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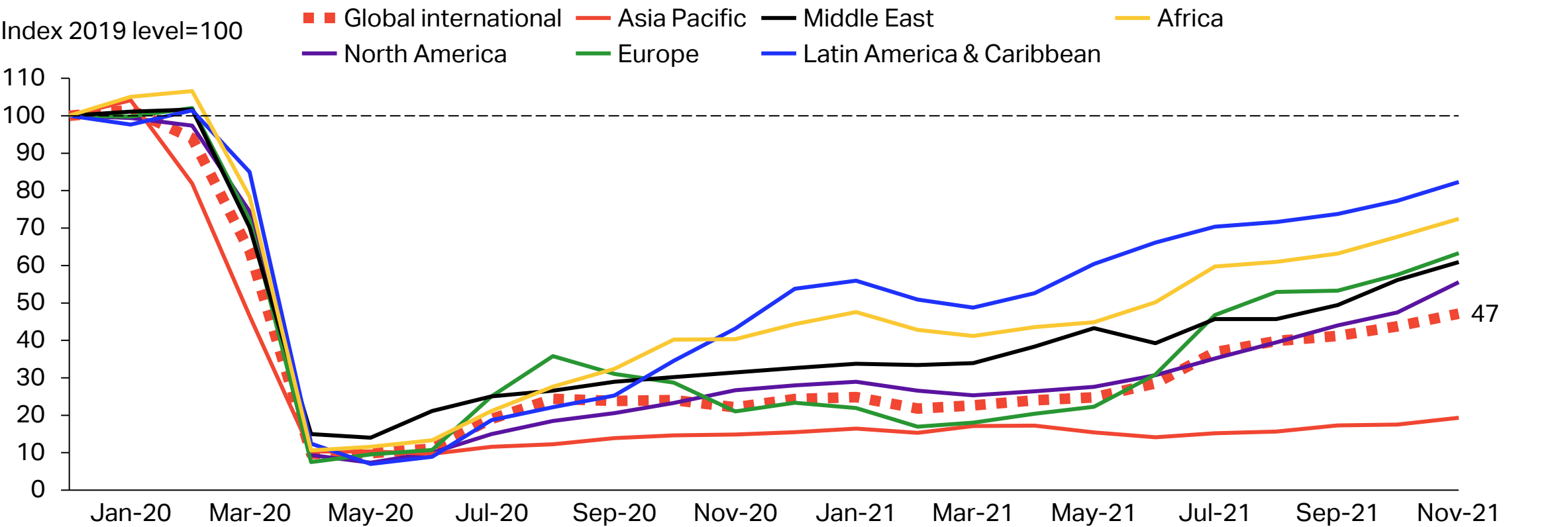




Governments must
follow WHO advice
and **immediately
rescind travel bans**
due to the Omicron
variant

International air connectivity recovery by Nov. 2021 varies significantly across regions

IATA International Air Connectivity Index by region for all international routes, monthly Jan 2020-Nov 2021



