development and deployment of these products and services, ICAO will need to work across the entire international aviation community to support the advancement of its implementation support and strategies.