



# Impacts and Solutions to COVID-19 challenges on air Connectivity

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# The past 12 months

- A year after we can better reflect on what is working and what is not working very well
- Thank ICAO, WHO, UNWTO, AFCAC, other international organizations for the work done during the last 12 months
- Acknowledge the ICAO Council's Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART)
- Cameroon never closed completely its airspace and didn't implemented quarantine but had a high level of pandemic control since may 2020:
  - Test on arrival or Test checking before boarding
  - Test checking before boarding
  - Both test checking before boarding and arrival



# One year after

- Recognize that there will be definitely two areas: pre-COVID and NOW
- NOW: we are not talking about post-covid as it is well recognized that we will have to live with COVID for a long time
- It is a permanent change that we will have to integrate into our operations and one of the things is that we must change the way we will **coordinate** health protocols
- The aviation community must take the lead for the **coordination of public health issues for aviation travellers**, like we did for aviation safety then security: National Health Committee, Local Health Committee



# NOW

- Before , 5 strategic objectives:
  - Safety, Security, Capacity and efficiency, Economic development, Environment
- Now, 6 strategic objectives:
  - Adding Health issues for travellers



# NOW

- We are all bleeding financially:
  - We must liberalize
  - State has to come back and give direct financial support



# Recommendations

- States to give the coordinating role for health protocols in aviation to aviation regulators
- Facilitates the establishment of new airlines
- Implement fully the granting of 5th freedom to African airlines that are requesting
- Give Direct Financial support to the aviation sector