



DECEMBER INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION DAY

On the 07th December each year, **International Civil Aviation Day** is celebrated. The theme for the period 2019-2023 is :

“ADVANCING INNOVATION FOR GLOBAL AVIATION DEVELOPMENT”.

The purpose of International Civil Aviation Day is to generate and reinforce worldwide awareness of the importance of international civil aviation to the social and economic development of States, and of the unique role of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and Civil Aviation Authorities around the world have in helping States cooperate and realise a truly global rapid transit network at the service of all mankind.

The United Nations has adopted Agenda 2030, a pledge for the reduction of pollution with the goal of a new era in global sustainable development. ICAO recognises that innovations carry significant potential in improving aviation safety, efficiency, security, facilitation, environmental sustainability, and economic development of air transport. The importance of aviation as an engine of global connectivity has never been more relevant to ICAO's objectives to look to international flight as a fundamental enabler of global peace and prosperity.

For this year's International Civil Aviation Day, the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji takes this opportunity to thank all industry partners and stakeholders for their contribution and continued commitment to ensuring a safe and secure civil aviation system. Through all our collective efforts, Fiji was awarded the prestigious ICAO's Council President Certificate in a special ceremony at this year's 41st Session of the ICAO Assembly.

Fiji was one of six States recognised for significant progress in improving our safety oversight system. States are awarded the Certificate based on the outcomes of ICAO's Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) which reflects the States effective implementation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices. In 2019, following the ICAO In-Country Validation Mission, Fiji improved its effective implementation rating from 60.55% to 76.3%, a rating that sits above the Asia Pacific average of 64.6% and the Global average of 67.5%.

This award is in recognition of the efforts of the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji's staff, past and present, as well as our aviation partners, in effectively implementing ICAO's Standards and Recommended Practices.

In commemorating this year's International Civil Aviation Day, the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji encourages the support of all industry partners and stakeholders in promoting innovation in aviation and supporting the mission of the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji in promoting effective aviation safety and security in Fiji and the region ■



The Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji Team 2022