

## **Uniting aviation: ICAO and access to air transport**

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Persons with disabilities make up a significant and growing percentage of the world's population. They have the same international rights as other citizens, and these rights apply to air travel as to all areas of life.

Aviation needs to recognise and accommodate this growing passenger segment. There have been many changes in the provision of accessible facilities and services to persons with disabilities in air transportation worldwide, and this trend requires renewed attention at an international level.

ICAO has adopted international standards and practices on the matter, in keeping with the general obligations of States under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, to promote universal design, to provide accessible information, and to promote the training of professionals and staff working with persons with disabilities. An associated manual provides general guidance to assist the civil aviation community in the implementation of these standards and practices.