



Juan Carlos Salazar

Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar is the Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). He was first appointed for a three-year term starting August 2021.

His career in international civil aviation spans over 27 years in various advisory and leadership roles. Prior to his appointment as Secretary General, Mr. Salazar served as Director General of Aeronautica Civil of Colombia – Aerocivil. For the twelve years previous to joining Aerocivil, Mr. Salazar was a Senior Advisor to the UAE General Civil Aviation Authority.

His professional experience also includes terms as the President of Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC), Secretary of the Colombian Civil Aviation Board and Director of its Air Transport Office, Director General of Air Transport at the Colombian Ministry of Transport, Corporate Secretary and Director of the Legal Department of Tampa Cargo (currently known as Avianca Cargo).

Mr. Salazar is a lawyer and has earned advanced degrees from Harvard University (Master in Public Administration - MPA) and McGill University (Master in Air and Space Law - LLM). He is fluent in Spanish, English and French, and speaks basic Arabic.



Patrick Ky

Patrick Ky is Executive Director of the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA). Since 2013, his mission has been to establish and maintain a robust and safe European aviation system for the travelling public. Mr. Ky has 30 years of experience in Civil Aviation. Before joining EASA, he was in charge of SESAR, the single European sky digitalisation programme. He also held various positions in the French Civil Aviation Authority, EUROCONTROL and the European Commission. A graduate of Ecole Polytechnique and the Civil Aviation Engineering School in France, he holds postgraduate degrees in economics from the University of Toulouse and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Catalin Cotrut

Catalin is a passionate aviation specialist, pilot and engineer, with over 30 years of aviation experience in different operational areas. In Romania, he fulfilled significant management roles as Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority, Head of Flight Inspectors (Ro CAA) and Executive Vice President of the first LCC - Blue Air. His international engagement started as a member in several task forces of the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC), followed by membership of Eurocontrol Provisional Council and EASA Management Board.

2007/2010, as a Council of ICAO member, Catalin made an important contribution on various policies development and regulations, while joining and leading several committees and working groups. Further, he was selected Vice-Chair of the first International Conference on Aviation and Alternative Fuels (ICAO CAAF) and Chair of the ICAO Council working group that delivered the Policy and Framework for Regional Cooperation.

2010/September 2021, Catalin championed IATA safety and operational audit programs (IOSA, ISAGO, ISSA) building a solid & sustainable management system and a highly performant team of specialists. Pivotal projects were successfully delivered such Enhanced IOSA, IOSA/ISAGO Digital Transformation phase 1, ISAGO alignment with ICAO Ground Handling Manual (Doc. 10121) and the birth of the IATA Standard Safety Assessment program.

He graduated from the Romanian Flight Academy as a professional pilot, holds a BS (Engineering) and a MS (Management in Air Transport) from the Politehnica University of Bucharest. In addition, he possesses a postgraduate diploma in International Business Law from Bucharest University of Economic Studies, and Comprehensive Project Management Diploma from McGill University.



Gonzalo Patricio Altamirano Cousin

Gonzalo Altamirano works for LATAM Airlines Ecuador as Head of Maintenance Quality. With 17 years of experience in airworthiness and aircraft maintenance, he is responsible for developing and executing the Quality System. and Maintenance Safety Management for the AOC and OMA, which include the ICAO SRVSOP record in the SAM Office.

It promotes the analysis of Human Factors, the Fair Culture Program and the concepts of resilience engineering during maintenance activities according to the SMS requirements for LATAM Ecuador.



Emile Arao

In East Africa, Emile is known as the “Business Advisor”, considered one of aviation industry’s leading experts on setting up business systems and optimizing high-value operations specializing in projects requiring start-up or restructuring expertise. He has been dubbed the “idea factory” by many of his colleagues as he has the ability to identify trends, focus on fast results and execute strategic objectives.

Emile is an entrepreneur at heart, having started numerous business interests as well as being a highly talented and accomplished Aviation Professional holding his Bachelor of Science Degree in Aircraft Engineering Technology, his Master’s Degree in Business Administration in Aviation, with a specialization in Aviation Systems Management; both obtained from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. He has also worked as an Air-frame and Power-plant (A&P) mechanic and he holds a Kenyan and USA Multi-Commercial Pilot license with an Instrument Rating.

