



Federal Aviation
Administration

INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY

OVERVIEW

One of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) strategic goals is to reshape and strengthen its role as a world leader in aviation. As a global leader, the FAA works with international organizations to promote aviation safety and efficiency for the worldwide alignment of policies, regulations, and standards. Such cooperation is also essential for our National Airspace System (NAS) and domestic policies, including support of the U.S. economy.

The Federal Aviation Administration's International Strategy provides a framework for the strategic goal, which will be attained through global engagement and collaboration. The agency works with other government agencies, industry partners, and international organizations, including the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and bilateral and regional partners. This collaboration is meant to set international safety and efficiency standards, and develop agreements for the exchange of aviation products, services, and information.

LEADING IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING AVIATION WORLD

The FAA plays an essential role in resolving current challenges to global aviation and forging the future direction of the industry. Through effective leadership, the FAA addresses global issues, such as pandemics, natural disasters, regional instability, and cybersecurity breaches. The COVID-19 pandemic presents an unprecedented challenge to the global aviation industry. This extraordinary time requires effective FAA action and leadership. The agency also helps drive the timely and safe integration of new aviation technologies (also known as “new entrants”) into the NAS and international airspace systems.

SHAPING THE FUTURE

Moving forward, the FAA will adopt more agile ways to collaborate with the international community. Working with like-minded partners, we will promote best practices in data sharing and development and address the evolving demands of new entrants. The FAA will also tailor its approach toward risk management and develop an agile, performance-based regulatory framework to accommodate varied users. We will provide enterprise-level talent enhancement and training; showcase the FAA’s innovation, leadership, and global engagement at international events; and respond to global and regional crises with comprehensive contingency plans.

The FAA can drive positive change to encourage global compliance with international standards through sharing best practices and data sharing between regulators and industry. FAA aims to enable aircraft to operate seamlessly across international boundaries and for the acceptance of U.S. innovative technologies. We also plan to address aviation’s environmental impacts to avoid a worldwide patchwork of regulatory measures.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND INITIATIVES

The following objectives and initiatives will guide our business decisions and international activities:

- **Higher levels of safety and security globally**
 - Enhance aviation professional skills and competencies
 - Promote State Safety Programs, and regulatory requirements for airworthiness, air navigation, and Aerodrome operations
 - Advance priority safety areas
 - Raises the international baseline of aviation safety and security for operations in/near conflict zones.
- **Seamless and efficient operations across the international aviation system**
 - Ensure seamless and efficient movement of aircraft across international boundaries adjacent to U.S. managed airspace
 - Ensure air navigation procedures, technologies and standards are safe and efficient across international boundaries and regions
 - Promote efficient aerodrome operations

- **Innovative technologies and capabilities deployed globally**
 - Encourage international adoption of innovative technologies to enable a resilient global aerospace system prepared for future challenges
 - Advance internationally accepted innovative technologies to global standards to improve safety and efficiency
- **Streamlined international regulatory environment to optimize delivery of U.S. products and services**
 - Pursue harmonization and interoperability of aviation standards where appropriate within ICAO and other global bodies, with key states and regional organizations, and with aviation stakeholders
 - Promote the acceptance of FAA certificates, licenses, and approvals abroad
 - Encourage global approaches to address environmental impacts
- **Enhanced internal collaboration in support of effective international engagement**
 - Advance collaboration and coordination among internal FAA offices on international strategies and activities
 - Evolve data-informed decision-making capabilities to improve the effectiveness of international engagement strategies
 - Align agency international workforce with future needs

MEASURING PROGRESS

The FAA’s strategic focus areas will be implemented using the agency’s annual business planning cycle. International activities that support strategic focus areas will be planned, executed, and analyzed through this yearly cycle. Annual performance reviews will outline specific successes of the goals defined in the international strategy.

The FAA will evaluate the effectiveness of our international engagement, identify areas where emphasis and focus are needed, and determine how the agency should modify its engagement.

MOVING FORWARD – IMPLEMENTATION

The International Strategy focuses on the FAA’s mission through cooperation with our domestic and international stakeholders. The strategy is implemented through annual FAA Business Plan activities and targets, closely coordinated and prioritized within the International Advisory Board (IAB) and the International Steering Committee (ISC).

The IAB is an executive-level body with cross-agency membership from all organizations involved in international activities. The IAB identifies the agency’s international priorities and oversees the execution of global engagement.

With strategic guidance from the IAB, the ISC’s cross-agency members develop the FAA’s International Strategy and oversee its execution into activities and programs that support it.