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MONDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2024

OPENING SESSION

His Excellency Eng. Naif Ali Hamad Al Abri, President of the Civil Aviation Authority, Oman

Worked for over nine years with the national airline (Oman Air) in a competitive engineering environment with multinational team to achieve the company's mission of providing a safe and cost-effective operation which was a great fostering experience. He has been the Acting CEO of TRANSOM group of companies (5 aviation services companies) which he had successfully led a 100 days program. With the government decision of restructuring the aviation sector in Oman, he was tasked to lead the restructuring team to ensure all necessary plans are designed and executed to achieve the set outcomes. Effective 1st August 2021, he had been appointed by His Majesty the Sultan of Oman as President of Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) of Oman until date.



Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano, President of the Council, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Mr. Sciacchitano graduated in Telecommunications Engineering from the University of Catania and began his career in aviation in 1980, joining the Italian Airworthiness Authority (RAI) where he held positions of increasing responsibility, serving as the organization's Regulation Director in 1992, then as Technical Director and, in 1996, as Director General.

With the merger of the aviation branch of the Ministry of Transport and RAI and the subsequent establishment of the Italian Civil Aviation Authority (ENAC), Mr. Sciacchitano assumed the position of Deputy Director General. In this position, he played an instrumental role in coordinating the core business divisions of the newly founded structure. He was also entrusted with multiple international mandates, chairing the

Permanent Commission of EUROCONTROL, representing Italy in the Management Board of European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), holding the Vice-Presidency of the EUROCONTROL Provisional Council and coordinating the Italian delegation during ICAO Assemblies. As a result of his extensive experience in aviation international affairs, Mr. Sciacchitano was appointed Executive Secretary of the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) in 2010. In February 2019, he joined the Italian Delegation on the Council of ICAO, where he served until assuming his duties as President of the Council.





SESSION: FLYING TOMORROW: ENHANCING AVIATION SECURITY FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Fireside Discussion

Mr. Mohamed Khalifa Rahma, Director, Air Transport Bureau, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Mr. Mohamed Khalifa Rahma assumed his position as Director, Air Transport Bureau, of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in April 2020. Before his appointment, Mr. Rahma was the Regional Director of the ICAO Middle East Regional Office since March 2016. The current work portfolio of Mr. Rahma covers a wide range of global aviation domain including Air Transport, Aviation Security and Facilitation and Environmental protection. He is currently the Secretary of the Council Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART). During his tenure in ICAO Middle East Office, he was instrumental in strengthening regional and inter-regional collaboration in aviation industry. This effort included enhancing risk awareness and response, promoting technologies while fostering new innovations, and improving oversight and quality assurance. Mr. Rahma continues to significantly increase cooperation among member States, international and Regional organizations. Prior to joining ICAO, Mr. Rahma was the Undersecretary of International and Internal Affairs at the Ministry of Civil Aviation of Egypt and previously the advisor to the Egyptian Minister of Civil Aviation. During his tenure at the Egyptian government, Mr. Rahma played a substantial role and led influential projects that actively supported and enhanced aviation capacity and efficiency in Egypt. He developed cooperative relationships with government bodies and investors while paving the way for future business partnerships and opportunities. Mr. Rahma was a board member of various companies including Cairo Airport Company, Aerotel Company and EMAC Aqaba Company and chaired many strategic committees under the umbrella of the Ministry of Civil Aviation for special projects. He led and participated in many high level national and regional committees. Mr. Rahma has 30 years of aviation experience in various fields including aviation management, airline management, operation, safety, training, corporate communication, and crisis management. He holds a Master's Degree in Aviation Management and speaks fluent English and Arabic.



Ms. Lisa J. Setlakwe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Safety & Security, Transport Canada

Lisa Setlakwe joins us from the Privy Council Office (PCO), where she served as the Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet Operations – Social Development Policy. Prior to joining PCO, Lisa served as the Senior Assistant Deputy Minister of the Strategy and Innovation Policy Sector at Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada from 2016 through 2020. Lisa has gained a wealth of experience throughout her career in the public service, having joined the former Industry Canada in 2008 as the Deputy Regional Executive Director with the Atlantic Regional Office. She later became the Director of the National Access Programs Directorate, Director General for Policy in the Science and Innovation Sector, and Executive Director of the Industrial Technologies Office, based in Ottawa.





MODERATOR

Ms. Patricia Reverdy, Executive Secretary, European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC)

Patricia Reverdy leads ECAC's coordination for international meetings and events. She manages the implementation of ECAC's work Programme, in particular on economic and legal matters, as well as on security and facilitation. She also supports the activities of the ECAC expert group on accident investigations. In all these fields of activities, she leads the works among ECAC 44 Member States and contributes to various international groups.

Patricia has over 20 years of experience in civil aviation. She first joined ECAC in September 2001 as Aviation Security Audit and Assistance Officer having previously worked for the Swiss Federal Office of Civil Aviation.



Mrs. Musayeroh Barrie, Director General, Sierra Leone Civil Aviation Authority

Madam Barrie has held various senior management roles in industries including Aviation and participated in various aviation-related training programmes notably the Aviation Security Professional Managers Course (AVSEC PM) conducted by the University of Concordia in conjunction with ICAO.

Madam Barrie possesses extensive knowledge of Sierra Leone's aviation environment, having served as the Country Director for Westminster Aviation Security Services (WASS), for over a decade. During her tenure as the Country Director for WASS she played a pivotal role in the successful execution of airport security operations at Freetown International Airport. Furthermore, she closely collaborated with the relevant State authorities to

prepare for the ICAO Security Audit in 2019 resulting in Sierra Leone achieving a commendable pass mark of 71%.



Ms. Mona Björklund, Director, Policy Coordination, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission

Mona Björklund is Director for "Policy coordination" in DG Mobility & Transport. Her Directorate manages inter-institutional relations, international relations, better regulation and legal affairs, as well as transport security policies.

She was previously a Director in the Regulatory Scrutiny Board, providing independent quality control of the European Commission's impact assessments and evaluations. Before that, Ms Björklund held various management positions in DG Mobility & Transport (coordination and planning) and in the Secretariat General of the European Commission (impact assessment, European semester/EU strategy for growth and jobs). Ms. Björklund has a Master of Science in Business Administration and Economics and a Master of Arts in European Economic Studies. She has Swedish nationality.





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Ms. Sarah Nacey, Transport Security Director, Department for Transport, United Kingdom

Sarah is the Transport Security Director in the UK's Department for Transport (DfT). She leads the Directorate responsible for working to mitigate the cyber and State Threats to the transport sector, the work with industry, academia, and international partners on transport national security science and research as well as DfT's aviation and maritime security teams that work in the UK and around the world.

Previously Sarah was the Deputy Director for Aviation Security in DfT and, before joining the Department in 2019, Sarah led the Office of Security and Counter-Terrorism's Protect and Prepare activity so the UK could effectively mitigate, and respond to, the threat from terrorism. She has lead teams in the Home Office and Cabinet Office working on national security issues – including aviation and border security – as well as civil contingencies.

Mr. Bernard Lim, Senior Director International Relations and Security, Ministry of Transport, Singapore

Bernard Lim is Senior Director for International Relations and Security with the Ministry of Transport, Singapore. He served as the Vice-Chairman of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Aviation Security (AVSEC) Panel from March 2009 to March 2011, and then as Chairman from March 2011 to April 2015. During this period, the Panel made a number of key achievements, such as the establishment of the ICAO's Comprehensive Aviation Security Strategy 2011-2016; the development of new ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices for air cargo security; cyber security; security of air traffic service providers; access control measures with respect to persons other than passengers; security awareness training; landside security and international AVSEC co-operation, amongst others.



Mr. David Pecoske, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, United States



David Pecoske leads a workforce of over 60,000 employees and is responsible for security operations at nearly 440 airports throughout the United States. Under his leadership, TSA improved transportation security through close partnerships and alliances, a culture of innovation, and development of a dedicated workforce. During his tenure as TSA Administrator, Pecoske also served at the Department of Homeland Security as Acting Secretary from January 20 to February 2, 2021, and as the Senior Official Performing the Duties of Deputy Secretary from April to November 2019, and again from February to June 2021. He was also a commissioner on the Cyberspace Solarium Commission. Before joining TSA, Pecoske was an executive in the government services industry, where he led teams that provided counterterrorism, security and intelligence support services to government agencies. He is a recognized expert in crisis management, strategic planning, innovation, and aviation, surface transportation and maritime security. In addition, he has been twice awarded the Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal.



SESSION: SECURITY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Keynote Remarks

Mr. Hamish Hansford, Deputy Secretary – Cyber and Infrastructure Security, Department of Home Affairs, Australia

Hamish Hansford is the Deputy Secretary of the Cyber and Infrastructure Security Group in the Department of Home Affairs. In this role Hamish leads on cyber security and critical infrastructure policy, and manages the Australian regulatory authority for 11 critical infrastructure sectors including transport security and telecommunication security. Hamish is also responsible for AusCheck, a national background checking service. Prior to his current position, Hamish was the Inaugural Head of the Cyber and Infrastructure Security Centre. Hamish has extensive leadership experience in national security, border protection, technology, cyber security, indigenous affairs and criminal justice issues in the Australian Public Service.