He is currently the Executive Director at the East African Community’s – Civil Aviation and Safety Oversight Agency (EAC – CASSOA). He is married with two kids.



Matima Ariyachaipanich

Ms. Matima Ariyachaipanich is a Safety Oversight Specialist in Flight Operations and an Assistant to Director General of The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT). She also serves as National Continuous Monitoring Coordinator in USOAP CMA program.

She has been working at DCA/CAAT for over 18 years. Earlier in her aviation career, she served as Aircraft Accident Investigator. Later, she served as Airworthiness Inspector for five years. Then, she has been trained and appointed as Flight Operations Inspector. Prior to her current position, she served in managerial roles as Head of Foreign Air Operator Inspection and Head of Flight Standards Development Division at CAAT respectively.

In 2019-2020, she joined COSCAP-SEA team as a Flight Operation Expert providing technical assistance and conducting training courses to strengthen the safety oversight system of member states.

She got a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and a master's degree in Aeronautical Engineering. She also has experience as an air transport pilot in ATR72 and A320 aircraft.



Juan Francisco Belliard

Mr. Belliard has a Degree in Law and Master in Public Administration and is also an expert on Airport Operations with a 32-year experience.

In 1990 Operating Supervisor in Las Americas International Airport (SDQ), within the Government Airport Authority of the Dominican Republic.

In 2000, was hired by Aerodom Siglo XXI, as Operating and Cargo Manager to reach out to the new airport operation standard, implemented by Aerodom, as new airport operator, after acquiring under concession all government airports in the Dominican Republic.

In 2006, was hired by Government Airports Authority of the Dominican Republic, to manage National Airports Direction. Also was a Project Manager for domestic airports improvement.

From 2005 to 2011, was teacher at the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo, by being responsible to teach airport operations, airport fees and airport privatization processes, as part of the Civil and Aeronautical Rights.

Since 2011, Mr. Belliard has been involved in AERIS Holding Costa Rica, as Chief Operating and Security Officer, Juan Santamaria International Airport (SJO).



Papa Atoumane Fall

Papa Atoumane FALL is the Director, Safety and Technical Services of AFCAC.

He was formerly the Director General of Senegalese Civil Aviation and Meteorology Authority (ANACIM) from 2011 to 2013.

He worked with the Senegalese Civil Aviation Authority (ANACS) for ten (10) years and occupied the positions of Director of Air Navigation from 2005-2010 and Director of Aeronautical Services Industries and Studies from 2010-2011.

He worked also with Agence pour la sécurité de la navigation aérienne en Afrique et Madagascar (ASECNA) for ten (10) years and occupied several positions among which Chief Air Traffic Services and Chief of Aeronautical Information for West Africa.

Mr. FALL was also appointed as Interim Secretary General of the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) from February 2018 to January 2019.

He holds a Master of Mathematics and a Civil Aviation Engineer Diploma in addition to his various certifications.

In addition, he has received the decoration of Officer of the Lion Order of Senegal, one of the highest distinctions of his Country.



Alejandro Mena

Mr. Alejandro Mena is currently the Manager of the Central American Agency for Aeronautical Safety (ACSA) since 2020.

Mr. Mena is a Maintenance Technician and an Air Transport Pilot, with over 25 years of aviation experience in different operational areas. He also, has experience as an Airline Transport Pilot Instructor within the industry.

He worked for the main Approved Maintenance Organization in Costa Rica COOPESA FAA/EASA certified Repair Station as a Maintenance Technician and Quality Control Inspector on B727, B737, B707, DC8, DC9, A320 aircrafts for over seven (7) years, then moved to GRUPO TACA AIRLINES and AVIANCA where he performed on the positions of Maintenance Quality Assurance Chief and Maintenance Manager from 1998 to 2003, then as a Operations Quality Assurance Chief and A320 Air Transport Pilot from 2003 to 2014 for the same operator.

