

FRENCH CANDIDACY TO THE ICAO COUNCIL

THREE-YEAR TERM 2020-2022



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France is a country with a strong history of aviation, a founding member of the ICAO, and has been on the ICAO Council since its creation in 1947 in the category of States of chief importance in air transport.

In order to be able to continue to support the international community as best as possible in developing safe and sustainable global air transport, France is presenting its candidacy to the ICAO Council for the 2020-2022 Three-Year Term in the first category.

FRANCE: A MAJOR PLAYER IN INTER- NATIONAL AVIATION

French aviation in figures

190 airlines operating
60 airports open
to international traffic
206 million passengers
2.3 million tonnes of cargo
3 million flights handled
by air traffic control each year
14 million km² under French air
traffic management
€50.3 billion generated by the sector
1.142 million direct or indirect jobs
50 bilateral technical cooperation
agreements

It is now one of the few aviation countries in the world to cover the full extent of the aviation field: aircraft manufacturing, airports, airlines, air navigation systems, cooperation and training.

French air traffic control services have to manage one of the largest and busiest air spaces in Europe, covering an area of 1 million km². In 2018, they handled 3.3 million flights within metropolitan France and delegated airspace. They are also responsible for air traffic control in French overseas territories, covering over 14 million km² all over the world. Finally, with regard to aviation safety, France supervises over 15,000 registered aircraft, 172,000 licenced pilots and over 500 runways.

The French aviation industry includes all market segments (freight planes, corporate jets, helicopters, engines, systems), with first-class global groups like Airbus, ATR, Dassault, Thales and Safran.

FRANCE: A COUNTRY WITH VAST EXPERTISE

Due to its national experience and expertise, France has a large number of experts in the aviation industry:

- since the outset of the ICAO, there has been a French expert elected to the Air Navigation Commission;
- French technical experts are present in most ICAO Technical Panels and many of its Working Groups, thus contributing to the Organization's five Strategic Objectives;
- France also contributes to the work of the ICAO by providing it with national technical experts, free of charge. In 2018, this assistance was worth over C\$1.3 and was the third-largest staff contribution from a State to the ICAO.

FRANCE: A MAJOR PLAYER IN TECHNICAL COOPERATION

A partner of the No Country Left Behind initiative, France is leading many assistance programmes with other Member States, especially in Asia and Africa, through bilateral cooperation agreements or ICAO programmes (ASIAP, FPP, NGAP, etc.). For this, it can draw on the experience of the French Civil Aviation School (ENAC), a regional centre of excellence under the ICAO TRAINAIR + programme, which has almost 3,000 students, 45% of whom are foreign nationals.

Spotlight on...

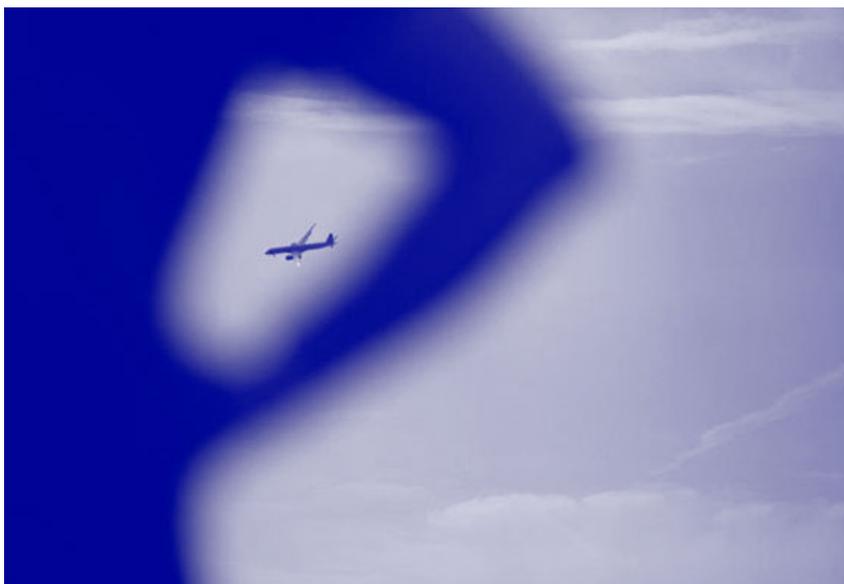
In 2018, as part of the ICAO's "ACT CORSIA" programme, France helped train 24 ICAO Member States so that they could meet their commitments to correctly implement CORSIA.

FRANCE: AN INNOVATION-DRIVEN COUNTRY

In order to prepare for the future with the entire sector, including SMEs and the full supply chain, in 2008 France created CORAC (French Civil Aviation Research Council), a State-industry

discussion forum which sets out a coordinated R&D programme to meet the airline industry's future challenges: reducing the environmental footprint, connectivity, autonomy and new technologies for industrial excellence.

Since the creation of CORAC, the volume of industry research has increased by 80% across the sector and has now reached over €900 million annually.



FRENCH COMMITMENTS

For this new three-year term, France, which is the sixth-largest contributor to the ICAO budget, would like to continue supporting the ICAO in its efforts to continue strengthening aviation safety, reducing the sector's environmental impact and tackling challenges such as integrating technologies linked to artificial intelligence, capacity management and cyber security.



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