MODERATOR



Mr. Christian Schleifer, Representative of Austria on the Council of ICAO

Austria as member of the Abis rotation group (Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Ireland, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Switzerland), was elected on 1 October 2022 for the next triennium in Part II to the ICAO Council. Since then, Christian Schleifer is the appointed permanent representative of Austria for this three-year term. From 2014 until March 2022 Christian Schleifer was the Secretary General and CEO of EUROCAE, a leading international Standard Developing Organisation (SDO) of worldwide recognized, high quality and safety critical industry standards for aviation. Mr. Schleifer was responsible for the operational management, development, restructuring, transformation, and growth of the SDO.

From 2009 until 2011, Mr. Schleifer served as Member on the ICAO Air Navigation Commission (ANC) and as its President on 2012 and 2013.

Prior to his posting at ICAO, Mr. Schleifer was a specialized Certification and Flight Test Engineer for Avionics, Electrics and Human-Machine interface. After his return from ICAO, he was involved in the strategic development of the ANS in Austria, contributing to the European and Global Air Navigation modernization programmes.

In this role, Mr. Schleifer has a background in Electronic Engineering and holds a Commercial Pilot License (CPL), actively flies single and multi-engine aircrafts. Beside the technical and operational aviation background, he also holds a Global Executive MBA from the University of Minnesota and the Vienna University of Economics.



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Dr. Pascal Andrei, Senior-Vice-President Chief Security Officer, AIRBUS

Pascal ANDREI started his career at AEROSPATIALE in 1993 as head of Competitive Intelligence before leading e-business activities in Munich for EADS headquarters. He created and led Aircraft Security within Airbus before becoming Chief Product Security Officer and Executive Expert for all Airbus divisions. He is currently Airbus SVP Chief Security Officer, leading all Security activities globally for Airbus company-wide, with a direct report to Airbus CEO.

He plays a very active role in international cooperative efforts to guarantee the overall security of the commercial aviation industry infrastructure. For this contribution, he was nominated personality of the year in 2015 by the Air Transportation System Security community in Dubai.

He is a reservist of the "GIGN" the elite police tactical unit of the French National Gendarmerie and was decorated Knight of the Legion d'Honneur in 2017.



Mr. Abdennebi Manar, Director General, Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO)

He is Civil Aviation Engineer from National School of Civil Aviation of Toulouse - France (ENAC). Prior to his appointment as DG of ACAO, he held several roles including: Acting Director General of Morocco Civil Aviation Authority, Air Navigation Director, Air Traffic Director, Airport Quality, security and Safety Director, Acting as Air transport Director, Morocco representative at ICAO, ACAC Executive Member, member of Air Navigation Team of the Arab Maghreb Union and President of ACAO Air Navigation Committee



Mr. Matthew Vaughan, Director, Aviation Security, Operations, Safety & Security, International Air Transport Association (IATA)

Matthew leads IATA's global aviation security efforts and serves as Secretary for the Security Advisory Council, reporting to the IATA Board. With over 20 years of security management experience, including a decade as Head of Aviation Security at Etihad Airways, he has a background in Australian law enforcement, federal government, and private sector security. His career has focused on integrated risk models and the safety of civil aviation, particularly in the Middle East. Matthew has a master's degree in science, majoring in Risk Management and Security. In addition, Matthew holds a bachelor's degree in Policing and Justice and a Postgraduate Diploma in Criminal Intelligence. In addition, qualified as a Company Director, Leadership in Crisis with Harvard Kennedy School and ICAO qualifications in aviation Cybersecurity and Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families (AAAFV).





Mr. Qiang DU, Deputy General Manager, Capital Airports Holdings Co., Ltd., China

Mr. Qiang DU is currently the deputy general manager of Capital Airports Holdings Co., Ltd., and takes care of the security, safety and service quality of the 55-member airport of CAH.

Mr. DU has over 30 years of operation management experience in airport industry and he had successively assumed several different posts, such as Deputy General manager of Inner Mongolia Airport Group, and Deputy General Manager of Beijing Capital International Airport Co.,Ltd. Mr. Du has participated in the air transport security work of major events such as the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games and the 2022 Winter Olympic Games.

He is dedicated to airport security management system and governance modernization of airport groups and airport service management and standards, airport operation system implementation and other related work.



Ms. Berrak Damla Yıldırım, Aviation Security Manager, Turkish Airlines

Berrak Damla YILDIRIM has been serving as Aviation Security Manager at Turkish Airlines since May 2022. In this role, she is responsible for ensuring the establishment, execution, development and continuity of the security management system within the scope of national and international aviation security regulations and Turkish Airlines procedures. She is also responsible for planning, coordinating and reporting the necessary security measures with the related departments in the company and authorities to protect Turkish Airlines aircraft against acts of unlawful interferences and security-threatening events. She is leading three different aviation security teams and their staff.

She started her career in aviation at Turkish Cargo in 1999. She worked in Cargo Operations, Import and Export between 1999-2008. She was promoted to Cargo Security Supervisor in 2008. Between 2010-2016 she worked as Security Instructor. She has been working as an

IATA External Instructor in the field of Security since 2019. Between 2016 and 2022 she worked as Quality and Document Management Supervisor in Security Directorate at Turkish Airlines.



SESSION: AVIATION SECURITY: FROM LEGACY TO INNOVATION, HOW 80 YEARS OF ICAO AND 50 YEARS OF ANNEX 17 HELP US LOOK INTO THE FUTURE

MODERATOR

Mr. Luvuyo Gqeke, Representative of South Africa on the Council of ICAO

Mr Gqeke has over 25 years' experience in aviation, having worked for an airline, a ground-handling company and the South African Civil Aviation Authority. Before taking up the position of Permanent Representative of South Africa on the ICAO Council Mr Gqeke held the following positions at the South African Civil Aviation Authority:

- Executive - Aviation Security.
- Senior Manager - AVSEC Training and Certification.
- Manager - Cargo Security.

Mr Gqeke also served on the ICAO Aviation Security Panel for several years.



Mr. Hamad Al Muhairi, Assistant Director General of the Aviation Security Affairs Sector, United Arab Emirates

Mr. Hamad Salem Al Muhairi is currently the Assistant Director General, Aviation Security Affairs Sector in the General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

He has 23 years of experience in the field of Civil Aviation Security, Facilitation and Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air.

He was nominated by the Government of UAE as a member of the ICAO Aviation Security Panel and the Dangerous Goods Panels. He is currently the Chairperson of the prestigious ICAO AVSEC Panel. He is the Rapporteur of the ICAO Study Group – Aviation Security Incident Reporting (SG-ASIR); ICAO AVSEC Panel Task Force on Assessing the Enhancement of Compliance with Annex 17 (TF-AEC17); and the ICAO Aviation Security Panel Task Force of the Governance Handbook (TF-GH).



Mr. Mateusz Baczkowski, Deputy Director, Polish Civil Aviation Authority, Poland

Experienced manager and lawyer. Worked for many years for LOT Polish Airlines, where he held various positions such as the Director of the Legal and Legal-Organizational Bureau or the President of the Management Board of LOT Travel.

In 2017 – 2023 he was Chairperson and then a member of the Supervisory Board of WRO-LOT Airline Services.

Working for LOT Polish Airlines, he was responsible for issues such as transactions related to the development of the national air carrier, inclusive of new aircraft leasing. In 2017 he co-founded the Polish Aviation Group. In 2018 – 2023, as the Director of the Legal and Organizational Bureau of the Polish Aviation Group, he was responsible for the creation of the corporate services center and the consolidation of the aviation sector entities





dependent on the National Treasury into the Polish Aviation Group. In 2018 – 2023 he was a LOT Polish Airlines representative in the Star Alliance Legal Committee and in 2022 he was elected one of the 20 members of the IATA Legal Advisory Council from among all the IATA air carriers.

In 2017 he was awarded by Legal 500 and was enlisted on the GC Powerlist, becoming one of the 120 most powerful enterprise lawyers in Europe. In 2022 he was granted the Excellence Awards by the Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce.

He is a legal counsel and a graduate of the Legal and Administration Department at the University of Warsaw. He also completed the Business Leader Development Programme at the University of Oxford.

Mr. Dionisio de la Rosa Hernández, Subdirector General, CESAC, Dominican Republic

Born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, he holds a Bachelor's degree in Law and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Senior Management. He holds the rank of Colonel in the Dominican Republic Air Force and has served as Deputy Director General of the Specialized Corps for Airport and Civil Aviation Security (CESAC) and Chairman of its Technical Commission since 2015. Additionally, he is the current Vice-Chair of the ICAO/LACAC AVSEC/FAL Regional Group for NAM/CAR and SAM Regions and is a member of the International Association of Aviation Security Professionals (AIPSA). As a founding member of CESAC, he has played a pivotal role in its growth and achievements, contributing to the strengthening of the aviation security system through his participation in numerous national and international events related to civil aviation security. Among his notable training are courses in Aviation Security Management, Airport Security Administration, AVSEC Security Supervision, Expert Training in Airport Security, Security Quality Control, and an Aeronautical Management Diploma, among others. His key roles within CESAC have included General Supervisor, Director of Operations, Director of Human Resources, Director of Security for Gregorio Luperón International Airport (AIGL), and Director of the Civil Aviation Security School (ESAC).