For the last 6 years Mr. Mena has worked with ACSA as an Operations Specialists until he became the new manager of the Agency. As an Operations Specialists he has been providing technical assistance and/or training to Civil Aviation Authorities and other aviation industries interested in operations assistance in compliance with current and updated aeronautical regulations and the application of procedures established to maintain and increase the effective implementation levels of the State in compliance with ICAO standards.

Mr. Mena holds an Aircraft Structural Repair Diploma, Aviation Mechanic Diploma, and is finishing his bachelor's degree on Transportation Administration with Emphasis on Aerodromes. He also holds Maintenance Technician Type 1 License, FAA Aircraft/Powerplant A/P License, and Airplane Transport Pilot (ATP) Flight Instructor/Ground Instructor Captain A-320 / Captain B 737-200 License.



Francisco Ospina Ramirez

Secretary of the Colombian Civil Aviation Authority.

Line Transport Pilot and Mechanical Engineer with more than twenty years of experience in the aviation industry. He served the Colombian Civil Aviation Authority for three years as Safety and Security Secretary and Flight Standards Director of the Civil Aviation Authority. He also, has experience in the aviation industry as Airline Pilot, Instructor Pilot and has steered some State programmes such as the development of remotely piloted systems, aircraft accidents and incidents investigator and development of technology for the Colombian Air Force, among others.

Mr. Ospina holds a Master's degree in Systems Engineering, Master's Degree in Engineering Management and Master's degree in Aeronautical Management.



Magele Hoe Viali

- Chair of PASO: Jul 2020–present
- Deputy Chair of PASO: Mar 2010–Nov 2014; Mar 2019–Jun 2020
- Samoa’s Main Rep in PASO Council: Feb 2019–current: Alternate Rep: Mar 2006–Nov 2014
- Alternate Head of Delegation in 2013 and 2019 for Samoa’s Delegation to ICAO Assembly and since 2007 have been a member of Samoa’s Delegations to ICAO Assemblies
- 40years experience in Air Traffic Control/Airport Operations/Management
- Feb 2019–present: Secretary for Transport / CEO / DG Civil Aviation – Ministry of Works, Transport & Infrastructure (MWTI)
- Oct 2011–Jan 2019: CEO of Govt owned Airport Authority, operator of the only full international airport in Samoa
- Mar 2006–Oct 2011: Director of Civil Aviation (MWTI)
- NZ & Australian Universities Management qualifications



Victor M. Aguado

Víctor M. Aguado is the Permanent Representative of Spain on the Council of ICAO. He has served as the 1st Vice-President of the Council and as well as, Committee Chairman of: Finance, Air Transport, Technical Cooperation, and Joint Support of Air Navigation Services. Currently he is the Chairman of the Committee on Governance. He also served as the Chairman of the Special Task Force to develop the ICAO Policy on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families.

Before joining the ICAO Council, Mr. Aguado was Director General of EUROCONTROL, the European Organization for the Safety of Air Navigation (2000-2008). Under his lead EUROCONTROL significantly enlarged its membership reaching a pan-European dimension and successfully implemented pivotal pan-European programs enhancing safety, reducing air traffic delays and minimizing costs. Mr. Aguado signed the first agreement with the Commission of the European Union to jointly launch the Single European Sky and the SESAR Program.

Previously, and for four consecutive terms, Mr. Aguado was President of the Air Navigation Commission of ICAO. During his tenure the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme was conceived and approved.

Victor M. Aguado has held high-level positions in Spain, including CEO of ISDEFE (systems engineering). He was appointed Director General of the Cabinet of the Minister of State for Defence, after being Director for Advanced Air Traffic Management Programs in the Ministry of Transport. Mr. Aguado has been a member of the Supervisory Boards of AENA International (airport operator), HISPASAT (satellite communications operator), ISDEFE (systems engineering) and INSA (aerospace engineering). Furthermore, he has also been a member of the Board of Governors of the Flight Safety Foundation and a member of the European Union's Group of Personalities on Security Research as well as of the European Union's High Level Group on the Single European Sky.

