



SUMMARY RECORD OF LACAC-CAAS ROUNDTABLE FOR DIRECTORS-GENERAL

The Latin America Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC) and Singapore co-organised the LACAC-CAAS Roundtable for Directors-General (DGs) on air travel recovery on 14 December 2021. This is the second year that LACAC and Singapore have partnered on this initiative, providing a valuable touchpoint for engagement between LACAC, Singapore and Senior Management of LACAC Member States.

Objectives

- 2 The objectives of the LACAC-CAAS Roundtable for Directors-General are to:
- Provide a platform for LACAC DGs to exchange experiences and best practices as aviation activities resume.
 - Discuss strategies, considerations and challenges in reviving aviation.

3 Mr Armando Daniel Lopez, LACAC President and Mr Han Kok Juan, DG, Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) gave opening remarks. Mr Bernard Lim, Senior Director (International Relations and Security), Ministry of Transport, Singapore, co-moderated the session with Ms Alexandra Palomino, Coordinator of International Affairs and Aviation Policy, Special Administrative Unit for Civil Aeronautics, Colombia. In total, DGs and senior officials from 17 LACAC Member States and Singapore participated in the roundtable session, as shown in Annex A.

Key Takeaways

Sharing on Vaccinated Travel Lanes

4 Mr Han Kok Juan, DG, Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS), shared Singapore's considerations and experiences on Singapore's Vaccinated Travel Lanes (VTLs). Country-based risk management approach, vaccination and testing form the three key pillars for Singapore's VTLs. This approach allows Singapore to reopen borders and revive air travel while balancing public health needs. Singapore has implemented VTLs with more than 20 countries to allow 2-way quarantine free travel for vaccinated travellers.

Considerations and Approaches to Air Travel Recovery

5 The roundtable discussed States considerations and approaches towards air travel recovery. LACAC Member States have taken steps to recover a significant portion of pre-COVID-19 air traffic. The approaches to air travel recovery differ across States, with a variety of measures taken to mitigate COVID-19 risks such as digital health



declaration, travel insurance, COVID-19 testing and differentiated treatment for vaccinated and unvaccinated travellers.

Challenges to Air Travel Recovery

6 The roundtable highlighted the challenges that States are facing amidst the pandemic, such as mental health and morale issues faced by aviation community. The COVID-19 pandemic and decline in air travel have led to concerns about livelihoods and fatigue. The roundtable acknowledged that it would be key to look after the mental health and morale of aviation workers.

Coordination and Cooperation

7 The roundtable acknowledged the need for effective coordination between CAAs and industry. States should work together to achieve harmonisation of public health measures and mutual recognition of vaccination certificates to facilitate air travel recovery. CAAs could also take a more cooperative and proactive stance towards industry, to lessen regulatory burden.

Conclusion

8 CAAS and LACAC reaffirmed their mutual partnership and support during these unprecedented times. Singapore will continue to work with LACAC to deliver in-person and virtual training programmes, with fellowships for the LACAC region. This will include a new ICAO-Singapore Directors-General of Civil Aviation Programme on Aviation Recovery, targeted for launch in 2022. Singapore and LACAC will also renew the LACAC-CAAS MOU for the next three years from FY22/23 to FY24/25.



Annex A

LACAC-CAAS Roundtable for Directors-General

S/N	Country	Name	Designation	Organisation
Roundtable members				
1	Argentina	Florencia Dovichi	Directora Nacional de Transporte Aéreo	ANAC Argentina
2	Argentina	Romina Minotti	Jefa del Departamento de Secretaría General	ANAC Argentina
3	Aruba	Edwin Kelly	Director-General	Department of Civil Aviation of Aruba
4	Belize	Ronise Caliz	Chief Operations Officer	Belize Department of Civil Aviation, Belize
5	Bolivia	Carlos Caballero	Secretario General	Direccion General De Aeronautica Civil
6	Brazil	Ricardo Bisinotto Catanant	Director	Agencia Nacional de Aviación Civil de Brasil
7	Brazil	Diego Jose Pereira da Silva	International Affairs Officer	Agencia Nacional de Aviación Civil de Brasil
8	Chile	Alberto Mena	Director Jurídico DGAC	Directorate General of Civil Aviation
9	Chile	David Dueñas	Head of Legal Affairs	Directorate General of Civil Aviation



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10	Chile	Juan Carlos Casanova	Coordinador Area Calidad de Servicio	Directorate General of Civil Aviation
11	Colombia	Jair Orlando Fajardo	Director General	Aeronautica Civil
12	Costa Rica	Álvaro Vargas Segura	Director General	Dirección General de Aviación Civil
13	Costa Rica	Fernando Zeledón Estrada	Coordinador Nacional de Supervisión Continua (NCCM)	Dirección General de Aviación Civil
14	Costa Rica	Andrea Jimenez	Alternate Representative of Costa Rica to ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organisation
15	Dominican Republic	Camila Moya	Alternate Representative	International Civil Aviation Organisation
16	Dominican Republic	Juberkis Luciano Familia	Encargada Departamento de Transporte Aéreo	Junta de Aviación Civil de la República Dominicana
17	Dominican Republic	Eliana Gómez	Encargada de Facilitación	República Dominicana
18	Ecuador	Oswaldo Ramos	Subdirector General	Ministerio de Transporte y Obras Públicas Ecuador
19	Ecuador	José Luis Aguilar Hernández	Subsecretario De Transporte Aéreo	Ministerio De Transporte Y Obras Públicas – Ecuador



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20	Ecuador	Daniela Guerra	Analista de Coordinación Nacional de Transporte Aéreo	Ministerio de Transporte y Obras Públicas Ecuador
21	Ecuador	Evelyn Micho	Miembro de Equipo	Ministerio de Transporte y Obras Públicas Ecuador
22	Guatemala	Francis Arturo Argueta Aguirre	Director General	Dirección General de Aeronáutica Civil
23	ICAO	Melvin Cintron	Regional Director, North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) Office	International Civil Aviation Organisation
24	ICAO	Fabio Rabbani	Director Regional, Oficina SAM, OACI	International Civil Aviation Organisation
25	Jamaica	Nari Williams-Singh	Director General	Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority
26	Mexico	Dionisio Méndez Mayora	Representante Permanente	International Civil Aviation Organisation
27	Mexico	Salazar Santos Aguilar	Jefe del Departamento de Transporte Aéreo Internacional	Agencia Federal de Aviación Civil - México
28	Nicaragua	Roger Ernesto Martinez Canales	Director de Transporte Aéreo	Instituto Nicaraguense de Aeronautica Civil Nicaragua
29	Panama	Gustavo Perez Morales	Director General	Autoridad Aeronáutica Civil de la República de Panamá (AAC)
30	Paraguay	Maria Liz Viveros	Subdirectora De Transporte Aereo	Direccion Nacional De Aeronautica Civil



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31	Singapore	Han Kok Juan	Director General	Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore
32	Singapore	Eileen Poh	Permanent Representative of Singapore on the Council of ICAO	Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore
33	Uruguay	Gaetano Battagliese Palladino	Director Nacional de Aviación Civil e Infraestructura Aeronáutica	Dirección Nacional de Aviación Civil e Infraestructura Aeronáutica
34	Uruguay	Virginia Silvera	Asesor Letrado	Dirección Nacional de Aviación Civil e Infraestructura

Moderators

35	Colombia	Mrs Alexandra Palomino	Coordinator of International Affairs and Aviation Policy	Special Administrative Unit for Civil Aeronautics
36	Singapore	Bernard Lim	Senior Director (International Relations and Security)	Ministry of Transport, Singapore

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