Critical issues to address

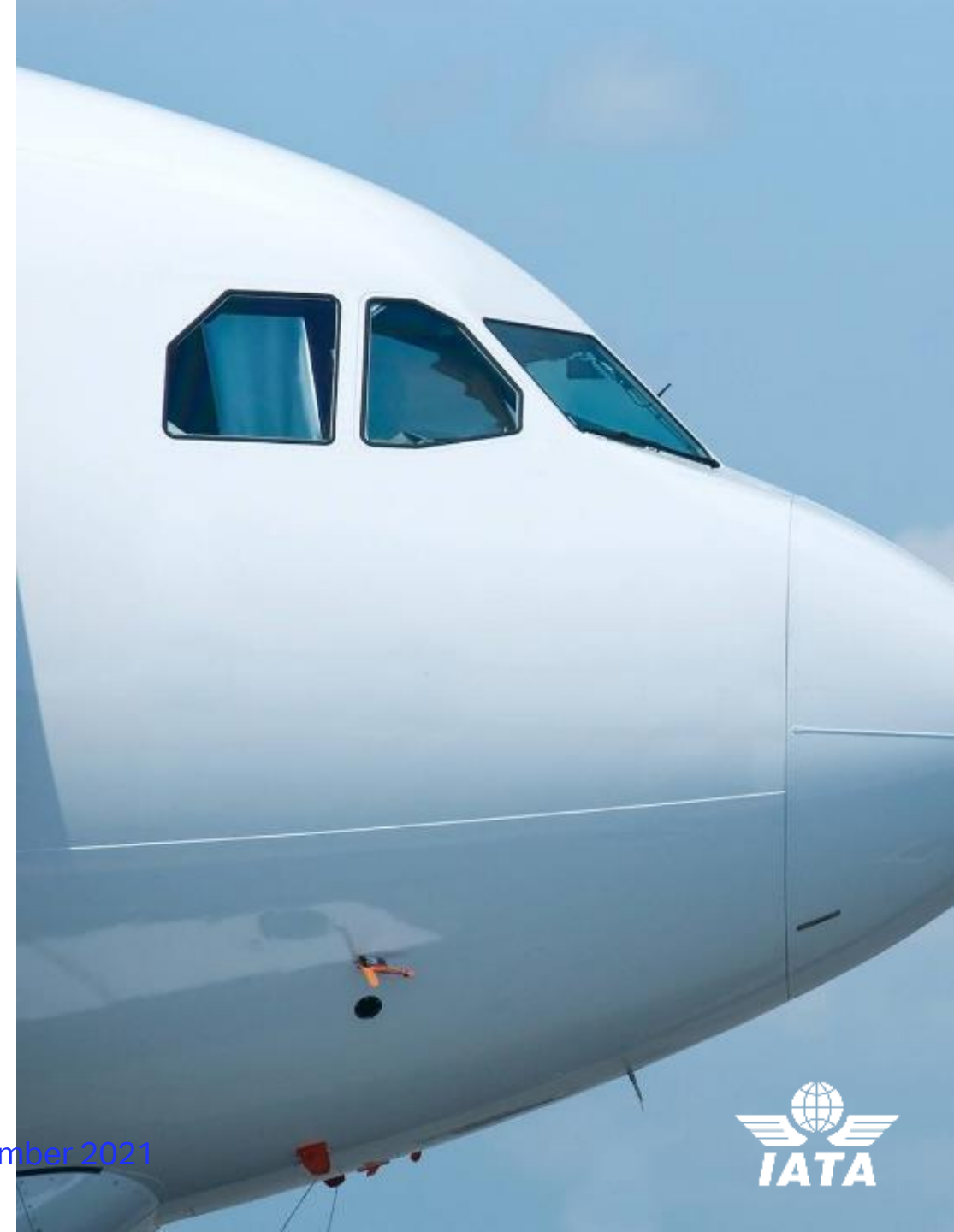
Need improved cooperation from Governments

Need Governments to accept digital testing and vaccination certificates and agree to common standard