Mr. Aguado has been bestowed with a number of national and international honours and awards, among others the American Legion School Award, the Gran Cross of Aeronautical Merit in Spain, the Global NavCom Award in Canada, the Commandeur de l'Ordre de la Couronne in Belgium and the Encomienda of Civil Merit in Spain.

Víctor M. Aguado holds a master's degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the Polytechnic University of Madrid, and a Master of Science in Management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MIT.



Chandrasena Nimalsiri

Mr. Nimalsiri is a Science Graduate of the University of Colombo and also a holder of M.Sc. in Information Technology and Computing. He joined the DCA-Sri Lanka in 1987 as the Assistant Director (Operations) which regulated matters relating to Personnel Licensing, Aircraft Operations, Facilitation, Aerodromes, Aircraft Accident Investigation, Security and Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods. He has attended a series of formal technical training courses and educational activities on the subject matters, held in-house and overseas. He was promoted to the post of Director General of Civil Aviation in 2001 and served in the post until retirement in 2020.

During his tenure as the DGCA, a fully autonomous and self-financing CAA was established replacing the DCA; new Civil Aviation Act was introduced replacing the old Air Navigation Act, new set of Operating Regulations were introduced for regulation of the local aviation industry, introduced a series of administrative, operational, and procedural changes for the good governance of the CAA-Sri Lanka.

He served the ICAO for three years since 2007 as the Programme Coordinator of COSCAP-South Asia and was the Chair of RASG-Asia & Pacific Region. During his tenure, Nimalsiri has attended a series of high level international events representing Sri Lanka.



Romain Ekoto

Romain Ekoto is an aviation professional with more than 19 years of experience. As Chief Aviation Officer of the African Development Bank, he is responsible for developing and executing the Bank's framework to support the aviation Sector in Africa. In this capacity he's spearheaded Bank's transformative initiatives in the past two years in infrastructure development (e.g.: Msalato International Airport Construction in Tanzania), institutional support (e.g.: Support to the African Civil Aviation Commission for the implementation of the Single African Air Transport Market) as well in aircraft financing (e.g.: feasibility study for the creation of a leasing platform for African Airlines).

Before joining the Bank, Romain worked at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), a UN Specialized Agency, where he ran the technical assistance and air transport programs for the Western and Central African Region.

Beginning his career, Romain worked for Air France where he managed several projects on the digitalization of tools for the airline crew. He graduated from the French Civil Aviation University (ENAC) with an Engineering degree.



Sanjeev S Gadhia

Sanjeev S Gadhia is the Founder and CEO of Astral Aerial Solutions Ltd which is an Integrated UAV Service Provider which is based in Nairobi, Kenya, and is associated with Astral Aviation which is Africa's largest private cargo airline with a fleet of 14 aircraft.

With 20 years of aviation and logistics experience in Africa, Astral's mission is to be part of the drone revolution in Africa, by adapting technology and innovation to solve Africa's problem of poor infrastructure and accessibility, so that it can leapfrog to the future.

Astral Aerial is licensed by the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority and has been working on various UAV Solutions for Desert Locust Control, Agricultural Mapping and Cargo Delivery in Kenya and Ethiopia.

Astral has partnership agreements with Swoop.Aero, Drone Delivery Canada, Wingcopter, Singular Aircraft, Idronect and Yamaha, in addition to being a DJI Dealer.

In 2021, Astral Aerial launched its training academy in Kenya.

In 2017, Astral won the prestigious 'IATA Cargo Innovation Award for its UTM' for Africa.

In 2019, Astral was rated as 'Africa's Top 10 Tech Startups' and selected by Airbus to participate in Bizlab #Africa4Future Accelerator programme.

In April 2019, Astral was recognized by World Bank as the Winner – Data Analytics of its Disruptive Agricultural Technology challenge.



Hugues Laloë

Mr Hugues Laloë is leading the Operations Safety Enhancement department in Airbus. He is responsible for the Global Regional Airbus Safety Program and the deployment of related safety initiatives towards Airbus customer airlines and their Civil Aviation Authorities. The mission involves active contribution to regional organisations like RAST, COSCAPs and RSOOs, and a wider collaboration with institutions like ICAO, EASA and other European Civil Aviation Authorities for operational safety matters.

