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**DR OLUMUYIWA BENARD ALIU
LIFETIME GOODWILL AMBASSADOR AND
FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE ICAO**

Dr Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu has dedicated his life to the development of civil aviation at the national and global level. His distinguished professional career was crowned with his successful leadership as the President of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) from January 2014 to December 2019. He was named Lifetime Goodwill Ambassador of ICAO by a resolution of the ICAO Council in 2019.

Starting his aviation career in 1988 in the Federal Ministry of Aviation of Nigeria, Dr Aliu rose to become the Director of Air Transport Regulation of the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority in 2000. He then served as the Representative of Nigeria on the Council of ICAO from 2005. Upon his election by the ICAO Council, Dr Aliu took over as President of the Council in 2014.

During his term as President of the Council, the ICAO successfully launched and implemented key initiatives that enhanced the safety, security, efficiency and sustainability of international civil aviation.

Significantly, Dr Aliu led the ‘No Country Left Behind’ initiative to support ICAO Member States in implementing the ICAO’s safety and security requirements, and enable developing States to benefit from safe and reliable air transport. In 2016, he incepted the development of the ICAO’s first Global Aviation Security Plan to improve international coordination, response and planning to counter threats to civil aviation. Dr Aliu led ICAO to develop the Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System (GADSS) and establish a special Task Force on the risks to civil aviation arising from conflict zones, and subsequently the Conflict Zone Information Repository. On environmental protection, the ICAO adopted in 2016 the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA), towards reducing international aviation carbon emissions. These have better positioned the sector to address prevalent and emerging challenges, and for further growth.

Through Singapore’s partnership with Dr Aliu, Singapore benefitted from opportunities to contribute to strengthening the work and initiatives of the ICAO for the benefit of the aviation sector and socio-economic development globally.

Dr Aliu has been a strong supporter and advocate of Singapore's contribution to civil aviation human resource development, in particular through the Singapore Aviation Academy. As President of the ICAO Council, Dr Aliu was instrumental in the establishment of the Memorandum of Understanding between Singapore and the ICAO to co-operate on leadership and management training in 2014. This provided the framework for the successful implementation of the ICAO-Singapore Directors-General of Civil Aviation Programmes on aviation safety and on aviation security. Dr Aliu worked with Singapore to launch the Singapore-ICAO Programme for Young Aviation Professionals in 2018, providing fellowships and scholarships for civil aviation training for young aviation professionals from all over the world. Dr Aliu was the keynote speaker at the Aviation Leadership Summit, and the Singapore Aviation Academy's flagship leadership conference, the World Civil Aviation Chief Executive Forum, on several occasions. With his support, both forums have developed into key fixtures on the international civil aviation calendar, for industry captains, policy makers, and thought leaders to deliberate on new and emerging issues in civil aviation.

In recognition of his outstanding leadership and contributions to the development of global civil aviation, his contributions to Singapore, and the friendship forged with Singapore, the President of the Republic of Singapore is pleased to confer the Public Service Star (Distinguished Friends of Singapore) 2021 on Dr Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu.