



## **SUVA DECLARATION ON STRENGTHENING REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SAFE, SECURE AND SUSTAINABLE AVIATION CONNECTIVITY**

Hereafter to be referred to as “Suva Declaration on Aviation Connectivity”

*We, the Aviation Ministers of the Pacific Region, gathered in Suva, Fiji, on the 3rd Regional Aviation Ministers Meeting, declare our shared commitment to advancing a safe, sustainable, and resilient aviation sector that meets the evolving needs of our communities, economies, and environment.*

**Guided by the spirit of regional partnership, the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention), the Pacific Regional Aviation Strategy and its supporting documents, the 2050 Blue Pacific Strategy and its supporting documents, and the Asia/Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Civil Aviation (Delhi Declaration); we hereby commit to:**

### **1. Port Moresby Declaration**

Reaffirm our commitment to the principles and actions of the Port Moresby Declaration on Aviation Safety and Security

### **2. Strengthening Regional Collaboration**

Foster closer partnerships among Pacific Island nations to create a unified and resilient aviation network, supporting the seamless movement of people and goods across our region.

### **3. Enhancing Safety and Security**

Uphold the highest standards of aviation safety and security performance by implementing ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPS), supporting collaborative initiatives, investing in robust regulatory frameworks, striving to establish and develop a robust Regional Safety and Security Oversight Organization (RSSOO) in accordance with the principles and guidance of the ICAO RSOO and



RAIO Assessment Programme (RRAP), and adopting innovative practices that safeguard our skies.

#### **4. Promoting Environmentally Sustainable Aviation Practices**

Support environmentally sustainable aviation by encouraging initiatives that reduce carbon emissions, improve energy efficiency, and adopt clean technologies, in accordance with the ICAO Assistance, Capacity-building and Training programmes for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (ACT-SAF) and Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (ACT-CORSIA), ensuring our efforts align with ICAO's global climate goals and protect our region's unique ecosystem from climate change impacts.

#### **5. Expanding Inclusive and Accessible Connectivity**

Work towards an aviation sector that ensures equitable access to safe and affordable air transport, enabling connectivity through conventional, new and emerging technologies that supports social cohesion, economic growth, and resilience in all communities within the Pacific, while strengthening connectivity between the region and the global community.

#### **6. Building Capacity and Resilience**

Collaboratively enhance the training of aviation professionals, knowledge-sharing, and capacity-building programs to ensure our aviation workforce is equipped to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow, and that our infrastructure remains resilient against disruptions, whether natural or man-made.

#### **7. Enhancing the International Air Law Framework**

Promote wide acceptance of international air law instruments and compliance by States with their obligations under those instruments, to secure the benefits of unification of the international rules which they embody.



## **8. Advancing Innovation and Digital Transformation**

Encourage the integration of innovative digital solutions that enhance the efficiency, accessibility, and responsiveness of aviation services, supporting a modernized Pacific aviation sector that adapts to evolving needs.

## **9. Ensuring Financial and Economic Sustainability**

Adopt aviation policies and practices in line with ICAO guidelines on air transport economics, that foster the development of sound, economically viable and financially resilient aviation systems, recognizing aviation as a critical pillar of the Pacific economy.

*In signing this Declaration, we, the Pacific Aviation Ministers, commit to these principles and pledge to work together in advancing sustainable aviation connectivity for the prosperity and well-being of the Pacific region.*

Adopted in Suva, Fiji, on this 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 on the occasion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Aviation Ministers Meeting.