Ms. Sonia Hifdi, Chief, Aviation Security Policy Section, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Sonia Hifdi is the Chief of the Aviation Security Policy Section within the Aviation Security and Facilitation Branch of ICAO since 2021. She is leading teams in charge of developing policies, Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) in the area of aviation security, Cybersecurity and aviation critical infrastructure topics. She worked within aviation security for the French Civil Aviation Authority for 17 years at technical, policy and coordination, and oversight positions related to explosive detection, security and Cybersecurity domains.

She is an engineer in Physics and Transportation and graduated in Transport Economics, Airport Management and Resilience and Crisis Management. From 2013 to 2019, she was the Chair of the ECAC Guidance Material Task Force. Between 2011 and 2021, she was also the French Panel Member to the ICAO Aviation Security Panel and the co-rapporteur of the ICAO Working Group on Innovation in Aviation Security. From 2019 to 2021, she was responsible for defining aviation security guidelines and implementation support for national inspectors and industry stakeholders within the French Oversight Authority. She was also the Chair of the ICAO Aviation Security Panel during that time.



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Ms. Maria Cristina Liliana Ioniță, Representative of Romania on the ICAO Council

Ms. Maria Cristina Liliana Ioniță was appointed the Representative of Romania on the ICAO Council on 11 August 2023. Ms. Ioniță has over 25 years of extensive experience in the civil aviation field and held various leadership positions in aviation domains such as: air operations, aerodromes, and in the last 10 years, regulations and oversight of the Air Navigation Service Provider in Romania in the Romanian Aeronautical Authority. She is also knowledgeable in safety management, air transport policies and statistics of the Air Navigation Services performance and charging scheme in the Single European Sky. Ms. Ioniță has represented Romania in several Working Groups and was part of the Romanian delegation at many bilateral and multilateral meetings and negotiations at the International and European levels. She was the Manager and the Focal Point on different aviation subjects in relation to ICAO, European Commission, EUROCONTROL, EASA and Performance Review Body of the European Commission. Over the years, she has also collaborated with International associations like IATA and International telecommunication companies like SITA. Ms. Ioniță holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in aviation (1991 -1997) from the Faculty of Airspace Engineering - Politechnica University of Bucharest and she also holds a Bachelor's degree in International Relations and European Studies (2014 - 2017) from the Faculty of Juridical, Political and Administrative sciences - Spiru Haret University of Bucharest, encompassed by several courses in aviation, audit and project management.



Mr. Jose Villaverde, Representative of Venezuela on the Council of ICAO

Mr. Villaverde was appointed Representative of Venezuela on the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Council in October 2022. He has over 30 years of experience in civil aviation, serving as an aviation accident investigator at the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Venezuela (1989 - 1996).



Mr. Villaverde has been a certified ICAO expert and instructor in aviation security, providing training and advice to airline personnel, airports, aeronautical authorities and government agencies.

In 2003, he participated in the establishment of the unit in charge of Aviation Security at the National Institute of Civil Aeronautics (INAC) in Venezuela, where he served on different occasions as Manager. He was National Coordinator for the ICAO Universal Aviation Safety Audit in Venezuela and General Safety Manager of Consorcio Venezolano de Industrias

Aeronáuticas y Servicios Aéreos S.A (CONVIASA) (2016).

He is a professor at the University Institute of Civil Aeronautics, Venezuela, where he graduated as an aeronautical technician. He served as chief safety inspector of the National Institute of Civil Aeronautics.



PRESENTATION ON THE DRAFT MUSCAT DECLARATION



Mr. Sylvain Lefoyer, Deputy Director, Aviation Security and Facilitation, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Sylvain LEFOYER is Deputy Director, Aviation Security and Facilitation in the Air Transport Bureau of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) since 2017. He leads teams in charge of developing policies, Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), conducting audits and delivering assistance and capacity building in the areas of Aviation Security, Cyber security, Border Security and Facilitation. Sylvain led the efforts towards the adoption of the ICAO cyber security strategy for civil aviation, its action plan, and the new ICAO Cybersecurity governance framework.

Sylvain is secretary of the Aviation Security Committee, the International Explosives Technical Commission and the Cyber Security Coordination Committee. Before ICAO, Sylvain's career spans 25 years in the French ministry of transports, covering transport safety and security in maritime navigation, ground transportation and air navigation.

He holds a Master's degree in electronics from Paris University and a Master's degree in public management from École des Ponts ParisTech.

CLOSING REMARKS



Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar, Secretary General, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

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. On 11 March 2024, the ICAO Council renewed his appointment for a second consecutive three-year term, to begin August 2024.

His career in international civil aviation spans over 30 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 prior 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), and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate degree in Law from Korea Aerospace University. He is fluent in Spanish, English and French, and speaks basic Arabic.



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MUSCAT HALL OPENING REMARKS



Ms. Michele Merkle, Director, Air Navigation Bureau, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Michele Merkle is serving as the Director of the Air Navigation Bureau at ICAO since July 2023. Michele has over 35 years experience working to improve the safety, capacity and efficiency of the global aviation system, providing systems engineering and human factors expertise in the development, evaluation and implementation of aviation systems and advanced concepts. She has held a number of executive and managerial positions at the United States' Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) where she was responsible for modernizing the United States' Air Traffic Management System and integrating new entrants. She holds a Master's Degree in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research.

At ICAO, Michele is responsible for delivery of safety and air navigation strategic outcomes, integrating security and environmental requirements into developing ICAO SARPs and PANS. She brought about a culture of innovation at the FAA and is working at ICAO to help Member States and industry stakeholders tackle complex aviation challenges, help ICAO achieve greater operational efficiencies, and achieve One ICAO.

SESSION: GLOBAL AVIATION SECURITY PLAN (GASEP)

MODERATOR

Mr. Ricardo Fernandes, Aviation Security Senior Officer and National Civil Aviation Security Inspector, Facilitation and Security Directorate, Portuguese Civil Aviation Authority (ANAC)

Ricardo Fernandes is Aviation Security Senior Officer and National Civil Aviation Security Inspector in the Facilitation and Security Directorate at the Portuguese Civil Aviation Authority (ANAC Portugal), since July 2013. As part of his responsibilities is the support to the Director of the Facilitation and Security Directorate of ANAC Portugal on policy and strategic analysis related with civil aviation security.

Ricardo holds degree in Civil Engineering, a Postgraduation in Project Management, a Postgraduation in Advanced Studies in Public Management and attended the curricular component of the MSc in Public Administration at ISCTE in Lisbon. Ricardo is a Member and currently the Vice-Chairperson of the ICAO AVSEC Panel, the Rapporteur of the ICAO AVSEC Panel Task-Force on the Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP), Member of the ICAO AVSEC Panel Working Group on Training and Member of the European Coordination (EC/ECAC) Group on Aviation Security. Prior to joining ANAC, as Senior Technician, Ricardo was Project Manager in the field of transport infrastructures in the private sector in Portugal.





Ms. Andrea Brunner, AVSEC Expert, Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Austria

Since 2016 Andrea has been working for the Austrian CAA as an AVSEC and Legal Expert. Her responsibilities include the management of the Austrian National Quality Control Programme, legal affairs, background checks/insider threat, aviation security policy and strategy and approval process of air carrier security programmes. Andrea is an ICAO-certified National Inspector, a National Auditor for the European Commission, an ECAC certified Aviation Security Auditor, a National Instructor and a Certified Aviation Security Professional Manager by ICAO and the University of Concordia among other certifications. She is also a member of the ICAO Working Group on Air Cargo Security. Prior to this Andrea held the position as Legal Expert for Civil Aviation Law at the Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology.

Ms. Laura Cooke, Deputy Director, Aviation Security International Operations, Department for Transport, United Kingdom

Laura leads the team in the UK's Department for Transport responsible for working with Host States to reduce the inbound aviation security risk to the UK. Her team works in partnership with countries to understand vulnerabilities and deliver targeted capability development to reduce risk and support raising aviation security standards globally. Laura has a background in science and research and has applied this to challenges across the security and resilience landscape in a variety of roles during her Civil Service career, taking up her current role within transport security in 2021.



Mr. Jamel Dridi, Aviation Security and Facilitation Expert, African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC)



Mr. Jamel Dridi is an experienced engineer in avionics and telecommunications, a graduate of the Tunisian Aeronautical Academy. Since beginning his career in civil aviation in 2000 with the Tunisian Office of Airports (OACA), he has specialized in aviation security and safety, airport resource management, and the development of infrastructure and technology projects in aviation security.

He has held key positions, including Deputy Manager of Monastir International Airport and Director of Aviation Security and Safety. For over a decade, he taught courses at aviation institutions while managing research projects.

Since 2018, Mr. Dridi is serving as an Aviation Security and Facilitation Expert at the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC).



Mr. Francesco Faiulo, Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission

Mr. Francesco Faiulo is a Policy Official in the Security Unit of the European Commission's Directorate-General Mobility and Transport, since 2013.

His main tasks include policy developments as well as the coordination of the European Commission inspection programme in the field of aviation security.

Before joining the European Commission, he had worked for the Italian Civil Aviation Administration Authority (ENAC). In this capacity, he covered the position as a member of the ICAO Aviation Security Panel, and he served as the Chairman of the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) Guidance Material Task Force.



