



DR. TAÏEB CHÉRIF
Secretary General
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Born in Boghari (Medea), Algeria, on 29 December 1941

Nationality: Algerian

Marital Status: Married, with three children

Education:

- PhD in Air Transport Economics, Thesis title: “Multiequation Travel Demand Models -- Application to the Air/Rail Competition in Great Britain” (1981),
- Master of Science in Air Transport, Thesis title: “Air Travel Demand Forecasting Models” (1978), Cranfield Institute of Technology, United Kingdom.
- Aeronautical Engineering Diploma from the *École Nationale de l’Aviation Civile* in Toulouse, France (1970).
- Bachelor’s Degree in Mathematics from the *Université d’Alger* in Algiers, Algeria (1967).

Languages: Primary languages of instruction: Arabic (Mother-tongue), French and English
Others: German (beginner)

Career: Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
(as of 1 August 2003)

As a United Nations Specialized Agency, ICAO is responsible for promoting the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation worldwide by setting standards and regulations necessary for aviation safety, security, efficiency and regularity as well as aviation environmental protection. It serves as the forum for cooperation in all fields of civil aviation among its 190 Contracting States.

The Secretary General of ICAO is head of the Secretariat and chief executive officer of the Organization responsible for the general direction of the work of the Secretariat including seven regional offices. The Secretary of the Council of ICAO responsible to the Council as a whole and, following established policies of the Council, carries out the duties assigned to him by the Council, and makes periodic reports to the Council covering the progress of the Secretariat activities. The Secretary General provides leadership to a specialized international staff working in the field of international civil aviation and appoints staff necessary for the functioning of the Organization and its governing and working bodies.

1998-2003 - Representative of Algeria on the Council of ICAO. Acted as Member, Deputy Chairman and Chairman of the Air Transport Committee, and Member of the Finance Committee.

1994-1997 - Civil Aviation Consultant. Conducted feasibility studies and assessments of projects related to the liberalization of air transport and pilot training in Algeria.

1992-1993 - State Secretary for Higher Education, Algeria. Ministerial post responsible for the implementation of State policy in the fields of university-level education and scientific research.

1987-1992 - Director of an aeronautical construction project.

1985-1987 - Director of Air Transport, Ministry of Transport, Algeria.

1982-1985 - Civil Aviation Advisor. Developed a plan for the Algerian civil aviation including the re-configuration of Air Algérie fleet and network.

1977-1981 - Research studies on transport at doctoral level, Cranfield Institute of Technology, United Kingdom.

1975-1976 - Director of Algiers International Airport “Dar El Beida”. Responsible for the technical and operational management of an airport and local airspace, as well as personnel and financial matters.

1974-1975 - Deputy Director of Air Navigation, Ministry of Transport, Algeria. He contributed to an in-flight calibration unit for ground aids, later adopted by all Arab countries in the Middle East and the majority of Gulf countries for more than a decade.

1971-1974 - Deputy Director of Transport and Aerial Activities, Ministry of Transport, Algeria.

1970-1971 - Engineering Officer, Civil Aviation Directorate, Ministry of Transport, Algeria. Responsible for studies of on-flight equipment for *Air Algérie*.

Other Activities: 1987 – Prepared a study for the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) on harmonization and Coordination Modes of Transport in the North African Sub-region, Addis-Ababa, 1987.

1984-1985 - Taught courses on air transport economics to post-graduate students at the Economic Science Institute in Algiers, Algeria.

1973-1974 - Taught flight mechanics, aerodynamics and flight operations at the *École nationale des Techniciens de l’Aéronautique* in Blida, Algeria.

1970-1971 - Taught air transport regulation at the Institute for Civil Aviation and Meteorology in Algiers, Algeria.