

Fang Liu reappointed Secretary General of ICAO for a second term

It was announced from Montréal on 16 March that the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) had reappointed Dr Fang Liu of the People's Republic of China as Secretary General of the UN Specialized Agency for a second three-year term, beginning 1 August 2018.

Dr Liu commented: *'It is my great honour to accept this re-appointment and to continue to drive the transformational changes I have begun across ICAO and its Regional Offices in order to make this a more streamlined and efficient UN specialized agency leading such a dynamic sector.'*

Dr Liu was first appointed to the position on 1 August 2015, becoming the first female Secretary General for the UN specialized agency's Secretariat.

Dr Liu noted in her acceptance remarks: *'Over the past nearly three years, ICAO has made strides to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the standard-making process. We have seen an overall increase of Effective Implementation for safety and for security. We have engaged in promoting the role of aviation and demonstrating how air transport systems contribute to the achievement of the UN SDGs*. We have worked very hard to optimize ICAO's operations and to reinforce the Organization's implementation support to States, by strengthening the regional presence, enhancing coordination and partnerships, and streamlining technical assistance, cooperation and training.'*

Dr Liu remarked further: *'Looking forward, our foremost challenge is the unprecedented traffic growth along with the rapid advancements in aviation technologies. Our principal standard-making function will need to keep pace with these changes. Meanwhile, the time has come to consider a strengthened role for ICAO in implementation support.'* She elaborated on a wide range of further aviation safety, security, efficiency and sustainability objectives for the UN agency.

Highlighting further effectiveness and efficiency, Dr Liu is determined to streamline the structure and activities of the Organization to optimize resources and seek achievements through innovation, automation, simplification and modernization.

She concluded by saying: *'My team and I are committed to the organizational culture shift to support this transformation.'*

Secretary General Liu's career in civil aviation spans more than 30 years. Prior to her election as ICAO Secretary General, she served as Director of ICAO's Bureau of Administration and Services for seven years. This followed her tenure of over 20 years with the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC).

*Sustainable Development Goals

Picture caption

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