Mr. Andrew Karasick, Director International Multilateral Policy & Engagement Branch, Transportation Security Administration (TSA), United States

Andrew currently serves as the Director of TSA's Multilateral Policy & Engagement Branch and brings over 30 years of experience in aviation security to the position. He joined TSA from the Department of Transportation in 2002 and assisted in developing TSA's first security checkpoint Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and training curriculums during the U.S. federalization of airport security after 9/11.

Andrew went on to serve as a Stakeholder Liaison, Assistant Federal Security Director for Screening, and Deputy Federal Security Director for several airports in Florida before returning to TSA Headquarters as the Deputy Director for multilateral engagements.

From 2011 to 2016, Andrew was seconded to ICAO as an Aviation Security Assistance and Capacity Development Coordinator in the Implementation Support and Development – Security Section of the Secretariat. In this role, Andrew contributed to the development and implementation of the ICAO Aviation Security Assistance and Capacity Development Strategy and coordinated, managed, and delivered needs assessments and assistance throughout Africa and Asia. He also oversaw ICAO's global network of Aviation Security Training Centers during his secondment.

Before starting his Federal Service, Andrew worked in the airline industry for 11 years, mostly in Europe (e.g., Stockholm, Sweden; Brussels, Belgium; and, Barcelona, Spain) as well as in Los Angeles, CA. He held various positions with three airlines (American Airlines, Virgin Express, and National Airlines), to include but not limited to: Station Manager, Security Instructor and Security Officer.

Andrew is the U.S. National Coordinator for ICAO USAP audits and an ICAO USAP Certified Auditor. He is also a graduate of the TSA Senior Leadership Program and holds a university degree in sociology.



Mr. David Willing, Manager Security Regulation, Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand

David has a professional career with a strong focus and emphasis on public service, security and safety. David began his career with the New Zealand Army in 1999 and since that time has worked across a number of agencies with regulatory responsibilities including New Zealand Customs Service, New Zealand Post, New Zealand Transport Agency and New Zealand Space Agency. David holds a Postgraduate Certificate in Public Management through the Victoria University of Wellington.

David joined the Civil Aviation Authority in 2000 as the Manager Security Regulation and is the current AVSEC Panel member for New Zealand. His role has wide reached responsibilities with his Unit performing regulatory certification and monitoring of all participants in New Zealand's civil aviation system with security duties, including aerodromes, airlines, regulated air cargo agents, air traffic service providers and aviation security service providers. David's portfolio also requires the maintenance of cross-government and international connections, to ensure that threats and risks to civil aviation security are understood and can be responded to.



SESSION: ADDRESSING NEW THREATS TO AVIATION: IS THERE A PATH FOR A SAFER FUTURE?

MODERATOR



Mr. Sylvain Lefoyer, Deputy Director, Aviation Security and Facilitation, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Sylvain LEFOYER is Deputy Director, Aviation Security and Facilitation in the Air Transport Bureau of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) since 2017. He leads teams in charge of developing policies, Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), conducting audits and delivering assistance and capacity building in the areas of Aviation Security, Cyber security, Border Security and Facilitation. Sylvain led the efforts towards the adoption of the ICAO cyber security strategy for civil aviation, its action plan, and the new ICAO Cybersecurity governance framework.

Sylvain is secretary of the Aviation Security Committee, the International Explosives Technical Commission and the Cyber Security Coordination Committee. Before ICAO, Sylvain's career spans 25 years in the French ministry of transports, covering transport safety and security in maritime navigation, ground transportation and air navigation.

He holds a Master's degree in electronics from Paris University and a Master's degree in public management from École des Ponts ParisTech.



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Ms. Magdalena Jaworska-Mačkowiak, Chief Executive Officer, Polish Air Navigation Services Agency, Poland



Expert with many years of international experience in the transport sector. She has a track record in strategy development and organisation transformation, project and risk management, having been involved in aviation, road and rail projects for many years. Since January 2024, she has been appointed as a Polish Air Navigation Services Agency CEO, managing efficiently in a challenging geostrategic situation, related to the war in Ukraine.

She also holds the position of Chairwoman of the Steering Board of A6 in 2024, alliance of Europe's largest air navigation service providers, responsible for the management of more than 80 per cent of air traffic in Europe, geared to helping modernise the European ATM system. From 2017 to 2023, Magdalena Jaworska-Mačkowiak has been working for the European Commission as a member of the Performance Review Body of the Single European Sky.

Prior to that, she held the position of Polish Air Navigation Services Agency CEO for two years, leading the revision of the Performance Plan for 2015-2019, and doubling of the implementation of key investments at PANSAs. Between 2008 and 2014, as Deputy General Director of the General Directorate for National Roads and Motorways, she was responsible for the implementation of the largest ever programme of road and motorway construction of over PLN 100 billion, co-financed, i. a., from the Operational Programme Infrastructure and Environment and under public-private partnerships, as well as for the implementation of the electronic toll collection system.

PANSAs CEO graduated from the University of Warsaw (international relations) and holds an MBA from the Warsaw University of Technology. She also completed postgraduate studies in European integration - EU law at Maastricht University.



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Mr. Patrick Mana, Cyber-security Program Manager and EATM-CERT Manager, EUROCONTROL

Patrick has spent his entire career working in aviation mostly in air traffic management (ATM). He started 35 years ago working with Thales on aviation software development and project/product management.

In 1999, he joined EUROCONTROL, where he led the safety assessment activities.

In 2008, he moved to the Single European Sky Air Traffic Management Research Joint Undertaking (SESAR JU), where he was the Head of the development framework for all transverse activities including security for six years.



Mr. Billy Shallow, Director, Innovation and Technology, Airports Council International (ACI) World



In his role, Billy leads ACI World's Security, Innovation and Technology teams encompassing the World Airport Security Committee and the World Airport IT Standing Committee, advocating for the World's airports, raising standards and capacity building within these respective areas.

His remit extends to ACI World's Smart security programme, focused on improving security detection, operational efficiency, and the passenger experience across the world's airports. Billy is the Permanent Representative to ICAO for security matters. Before ACI, Billy worked at London City Airport for five years designing and implementing their security transformation programme.

Billy then went on to lead consulting projects working at King Abdulaziz International Airport Jeddah, Brussels Airport, Birmingham Airport and Belfast City on security and optimization programmes. A British national, with a passion for operational improvement, Billy is a lean

six sigma black belt. He sits on ICAO's working group on innovation, as well as a number of industry groups. He holds a University of London bachelor's degree in management and organizational analysis.

Mr. John Velho, Executive Director, International Aviation, Transport Canada



Mr. Velho has over 20 years of experience in program and operations in areas related to: operational strategies and plans, oversight audits, national inspectorate training programs; national quality control programs, Canada-Foreign State relations; transportation national and international security issues; risk assessments related to critical infrastructure; and last point of departure assessments.

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SESSION: LEVERAGING EXPERIENCE: STATES READINESS IN SECURITY AUDIT PREPARATION

MODERATOR

Mr. Juan Lamosa, Chief, Aviation Security Audit Section, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Mr. Juan Lamosa is Chief, Aviation Security Audit (ASA) Section for the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), where he oversees the implementation of the ICAO Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP). Prior to taking over the leadership of the ASA Section, Mr. Lamosa was the Chief of the Implementation Support and Development - Security (ISD-SEC) Section, overseeing all assistance and capacity-building initiatives, including the development and implementation of Aviation Security Improvement Plans, the establishment of partnerships to coordinate and improve capacity-building efforts, and providing support to regional aviation security programmes.



He also held other positions within ICAO, first as an Aviation Security Audit Team Leader and Quality Assurance Coordinator, where he played an instrumental role in the development and implementation of the first and second cycles of the USAP, and later as an Assistance Coordination Officer, coordinating assistance and capacity-building efforts in the Americas.

Before joining ICAO, Mr. Lamosa's aviation experience includes working as a Canadian Forces C-130 pilot, as a manager of airport ground handling operations, and as a manager of aviation security training at the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

Mr. Mubarak Saleh Al Ghelani, Superintendent Air Traffic Services, Civil Aviation Authority, Oman



An experienced aviation professional with over 28 years in the industry. Held key leadership positions, including Acting Director General of Civil Aviation Regulation, where his responsibilities included regulating the aviation, safety, and aviation security & facilitation departments. He has also served as Acting Senior Director of Quality & Safety and Director of Air Traffic Services.

Led Oman CAA's regulatory teams for ICAO's USOAP-CMA, contributing to Oman's achievement of 5th place globally. Currently spearheading Oman's efforts for the ICAO USAP-CMA, which is planned for early 2025. Has demonstrated a proven track record in advancing aviation sector development, fostering strategic partnerships, and ensuring compliance with international standards. Additionally, serves as the First Vice Chair of the

ICAO Middle East Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-MID), further contributing to regional and global aviation safety initiative.



Ms. Houda Atik, Head of Civil Aviation Security and Facilitation Section, Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Morocco

Head of Aviation Security Section | Aviation Security Expert Houda ATIK is an engineer with a degree in Electronics and Telecommunications. She began her career in 2018 at the General Directorate of Civil Aviation in Morocco, working in the Aviation Security and Facilitation Department. Over the years, Houda has gained extensive experience and is certified as both a national inspector and an instructor in civil aviation security. She also completed the USAP-CMA auditor training with ICAO and participated in Case Project II within ECAC as an Aviation Security Specialist on secondment. With 7 years of experience, Houda currently leads the Aviation Security Section at the Moroccan Civil Aviation Authority.



