



**International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)** is the only world's leader in international civil aviation which creates regulations for aviation safety, security, efficiency and regularity, and environmental protection. **All other relevant authorities and organization works with ICAO.**

The **54 nations** that attended the civil aviation conference in Chicago from **November 1 to December 7 in 1944, also called the Chicago Convention.** They set the formation of the ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization).

**It is a specialized agency of the United Nations. ICAO serves as a forum for cooperation in all fields of civil aviation among its Member States.** Currently, **there are 193 Member States.**

ICAO is made up of an Assembly, according to the terms of the Convention and The Assembly, composed of representatives from all Contracting States. They meet every three years, reviewing in detail the work of the Organization and setting policy for the coming years. It also votes a triennial budget.

**Objective of ICAO** - The objectives of the ICAO is very clear in order to keep the aviation standard up and maintain aviation safety. It sets the international civil aviation **Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs)** and policies to support efficient, safe, secure, and economically sustainable civil aviation sector worldwide.

**Some points which help you a better understanding of ICAO objectives, which includes:**

1. To ensure safe and growth of international civil aviation throughout the world.
2. Encourage the arts of aircraft design and operations for peaceful purposes.
3. Encourage the development of airports, airways, and air navigation facilities for international civil aviation.
4. To meet the needs of air travelers for regular, safe, efficient, and economical air transport.
5. Avoid discrimination between contracting states.
6. Promote the safety of flight in international navigation.
7. Promote the development of international civil aeronautics in all aspects

**Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs)** – ICAO developed a **universally accepted standard known as Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs).**

SARPs cover all technical and operational aspects of international civil aviation, such as safety, personnel licensing, operation of aircraft, aerodromes, air traffic services, accident & incident investigation, and environmental protection.

Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) are **contained in 19 Annexes** for each area of ICAO responsibility. Each Annex deals with a particular subject area.

Annexes to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (ICAO)

1. Annex 1: Personnel Licensing
2. Annex 2: Rules of the Air
3. Annex 3: Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation
4. Annex 4: Aeronautical Charts
5. Annex 5: Units of Measurement to be Used in Air and Ground Operations
6. Annex 6: Operation of Aircraft
7. Annex 7: Aircraft Nationality and Registration Marks
8. Annex 8: Airworthiness of Aircraft
9. Annex 9: Facilitation
10. Annex 10: Aeronautical Telecommunications
11. Annex 11: Air Traffic Services
12. Annex 12: Search and Rescue
13. Annex 13: Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation
14. Annex 14: Aerodromes
15. Annex 15: Aeronautical Information Services
16. Annex 16: Environmental Protection
17. Annex 17: Security
18. Annex 18: The Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air
19. Annex 19: Safety Management