



## IBAC: The Recognized Voice of Business Aviation at ICAO

Established in 1981, the International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) is a non-profit international trade association actively promoting the growth and protecting the interests of business aviation worldwide. IBAC's growing membership currently includes 14 national and regional business aviation associations and an expanding team of industry partners.

Based at ICAO headquarters in Montreal where it holds official ICAO observer status -- and with a global team of specialists -- IBAC delivers expert advocacy and technical expertise at key ICAO panels, task forces and standing committees while representing business aviation at the triennial ICAO Assembly, ICAO Council briefings, high level conferences and regional forums.

## For the Industry, By the Industry

By dispelling myths and highlighting the shortcomings of a "one-size-fits-all" approach amongst regulators, IBAC has quietly posted an impressive track record to ensure business aviation is recognized as a distinct sector whose missions, operations, and requirements are properly addressed.

## Global Impact of Standards and Regulations - the ICAO Connection

Civil aviation worldwide is guided by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), a UN Specialized Agency mandated to manage the orderly development of international air transport through the development,



Juan Carlos Salazar, ICAO Secretary General(L) & Kurt Edwards, IBAC Director General(R) Signing ICAO ACT-SAF

adoption, and amendment of over 12,000 Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), as well as eight volumes of Procedures for Air Navigation Services (PANS). These SARPs and PANS serve as the fundamental basis for harmonized international aviation safety, efficiency, capacity, security, and sustainability. The 193 Member States at ICAO then align their national civil aviation rules and regulations to harmonize with these ICAO provisions.

## Keeping Business Flying Around the World

Ensuring business aviation is not blended with the larger scheduled commercial air transport segment represents a constant challenge.

- **PNR/API:** Working with several ICAO Member States for adoption of user-friendly systems for reporting PNR/API data in lieu of the outdated UN/EDIFACT system.
- **GANP:** Ensure that Continuous Climb/Descent Ops and RNP-AR into airfields not equipped with traditional nav aids apply globally to business jet operators.
- **RPAS/AAM:** Collaborated with ICAO States and Industry Partners in refining SARPs for RPAS/AAM technologies. Aiming to enhance CONOPS for seamless integration into Annex 6 Part IV and to ensure alignment with evolving industry standards and regulations.
- **GAPPRI:** Alongside Eurocontrol and Flight Safety Foundation, IBAC provides subject expertise and recommendations, to address actions beyond regulatory compliance under the Global Action Plan for Prevention of Runway Incursions
- IBAC led the initiative to update ICAO standards governing international general aviation operations — marking the first time ICAO accepted industry crafted text to replace existing terms.

## Championing Safety Standards

Establishing industry-leading standards for aviation safety is an IBAC hallmark, triggering several top programmes officially recognized by ICAO and several key regulators including:



**IS-BAO:** International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations. More than 1,600 operators worldwide have implemented IS-BAO and its SMS since 2002.



**IS-BAH:** International Standard for Business Aircraft Handling. Since inception in 2014, more than 325 locations have successfully implemented this standard through registration.

These programmes educate and guide thousands of industry professionals annually regarding safety management and recommended practices.

## Security

IBAC spearheaded an industry coalition to successfully amend ICAO Annex 6, Part 1, Standard 13.2.2 – which was then applied as a national regulation by most CAAs globally.

- Business aircraft with a MTOW of up to 54,500 kg and with 19 or fewer seats are now permitted to operate in charter and fractional service without a fortified cockpit door.

## Environment Leadership

A longtime leader on the increasingly challenging environment portfolio, IBAC has nominated business aviation Subject Matter Experts to many working groups at ICAO's Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP).

- **Business Aviation Commitment on Climate Change:** Starting in 2008, ICAO co-chaired an industry coalition to develop -- and continues to regularly update -- a globally recognized environmental road map toward net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.
- **CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Standard:** Secured a CO<sub>2</sub> emissions standard for business aviation, appropriately differentiated from that for larger commercial aircraft.



Sept 2025: IBAC Delegation at ICAO A42 Assembly

## Industry Partner Benefits and Opportunities:

- Engage with IBAC to help shape international standards – most are adopted and applied as national CAA regulations directly impacting your organization, clients and suppliers.
- Learn about emerging standards, regulatory issues, and key developments affecting business aviation before they become apparent to the wider business aviation community.
- Participate in IBAC's Industry Advisory Forum with semi-annual meetings and a periodic summit in Montreal, Canada, location of ICAO headquarters.
- Connect regularly with global business aviation leaders.
- Regulatory and peer recognition for your industry leadership and commitment.

## Demonstrating Leadership, Engagement and Commitment

IBAC encourages business aviation manufacturers, operators, and service providers - including MRO, aircraft management, transactional and others - to join with these organizations as an IBAC Industry Partner:

### INDUSTRY PARTNERS

**Bombardier** **CAE** **DAHER**

**JET AVIATION**  
A GENERAL DYNAMICS COMPANY

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A GENERAL DYNAMICS COMPANY

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An International SOS Company

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### ASSOCIATES

**4AIR**  
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**AFFINITY AVIATION GROUP**  
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