She has been involved in implementing Annex 17 SARPs, developing and delivering training programs, and overseeing airport security compliance with the National Civil Aviation Security Program (NCASP). Houda works closely with government agencies, airlines, and airports to improve aviation security system. She is currently focused on preparing for the upcoming USAP-CMA audit in Morocco and is eager to share her experience in that preparation process.



Mr. Vladimir Chertok, Advisor to the Head of the Federal Transport Oversight Service, Russian Federation

Mr. Vladimir Borisovich Chertok is Advisor of Head of the Federal Authority for Transport Oversight. He graduated from Moscow Aviation Institute. V.B. Chertok works in the field of civil aviation since 1972. He worked during 30 years at the State Research Institute of Civil Aviation and conducted ground and flight tests of board life support systems, survival and safety for crews and passengers almost in all types of modern civil aircrafts.

As a test engineer in test flights flew more than 338 hours. In recent years, he had held various supervisory positions in the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation, the Federal Authority for Transport Oversight, and dealt with issues of aviation and transport security. Currently, he is in charge of state control and oversight for compliance of

legislation and international treaties of the Russian Federation in the field of protection from acts of unlawful interference in all types of transport, aviation security and flight safety in civil aviation.

Mr. Daniel Milan, Director Aviation Security and Facilitation, Civil Aviation Authority, Cote D'Ivoire

Director of Security and Facilitation of the National Civil Aviation Authority (ANAC) of Côte d'Ivoire. He is:

- an ICAO AVSEC certified instructor and auditor,
- a WAEMU certified auditor, and
- a member of the ICAO AVSEC panel.





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Dr. Vinolia Salesi, Director of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Infrastructure, Tonga

Dr Salesi is the Director for the Civil Aviation from Tonga.. With almost 20 years of experience in the aviation industry, Dr Salesi dedicated her career to improving the Civil Aviation regulator in Tonga. As she develops her career, she became the Civil Aviation first female Director for Tonga in 2016 after serving as Acting Director since 2014; and the first PhD holder in the Aviation Management within the Pacific region. Dr Salesi's leadership extends beyond the aviation sector in Tonga as she actively advocates for on-going development for the aviation security standards within the Pacific, as she is the co-Deputy Chair of the Pacific Aviation Safety Office (PASO). Dr Salesi has published the following publication during her PhD journey.

1. The nexus of aviation and tourism growth in the South Pacific Region, Air Pacific Journal of Tourism Research (2021).
2. Stakeholders perceptions of the impacts of aviation subsidies in the South Pacific Region, Journal of Air Transport Management (2022).
3. Strategies for South Pacific Region to address future pandemics: Implications for the aviation and tourism sectors based on a systematic literature review (2010-2021), Transport Policy (2022).



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SESSION: EMPOWERING YOUTH: BALANCING GENDER IN SECURITY IN AVIATION

MODERATOR



Ms. Annick Goulet, Representative of Canada on the Council of ICAO

Ms. Annick Goulet has served as Canada's Permanent Representative to ICAO since June 2023. She is currently the Chair of the Climate and Environment Committee and previously held the chairship of the Small Group on Gender. She also sits on the Council, eight of its Committees and three of its small groups.

Prior to her current appointment at ICAO, Ms. Goulet was Canada's Ambassador to Romania, Bulgaria and the Republic of Moldova (2020-2023); Chargée d'affaires in Armenia and Uzbekistan (2018-2020); Minister Counsellor (Economic and Trade) at the Canadian Embassy in Moscow (2016-2020); Counsellor and Senior Trade Commissioner in Beijing (2012-2014); Trade and Economic Policy Officer in Tokyo (2003-2006); and a secondee in

Japan's Ministry of Economy,

Trade and Industry (2002-2003). While in Ottawa, Ms. Goulet was Director for Commercial Affairs with EU and EFTA countries (2014-2015); Director for Non Proliferation and Disarmament (2010-2011); Deputy Director for Nuclear Policy (2009-2010); Deputy Director for Japan (2008-2009) and Senior Analyst in the Foreign and Defence Policy Secretary of the Privy Council's Office (2006-2007).

Annick Goulet joined Global Affairs Canada in 1999, after having worked as a journalist in Canada, Europe and Asia. She holds a B.A. Honours (with distinction) in Political Science and Modern Languages from McGill University (1992); a degree in Journalism from École supérieure de journalisme de Paris (1994); and an Executive Certificate in Public Leadership from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government (2020). Ms. Goulet is married and has three adult children.

His Excellency Eng. Naif Ali Hamad Al Abri, President of the Civil Aviation Authority, Oman

Worked for over nine years with the national airline (Oman Air) in a competitive engineering environment with multinational team to achieve the company's mission of providing a safe and cost-effective operation which was a great fostering experience. He has been the Acting CEO of TRANSOM group of companies (5 aviation services companies) which he had successfully led a 100 days program. With the government decision of restructuring the aviation sector in Oman, he was tasked to lead the restructuring team to ensure all necessary plans are designed and executed to achieve the set outcomes. Effective 1st August 2021, he had been appointed by His Majesty the Sultan of Oman as President of Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) of Oman until date.





Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano, President of the Council, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Mr. Sciacchitano graduated in Telecommunications Engineering from the University of Catania and began his career in aviation in 1980, joining the Italian Airworthiness Authority (RAI) where he held positions of increasing responsibility, serving as the organization's Regulation Director in 1992, then as Technical Director and, in 1996, as Director General.

With the merger of the aviation branch of the Ministry of Transport and RAI and the subsequent establishment of the Italian Civil Aviation Authority (ENAC), Mr. Sciacchitano assumed the position of Deputy Director General. In this position, he played an instrumental role in coordinating the core business divisions of the newly founded structure. He was also entrusted with multiple international mandates, chairing the

Permanent Commission of EUROCONTROL, representing Italy in the Management Board of European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), holding the Vice-Presidency of the EUROCONTROL Provisional Council and coordinating the Italian delegation during ICAO Assemblies. As a result of his extensive experience in aviation international affairs, Mr. Sciacchitano was appointed Executive Secretary of the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) in 2010. In February 2019, he joined the Italian Delegation on the Council of ICAO, where he served until assuming his duties as President of the Council.



Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar, Secretary General, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

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. On 11 March 2024, the ICAO Council renewed his appointment for a second consecutive three-year term, to begin August 2024.

His career in international civil aviation spans over 30 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 prior 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), and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate degree in Law from Korea Aerospace University. He is fluent in Spanish, English and French, and speaks basic Arabic.



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Ms. Anita Adjei-Nmashie, Representative of Ghana on the Council of ICAO

Mrs. Anita Adjei-Nmashie was appointed as Representative of Ghana on the ICAO Council on 4 October 2022. With over 30 years of experience in the aviation industry, she has a keen interest in mentorship and has encouraged youth, particularly young women, to pursue careers in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). She is also a member of the Women in Aviation International (WAI) organization as well as the Professional Women Controllers International (PWC).

In 2018, Mrs. Adjei-Nmashie became the Deputy Director, Safety Regulation with a scope of oversight responsibilities covering Aerodrome Safety and Standards, among others. In 1991, she successfully broke barriers by becoming the first woman Licensed Air Traffic Controller to work at the Ghana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) and in 2000, as the only woman to hold a position as an Aviation Safety Inspector.

With her leadership ability, Mrs. Adjei-Nmashie was successful in certifying Ghana's main international airport and thus enabling Ghana to becoming a pacesetter in aviation in the sub-region. Ghana subsequently became a Champion State for Aerodrome Certification and Surveillance in Africa in collaboration with ICAO's Regional offices (WACAF and ESAF).

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration (BPA), Post graduate diploma in Occupational Health Safety and Environmental Management (DOSHEM), and an Executive master's in public administration (EMPA) from Ghana Institute of Management and Professional Administration (GIMPA). She has also completed numerous certificates in various fields of expertise in recognized colleges and institutions around the world.



H.E. Abdulaziz Abdullah Alduailej, President of the General Authority of Civil Aviation of Saudi Arabia, Saudi Arabia



His Excellency Mr Al-Duailej held several leadership and executive positions in a number of sectors, and since his graduation at King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals in 1986, he worked in many large companies until he recently held the position of CEO of the Advanced Electronics Company, which is a subsidiary of the Saudi Military Industries Corporation. He joined the company in 2017, to harness his experience in executive management that extends for more than 30 years, which qualified him to occupy important administrative positions in a number of leading companies; to continue enhancing and developing the company's capabilities to become one of the leading companies at the regional and global levels in the field of designing, manufacturing and developing electronics and communication systems and providing technical solutions, and the company has an active role in achieving the goals of the Kingdom's ambitious 2030

vision.

His Excellency worked between 2014 and 2017 as Managing Director and CEO of the Saudi Printing and Packaging Company, Chairman of the Middle East Specialized Cables Company between 2011 and 2013 and CEO of the First Real Estate Development Company from 2007 to 2010, and CEO of Adwan Chemical Industries Company between 1993 and 2005. He also held several leadership positions in SABIC between 1987 and 1993.



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Al-Duailej headed the Board of Directors of Bin Laden International Holding Group, Chairman of the Industrial Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Riyadh, a member of the Council of Saudi Chambers, membership of Taiba Holding Company, the Audit Committee of Riyadh Bank, membership of the Attribution and Liquidation Center and the Board of Directors of Traham, and he previously held the presidency and membership of the boards of many other Saudi companies.

