

Grady Stone Bio

Grady joined American Embassy-Dakar in September 2015 as the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Senior Representative in Africa. Grady is responsible for advancing FAA's civil aviation goals in Africa by promoting safety and efficiency through harmonization of global standards and ensuring cooperation through international alliances. Grady's primary role is to liaise with the leadership of the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) regional offices in Dakar and Nairobi, African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC), International Air Transport Association (IATA), Airports Council International (ACI), Sub-Saharan Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOO), and the Directors General of 49 Civil Aviation Authorities throughout Sub-Saharan Africa.

Grady began his career in government 13 years ago in the Office of the Secretary of Transportation's Competition Policy Division where he served as primary liaison with the EU's Directorate General for Competition and Japan's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, focusing on global airline anti-trust immunity cases and domestic and international airport slot policies and regulations. Prior to moving to Dakar, Grady served in the FAA's Office of Airports as the compliance liaison for the Southern Region.

Prior to entering government service, Grady worked for 18 years in the private sector for two major U.S. airlines and two European aircraft manufacturers where his efforts focused on network and strategic planning. Grady is a licensed commercial pilot (SEL).

Grady holds a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management from Georgia Institute of Technology and a Master of Science in Marketing from Georgia State University.