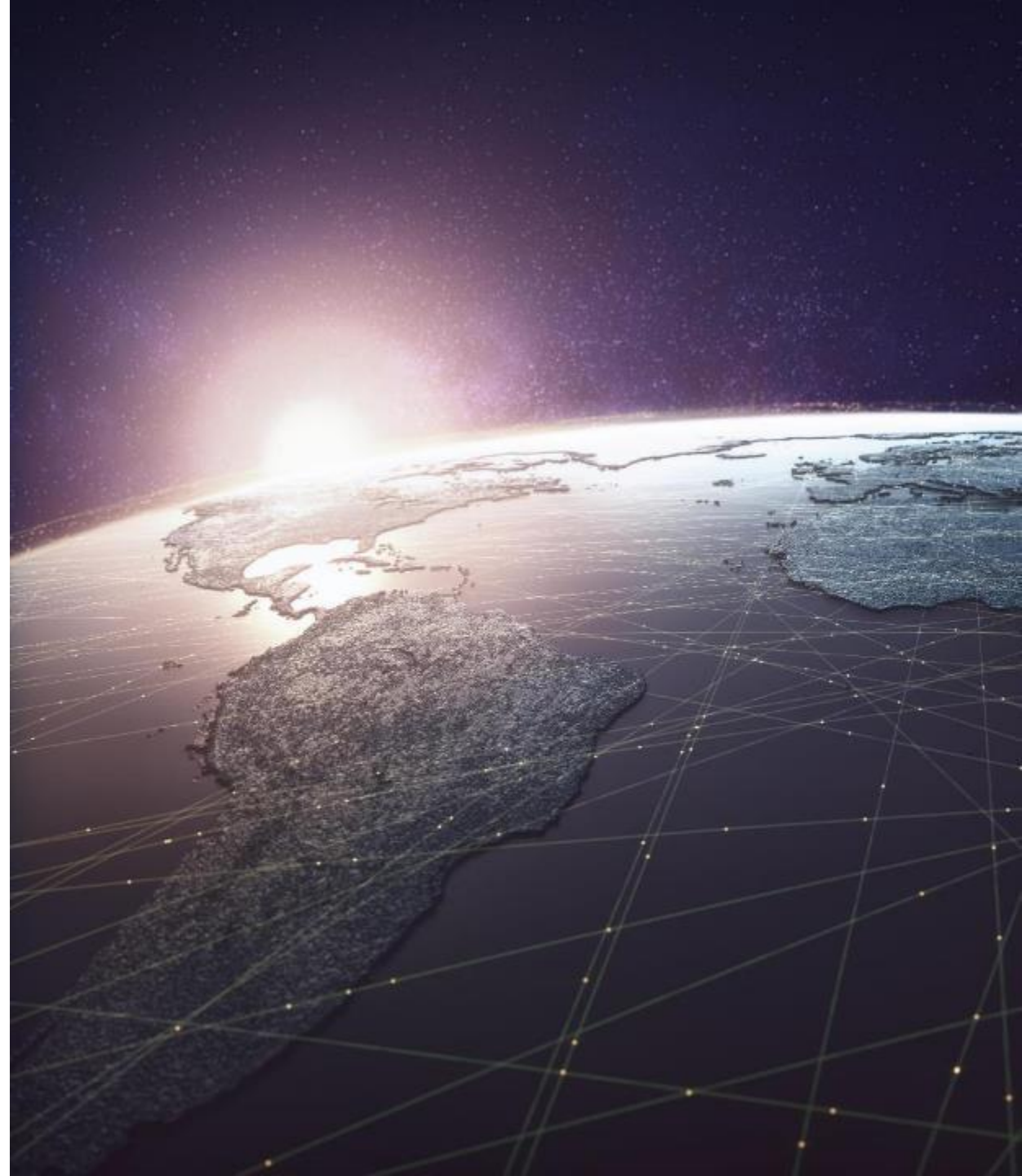
Avoid increase in charges, fees and taxes

Follow global best practices in consumer protection initiatives

Drive sustainable aviation fuel policy development



Country Updates





Canada

- Canada has once again tightened its entry restrictions.
- We need clear rules and regulations based on science.



United States

- Welcome Government's decision to re-open country to vaccinated foreigners.
- But new one day testing requirement could be challenging for some travelers.



Mexico

- International air connectivity in November 2021 is 10% higher than 2019 pre-crisis levels.
- Critical that the government continues to engage with the industry on their planned 3-airports system for Mexico City.



Caribbean

- Good signs of recovery.
- Taxes and charges: Industry is once again used by Governments as a "cash-cow".



Central America

- New Palmerola Airport serving Tegucigalpa in Honduras is set to open shortly.



Colombia

- New entry regulations as of 14 December.
- Colombia became first country to align its existing slot regulation to WASG Edition 1.



Ecuador

- Recent changes to the foreign exchange tax regime will stimulate international connectivity.
- IATA will hold an Aviation Day in Ecuador on March 17, 2022.



Peru

- Lima airport expansion must be carried out to accommodate future traffic.



Brazil

- ANP authorized the introduction of Jet-A fuel in the country.
- Open consultation needed for airport concession contracts.



Argentina

- On-going recovery hindered by Central Bank prohibiting credit card companies from offering customers the option to pay in installments.



Uruguay

- The market cannot sustain too many international airports.



Chile

- Current entry requirements do not stimulate international travel and hinder country's economic recovery.



Despite the COVID-19 crisis,
**people have kept
their need and
desire to travel.**

**There is optimism for
when borders reopen.**



**Passenger numbers are
expected to surpass
pre-COVID-19
levels by 2023.**

**This follows recovery of 52%
(in 2021) and 88% (in 2022)
of pre-COVID-19 levels.**

Q&A

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