His Excellency Mr Abdulaziz Al-Duailej obtained a bachelor's degree in science, specializing in industrial management, and has completed many various training courses in the field of finance and business at Stanford University, INSEAD College, and General Electric Company, and has been an active participant in many different scientific conferences and seminars.

Eng. Ahlam bint Abdullah Al-Jahdhami, CEO, Sharqiyah Aviation

Ahlam Al Jahdhami is the CEO of Al Sharqiya Aviation, spearheading the only private helicopter service provider in Oman. Al Sharqiya Aviation has expanded its fleet to offer a diverse range services to meet the unique needs of both B2B and B2C clients in local and regional markets. This move has positioned the company as part of the top players in the helicopter industry. Ahlam's leadership has turned Al Sharqiya Aviation into the name synonymous with innovation, safety, and exceptional client experiences. Her ability to think creatively and strategically as well as her passion for engineering and innovation is evident in everything she does. She has established herself as a pioneering force in the industry and is committed to transforming air transport for the betterment of all.



Mr. Abdennebi Manar, Director General, Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO)

He is Civil Aviation Engineer from National School of Civil Aviation of Toulouse - France (ENAC). Prior to his appointment as DG of ACAO, he held several roles including: Acting Director General of Morocco Civil Aviation Authority, Air Navigation Director, Air Traffic Director, Airport Quality, security and Safety Director, Acting as Air transport Director, Morocco representative at ICAO, ACAC Executive Member, member of Air Navigation Team of the Arab Maghreb Union and President of ACAO Air Navigation Committee





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SESSION: CIVIL MILITARY COORDINATION: COLLABORATION AND INNOVATION FOR SECURE OPERATIONS

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solutions for Pre Load Air Cargo targeting.

Eng. Nasser Al-jassasi, Director of AVSEC & FAL Department, Civil Aviation Authority, Oman

An experienced aviation security professional with over 22 years in the field, including work in public security (2003–2010) and aviation security (2010–2024). Certified as ICAO AVSEC Professional Manager, ICAO AVSEC Instructor, ACAO AVSEC Expert, ACAO AVSEC Instructor, National AVSEC auditor and National AVSEC Instructor.

Currently responsible for leading and managing the Aviation Security and Facilitation department through regulating and overseeing aviation security and facilitation in the Sultanate of Oman.

He also leads the Civil Aviation Security Quality Control Committee and the Architectural and Technical Security Design Committee in Oman. Also serves as a Permanent Observer on the ICAO Aviation Security Panel, and chairs the Middle East Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (RASFG-MID). In addition, supervises Oman's readiness for the Universal Security Audit Programme Continuous Monitoring

Approach (USAP-CMA). Known for improving aviation security, ensuring compliance with international standards, and supporting regional and global efforts.





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Mr. Firat Koyuncu, Security Risk Assessment Supervisor, Turkish Airlines

He is a professional with 10 years of experience in aviation security and risk assessment. His experience in the aviation industry has largely involved in aviation security, threat assessment, security trainings, investigation, national security audits and risk management. He leads a dynamic and innovative team that make assessments for possible threats and risks against civil aviation, coordinate to security measures taken proactively and monitor risk-based security environment.

Firat began his civil aviation career in 2015 as an Aircraft Security Officer. Between 2019 and 2022, he served as a member of the Training, Research and Audit Unit of the local authority at Istanbul Atatürk Airport. He also continues to serve as an Aviation Security

Instructor at Turkish Airlines. Additionally, he is one of AVSEC National Auditors of Directorate General Of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in Türkiye since 2019.

Ms. Safae Raddaf, Head of Security and Facilitation Department, Directorate of Civil Aeronautics, General Directorate of Civil Aviation, Morocco

She graduated in 2009, as a State Engineer in Industrial Management and joined the Moroccan General Directorate of Civil Aviation in 2010. In 2014, she was nominated as the Head of Aviation Security and Facilitation Service and in 2022, she nominated as Head of the Airport Operations Department, in charge of AVSEC, FAL, Airport safety and ground handling. Safae is also the National AVSEC Inspector and ICAO AVSEC Instructor.





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Mr. Russell Reil, Conflict Zone Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), United States

Russell currently serves as the Program Manager for Conflict Zones with the Federal Aviation Administration's Office of International Affairs. In this role he serves as the Chair of the Crisis Response Working Groups with the responsibility for addressing risks to the safety of flight of civil aircraft from potentially hazardous situations outside of the U.S. to include conflict zones, shoot down of civil aircraft, force down or detainment of aircraft, and international disasters.

Prior to joining the FAA in 2021, Russell served within the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for 11 years with his most recent role as an International Compliance Inspector within the Compliance Operations Directorate. While with TSA, Russell also served as the Acting Senior Advisor for the Assistant Administrator of Compliance, Desk Officer for Europe/Africa & the Middle East with a primary focus on Africa, and represented TSA in acting roles in Senegal and South Africa. Russell holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and Human services from Elmira College in Elmira, New York.

SESSION: CYBERSECURITY AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF ATM SYSTEMS

MODERATOR

Mr. Bogdan Donciu, Director, Regional Directorate Bucharest, Romanian Air Traffic Services Administration, Romania

Bogdan Donciu is a prominent figure in the field of aviation and air traffic management, with extensive experience spanning several decades. His leadership history includes positions such as CEO of ROMATSA, director of the Romanian Civil Aviation Department and roles in ATM operational, safety, quality and strategic development. Mr. Donciu has also served as an advisor to the Minister of Transport on aviation matters.

In addition to his administrative expertise, he holds over 26 years of operational experience as an air traffic controller and is actively involved in the training and certification of air traffic control professionals. Academically, he holds a Ph.D. in Air Traffic Management and serves as an associate professor at Politehnica University of Bucharest.

Currently, Bogdan Donciu is Director of Regional Directorate Bucharest, the ROMATSA unit responsible for overseeing air navigation services across the country, ensuring safe and efficient management of air traffic within Romanian airspace.





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Ms. Luci Holemans, Air Traffic Organization Cybersecurity Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, United States

Ms. Holemans is currently on detail from the FAA to the Department of Transportation (DOT) as the Deputy Director of Sector Cyber Engagement. She is responsible for directing, leading, and prioritizing assignments to ensure Cybersecurity technologies, tools, programs, and processes are selected and deployed to advance DOT's role as a Transportation Co-Sector Risk Management Agency (SRMA). This position provides insight to and supports various high-level departmental governance boards, counsels, and committees, including Cybersecurity under the jurisdiction of the DOT Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO). Ms. Holemans acts as a liaison to advance cross-functional processes that impact business and projects across the DOT.

Ms. Holemans has worked for the Federal Aviation Administration in various leadership roles for over twenty-eight years. Prior to this detail, she served as the Air Traffic Organization's Executive Cybersecurity Advisor. In this role, she provides expert knowledge and guidance in: identifying and analyzing emerging cyber threats to determine mitigation solutions for reducing cyber incidents; implementing best practices for Cybersecurity research, test and evaluation, and operational implementation; advancing cyber tools and capabilities to integrate new technologies into the National Airspace System; facilitating the development of the ATO's Cybersecurity strategic initiatives and plans; providing cyber and NAS systems and services expertise on cyber incidents impacting the NAS; maintaining and advancing US global leadership in aviation and aerospace Cybersecurity; advancing emerging Cybersecurity technologies, methodologies, and threats to ensure an equitable and accessible information exchange with the FAA's global partners; and accelerating the development, evaluation, implementation, and adaptation of innovative aviation approaches and cybersecurity technologies.

Ms. Holemans also currently serves as the Vice Chair and FAA representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)'s Cybersecurity Panel (CYSECP) where she co-leads multi-national Cybersecurity initiatives to develop guidelines and recommendations for managing global risk across the civil aviation ecosystem.

Ms. Holemans has also completed detail assignments within the Department of Defense (DOD), and in early 2023 completed an assignment supporting U.S. Space Force Cyber & Spectrum Operations group at the Pentagon. Prior to transferring to the FAA, Ms. Holemans worked on testing and evaluating Global Positioning System user equipment for the Navy for six years.

Mr. Hamed Said Al Balushi, Manager – IT Network and Security, Oman Air

With over 10 years of experience in Cybersecurity, I specialize in securing IT infrastructure and managing cyber risks.

Since 2014, I have worked across multiple sectors, including nearly six years in aviation, where I played a key role in protecting complex systems.

As the Manager of IT Network and Security at Oman Air, I lead initiatives to defend the organization against emerging cyber threats and ensure the resilience of critical infrastructure.





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Mr. Kee Vin HO, Director for the Cybersecurity and Data Governance Division, Civil Aviation Authority, Singapore



Kee Vin is the Director for the Cybersecurity and Data Governance Division (Singapore aviation sector lead) in the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS). He leads a team who works closely with stakeholders to promote and enhance Cybersecurity awareness and resilience in CAAS. He is currently a member of both the Cybersecurity Panel and the Trust Framework Panel in ICAO.

Kee Vin has over 25 years of Cybersecurity experience. He first started his career in aviation catering operations as a duty manager back in 1996. He then ventured into IT audit and Cybersecurity consulting with a global accounting firm helping clients across the government, defence, and commercial sectors. Kee-Vin has since served in local and regional Cybersecurity roles across various sectors such as telecommunications, and banking and finance.