Mr Laloë serves as co-chair (industry) for the APRAST SEI working group.

His career in aviation spans over more than 30 years. Pilot by trade, he has held various positions, both in the civil and military, ranging from very operational duties to senior management roles. He left the French Air Force after 17 years and joined Airbus in 2007. During his career, Mr Laloë has been directly involved at the various steps of the pilot training pipeline and in parallel he has held various operational safety positions in industry.



Joachim Lücking

Dr. Joachim Lücking has been Head of Unit for Aviation Safety in the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport of the European Commission since November 2016. He is responsible for implementing and developing European aviation safety policy, including oversight of EASA, as well as the Commission's international activities in the area.

Joachim joined the European Commission in 1995, and held a number of management positions in the Competition Directorate-General before joining DG MOVE.

Prior to joining the Commission, Joachim worked as an academic and in industry. He holds degrees in business administration and economics from the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg and from Wayne State University, Detroit.



Musa Shuaibu Nuhu

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ATPL, MBA, MRAeS

Director General Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA)

Captain Nuhu had an illustrious career that has spanned over 4 decades, a pilot by profession, had worked for various reputable public and private organizations including the defunct Nigeria Airways Ltd, Presidential Air Fleet, Petrowest Operations SA, Aero Contractors Ltd where he held various technical and managerial positions of responsibilities including Line Captain, Training Captain, Chief Pilot, Flight Safety Manager and Technical Assistant to Honorable Minister of Aviation amongst several others.

In his recent stint as the Permanent Representative of Nigeria on the Council of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Captain Nuhu served as one term Vice-President of the Council in addition to being an active member of several ICAO Council Committees and Chaired the Implementation, Strategy and Planning Group (ISPG).

Captain Nuhu had previously served as the Coordinator of the AFI Group, Vice-President Western Region of African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) Bureau and Chairperson of the Comprehensive Regional Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa and the Indian Ocean (AFI Plan). He is the current Chairman of the Board of Banjul Accord Group Aviation Safety Oversight Organization (BAGASOO). Captain Nuhu is an experienced international aviator with proven leadership and organizational skills. He was the coordinator and focal person for Nigeria, as the host State of the highly acclaimed Third ICAO World Aviation Forum (IWAF/3 Abuja, Nigeria). A recipient of several awards for Leadership and Crisis Management. In addition to holding a Nigerian and US FAA Air Transport Pilot License with several type ratings, Captain Nuhu holds the Aviation Masters' of Business Administration Degree from Concordia University, Montreal, Canada amongst several other professional, technical and managerial qualifications. Captain Nuhu is a member of several professional and industry organizations



Luc Tytgat

Luc Tytgat is since 1 January 2015 Director of the Strategy and Safety Management Directorate of the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA). Luc Tytgat is in charge of raising safety intelligence as one of EASA's key priorities and developing a better and more agile regulatory framework. Luc Tytgat's responsibilities also include the key strategic challenges faced by the sector such as sustainable aviation and the emerging risks (cybersecurity, conflict zones, health). Prior to EASA, Luc Tytgat was the Director of the Pan-European Single Sky Directorate at Eurocontrol since 2011, after having worked for 20 years in the field of air transport and space at the European Commission and 10 years in the Belgian Air Force.



Stephen P. Creamer

Director, Air Navigation Bureau, ICAO

Steve Creamer has served as Director of the Air Navigation Bureau at ICAO since April 2015. Steve previously held a number of executive and managerial positions at the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration with over 33 years' experience in the Air Traffic and International Aviation organizations. They include serving as FAA Regional Office Director for Europe, Africa and the Middle East; and serving as a member of the ICAO Air Navigation Commission.

Steve began his career in air traffic operations, eventually managing all Alaskan and North Pacific airspace, pioneering new airspace use techniques that improved capacity and access for all operators. More recently his work has broadened to the international implementation of procedures and technology systems that improve aviation safety, with a careful eye toward retaining capacity and efficiency.