Mr. Mateusz Zelek, Deputy CTO for Development, Polish Air Navigation Services Agency (PANS), Poland

Mateusz Zelek is a Deputy CTO at Polish Air Navigation Services Agency, responsible for ATM/UTM/CNS systems development. With a decade of experience in the ICT Systems from which 5 years in the aviation sector, Mateusz has a track record of delivering impactful solutions for the ATM sector.

He holds a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from the Wroclaw University of Technology.



SESSION: FROM REACTIVENESS TO PROACTIVENESS: THE EVOLUTION OF AVIATION REGULATORY LANDSCAPE FOR SECURITY

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS



Mr. Anda Djojonegoro, Aviation Security Officer, Aviation Security Policy Section, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Anda Djojonegoro is Technical Officer in the Aviation Security Policy Section of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). With over 23 years of experience at ICAO, Anda leverages his extensive expertise to support the development of international aviation security policies and frameworks.

Before joining ICAO, Anda practiced law. He received his legal education from University of Indonesia and holds two Master of Laws (LL.M.) degrees: one in International Law from University of Washington and another in Air and Space Law from McGill University.



MODERATOR

Ms. Mia Wouters, Professor Aviation Law, University of Ghent, Partner, GDS advocaten

Mia is a partner with GDS advocaten in the Brussels office. She and her team, which is put together according to the needs of the file in order to obtain the maximum result for the client, solve problems and represent the interest of companies in all aspects of air transport operations. This involves dealing with day to day contracts to managing the more complicated relations with third parties/countries, security and safety issues or setting up airlines. She represents airlines, regional airports, loss adjusters and insurance companies, and works with regulators all over the world.

In sum Mia is actively involved in the full range of legal issues arising in the aviation and tourism industry. Since 2018, she serves on the Board of Directors of Challenge Airlines BE, a Belgian based cargo airline.

In 2009, Mia was appointed Professor of Aviation Law at the University of Gent at the Department of European, Public and International Law.

She is a director of the European Aviation Club, and serves on the Committee of the UK based Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) Brussels Branch. She is a past Chair of the Aviation Law Committee of the IBA-International Bar Association and one of the founding members of the International Aviation Women's Association (IAWA).



Dr. Jiefang Huang, Zhou Gengsheng Chair Professor of Wuhan University

Dr. Huang, former Director of Legal Affairs and External Relations at ICAO, is the Zhou Gengsheng Chair Professor at the Institute of International Law, Wuhan University. He also serves as a Council Member of the Academy of International Law and Global Governance and as Secretary-General of the Asian Academy of International Law (AAIL).

Dr. Alejandro Piera, Partner at Guanes, Heisecke & Piera Attorneys at Law

Alejandro Piera is a partner at the Asuncion-based law firm GHP. His areas of practice include transportation law, corporate, competition, environment, and information technology. He is the primary external legal services provider for a renowned international organization in 43 jurisdictions in the Americas. On numerous occasions, he has acted as international consultant for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). Alejandro holds a doctorate (PhD) and LLM degrees from McGill University. In 2016, the Association des Professeurs et Professeurs de Droit du Quebec awarded him the prize of best doctoral thesis. He also holds a BCL from the National University of Asuncion.





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Mr. Simon Sheeran, Head Cybersecurity Oversight, Civil Aviation Authority, United Kingdom



Simon has been Head of Cyber Security Oversight at the CAA since January 2023, leading the industry facing Cyber oversight function seeking to improve the resilience of the UK aviation and aerospace system. The Cyber Team at the CAA work in collaboration with industry and partners across government and internationally to ensure good practice is applied across the sector and is robust against threats. Prior to his current role Simon worked in the Technology Team at the CAA as Head of IT Operations and was responsible for delivering the CAA's technology roadmap, improving agility and speed of IT teams whilst also enabling secure cloud adoption, and before that has worked for large Managed Service Providers and in Telecommunications.

Mr. Janis Vanags, Baltic Institute of Corporate Governance Policy Group Member

Jānis Vanags has over 15 years of experience in executive board/senior management positions in aviation, service, retail and health-care industries spanning 30+ markets in the EU, CIS and Middle East. In addition to leadership roles in businesses with up to EUR 900 million annual turnover, Mr Vanags is additionally an advisor/trainer in emergency management for major international organizations and companies in Europe, Asia and Africa (IATA, United Nations, etc). He has designed, reshaped and implemented Emergency Response Organisations across a range of large aviation/transport, manufacturing, health-care, and service businesses, and he currently liaises with NATO and national defence bodies on resilience issues (strategic reserves; business and military synergies for resilience; hybrid/greyzone threats).

Mr. Vanags is a policy group member of Baltic Institute of Corporate Governance, MBA teacher at Estonian Business School, Advisory Board member of Riga Technical University, and founder of CIREN – Civilian Resilience Nordic, a North European NGO.





SESSION: PROTECTING AVIATION CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE: COUNTER-UAS MEASURES AND TECHNOLOGY

MODERATOR



Mr. David Nieto, Director of Airports and Civil Aviation Security, Spanish Aviation Safety and Security Agency, Spain

David Nieto is Director of Airports and Aviation Security in AESA, the Spanish civil aviation authority, since 2018 and member of management board of the Agency since 2013. He was also Director of safety of airports and air navigation in AESA from 2013 to 2018.

David has large experience in complex projects in aviation related to safety, security and Cybersecurity. He has been responsible for the certification of the airports network and of the air navigation services provision in Spain, according to EASA framework. Currently he is in charge of the oversight of the AVSEC domain in his CAA, as well as the oversight of the implementation of the cybersecurity framework in aviation in Spain.

David is the moderator of the ECAC Cybersecurity study group from September 2022. His background is as aeronautical engineer, master degree in Cybersecurity and master degree in Leadership and Public Administration.

Mr. Arturo Ojeda Demaria, ICT Specialist, Technology Development Unit, United Nations Global Service Center, United Nations Department of Operational Support, UN ICT Valencia

Multidisciplinary and highly motivated Engineer with more than 20 years' experience. I have built this experience in the United Nations, in the defence industry and in the Chilean Navy serving on board, on land and overseas. I am a highly skilled and experienced manager in the field of complex systems. While I possess a range of qualifications in mechanical and electronic engineering, it is in a leadership role within a technical-logistic organisation that I am most effective. I have a proven track record in driving successful outcomes for technical projects.

I have worked globally with defence companies and Armed Forces including in Europe, North America and The Middle East and through this I have developed extensive expertise on international professional relationships. Holding an MSc as well as a BSc and other supporting qualifications, I have studied and practiced at the highest levels in Project Management, Operations, Logistics and Supply Chain Management. I have held six different roles in various technical-logistic functions, giving me a comprehensive understanding of the field. I possess excellent organisational, administrative and leadership skills with strong interpersonal abilities. I have vast experience in leading effective multi-functional teams. I am a social, proactive and enthusiastic person with a natural ability to build and maintain long-term relationships with key stakeholders in business and personal circles. I am recognized as a determined, analytical, resourceful and positive leader with a track record for delivering fast effective results in government organisations.





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Captain Fahad ibne Masood, MRAeS Faculty – Aviation Management / Airport Management, Business & Economics, Modern College of Business and Science, Oman

A seasoned aviation professional with a distinguished career spanning both commercial and military aviation, I possess a deep-rooted commitment to enhancing aviation security and fostering a sustainable industry. My expertise encompasses a wide range of aviation disciplines, including advanced air mobility (AAM), Cybersecurity & safety risk management. As a faculty member specializing in aviation management and security protocols, I have honed my skills in analyzing complex security challenges, developing robust countermeasures, and implementing effective security frameworks. With a proven track record in specific security achievements, such as leading security audits, developing training programs, or conducting risk assessments, I have contributed significantly to

enhancing aviation security & safety risk management. My academic background, coupled with practical experience, equips me with a comprehensive understanding of the aviation security ecosystem, enabling me to identify emerging threats and develop innovative solutions which are indicated by my value-adding participation as Chairman, Speaker & Discussion Moderator at Aviation Security Forum 2024, Dubai as well as recently published article - Cybersecurity Soars High: How Airlines Battle Increasing Threats at Aerosourcenews.com. Possessing strong leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills, I have excelled in collaborative environments and have a proven ability to engage diverse stakeholders. My contributions to the field have been recently recognized through 'Aviation Achievement Award' at Gulf Aviation Network Event 2024, Dubai. I am eager to share my expertise and contribute to the ongoing dialogue on aviation security at the ICAO Security Week 2024.

Mr. Robert Rottman, Executive Director, Aviation Division, Policy, Plans, and Engagement, Transportation Security Administration, United States

With over 25 years of experience in government and the private sector, Rob Rottman is a distinguished leader in homeland security and the aviation industry. He has held numerous senior executive positions at the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and Department of Homeland Security (DHS), where he has driven the development of national and international transportation policies and programs. Rob also served as Director of Aviation and Surface Transportation Security on the White House's National Security Council, advising two Administrations on critical security initiatives.



In his current role as TSA's Executive Director of Aviation Policy, Plans, and Engagement, Rob oversees the formulation and implementation of aviation security policies and programs impacting airlines, airports, and General Aviation. He brings extensive expertise in both traditional and emerging aviation technologies, championing innovative U.S. government solutions for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), and Cybersecurity.

Additionally, Rob leads TSA's Industry Engagement Managers, a team of senior liaisons to key aviation stakeholders, including trade associations, airlines, and manufacturers. His vast network spans domestic and international government officials as well as private sector leaders, fostering collaborative solutions across the aviation industry.

Rob holds a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management from Florida Tech University and is a licensed pilot. He lives in Centreville, Virginia, with his wife and two sons.



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SESSION: UN COUNTER-TERRORISM LANDSCAPE: ENHANCING THE INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION AND COHERENCE TO SAFEGUARD THE SKIES

OPENING REMARKS



Ms. Natalia Gherman, Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Director, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee (UNCTED)

Ms. Natalia Gherman is Assistant Secretary-General (ASG) and Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), since March 2023. From 2017 to 2023, Ms. Gherman served as the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia. Ms. Gherman held various high-level governmental positions, including as Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova from 2013 to 2016 while concurrently serving as Deputy Prime Minister and Acting Prime Minister in 2015.

She was Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration from 2009 to 2013 while also serving as Chief Negotiator on behalf of the Republic of Moldova for the Association Agreement with the European Union. Ms. Gherman was Ambassador to Austria

and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Agencies in Vienna and to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe from 2002 to 2006 and established the diplomatic presence of her country in the Nordic region, as first resident Moldovan Ambassador to Sweden, Norway and Finland from 2006 to 2009.

She holds 30 years of experience in senior leadership and consensus building, consolidating trust and mutual understanding between States, including through the convening of dialogue platforms between Governments, Parliaments and civil society. She is an expert in regional and global security affairs. Ms. Gherman holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of the Republic of Moldova and Master of Arts in War Studies from King's College, University of London.

“All-of-UN” global initiatives towards the implementation of UNSCRs and Celebrating the 5th anniversary of the Counter-Terrorism Travel Programme

MODERATOR



Mr. Sylvain Lefoyer, Deputy Director, Aviation Security and Facilitation, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Sylvain LEFOYER is Deputy Director, Aviation Security and Facilitation in the Air Transport Bureau of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) since 2017. He leads teams in charge of developing policies, Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), conducting audits and delivering assistance and capacity building in the areas of Aviation Security, Cyber security, Border Security and Facilitation. Sylvain led the efforts towards the adoption of the ICAO cyber security strategy for civil aviation, its action plan, and the new ICAO Cybersecurity governance framework.

Sylvain is secretary of the Aviation Security Committee, the International Explosives Technical Commission and the Cyber Security Coordination Committee. Before ICAO, Sylvain's career spans 25 years in the



French ministry of transports, covering transport safety and security in maritime navigation, ground transportation and air navigation.

He holds a Master's degree in electronics from Paris University and a Master's degree in public management from École des Ponts ParisTech.



Ms. Rachel Manis, Programme Management Officer, Head Threat Assessment Models Programme, UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme (CT Travel), United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)

Ms. Rachel Manis is responsible for the United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel Programme's strategic partnerships, as well as global coordination for the Programme's regional the Informal Working Group (IWG) network. Ms. Manis also serves as the focal point for the Threat Assessment Models for Aviation Security Project; in this capacity, she works with Member States around the world to enhance national coordination capacity to prevent and counter threats to aviation.

She has over a decade of experience on the international security portfolio. Prior to joining the United Nations, Ms. Manis worked for both the United States Government Transportation Security Administration and Federal Aviation Administration. Past responsibilities have included bilateral and multilateral cooperation for transportation security, and international aircraft certification, respectively.

Ms. Manis holds an M.A. in European Studies and International Security from the Euromasters Consortium Programme (jointly awarded by the University of Bath, Charles University - Prague, Humboldt University – Berlin, and Freie University -Berlin) and a B.A. from New York University in History.

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Mr. Ander Oquillas Muñoz, International AVSEC Coordinator, Spanish Aviation Safety and Security Agency, Spain



Mr. Ander Oquillas is the International AVSEC Coordinator for the Spanish civil aviation authority (AESA) since July 2024. In his capacity, Ander contributes to the definition of the CAA's international strategy with regards to aviation security; ensures consistency of Spanish participation across international fora; and represents Spain in several international venues, such as the Aviation Security Regulatory Committee of the European Union and various Working Groups of ICAO's Aviation Security Panel. He also leads and coordinates strategic, cross-sectional projects within the Spanish CAA.

Before this, Ander worked for ICAO as a Technical Officer in the Aviation Security Policy section. He was involved in works related to air cargo security and the assessment of threats and risks to aviation security, including the coordination of the third edition of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Risk Assessment Manual for Civil Aircraft Operations over or near Conflict Zones (Doc 10084). Prior to joining ICAO, Mr. Oquillas

worked for the Spanish Civil Aviation Authority as Head of the Air Cargo Security and Risks Service where he led the set-up of the Spanish ACC3 program and the National Aviation Security Risk Management Framework. Ander is also a National Aviation Security Inspector, a certified Aviation Security Auditor for ICAO's USAP-CMA programme, and a European Commission Aviation Security Inspector.

Mr. Toby Hung Tu TO, Director, Department of Aviation Security (AVSEC & FAL), Civil Aviation Authority of Viet Nam

Mr. To Tu Hung (Toby) is the fifth Director of the Department of Aviation Security (AVSEC Dept) of the Civil Aviation Authority of Viet Nam (CAAV) since November 2018. After graduating from the Hanoi Law School with a Bachelor of International Laws in 1995, Toby completed his Diploma in English for Academics in 2000 in Melbourne, Australia, and earned the Columbia Southern University's the Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree in 2019.

He began his career in the Government of Viet Nam as a public servant at the Department of Training, Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA) then a technical assistant to the English Language Training Project for Government Officials (ELGO 96) funded by AusAID Australia. In 1997, he moved to the International Affairs Division, the Civil Aviation Authority of Viet Nam (CAAV), and served as the Liaison Officer and Interpreter for the National Coordinator in the ICAO USAP Cycle I Audit and follow-up visit. He also was a negotiator in the CAAV Team to prepare for the bilateral and multi-lateral air transport agreements between Viet Nam and other States and territories.

In 2008, Toby was promoted to Deputy Director of AVSEC Dept., CAAV, and is designated the National Coordinator in the ICAO USAP Cycle II Audit and USAP CMA. After ten years extensively working, he has been appointed to be the 5th Director of Aviation Security at CAAV.

In his capability, Toby is responsible to administer the development, deployment, and maintenance of the Viet Nam National Civil Aviation Security Programmes, Quality Control and Training Programme (NCASP, NCQCP, NCASTP).

As the rapporteur for the National Civil Aviation Security Committee of Viet Nam, Toby is responsible to direct and administered the risk management framework for civil aviation. He is a focal point for liaison with intel community, national public security, national police and military for the inter-agency coordination to protect the civil aviation. In 2015, Toby and his colleagues developed the National Project Improving the Viet Nam Capacity Ensuring Civil Aviation Security from 2015 up to 2025.

Toby's capacity includes the point of contact for international collaboration and cooperation in aviation security. He has been designated primary contact point of Viet Nam in the ICAO AVSEC POC Network, APEC and ASEAN AVSEC POC Networks. In 2022, Toby is designed by the Minister of Transport to join the Vietnamese task force collaborating with UN OCT for the TAM Programme for Civil Aviation. He has received various training in the field of AVSEC and is approved as the national security instructor and auditor. He is married and is now residing with his family in Long Bien District, the City of Ha Noi.





International cooperation to secure skies from drug and precursor trafficking

MODERATOR



Ms. Sonia Hifdi, Chief, Aviation Security Policy Section, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Sonia Hifdi is the Chief of the Aviation Security Policy Section within the Aviation Security and Facilitation Branch of ICAO since 2021. She is leading teams in charge of developing policies, Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) in the area of aviation security, Cybersecurity and aviation critical infrastructure topics. She worked within aviation security for the French Civil Aviation Authority for 17 years at technical, policy and coordination, and oversight positions related to explosive detection, security and Cybersecurity domains. She is an engineer in Physics and Transportation and graduated in Transport Economics, Airport Management and Resilience and Crisis Management. From 2013 to 2019, she was the Chair of the ECAC Guidance Material Task Force. Between 2011

and 2021, she was also the French Panel Member to the ICAO Aviation Security Panel and the co-rapporteur of the ICAO Working Group on Innovation in Aviation Security. From 2019 to 2021, she was responsible for defining aviation security guidelines and implementation support for national inspectors and industry stakeholders within the French Oversight Authority. She was also the Chair of the ICAO Aviation Security Panel during that time.

Ms. Mira Abou Chakra, Programme Associate, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), MENA Region

Mira Abou Chakra is a Programme Associate with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), supporting the Passenger and Cargo Control Programme (PCCP) in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Mira is dedicated to strengthening cross-border security by building the capacities of customs and law enforcement agencies to combat transnational threats such as illicit trafficking and organized crime.

In her role, Mira has been instrumental in fostering partnerships with international and regional stakeholders, promoting collaboration to enhance operational efficiency and compliance with global standards, including those set by ICAO. She has also led efforts to integrate gender perspectives into border security, notably through initiatives like the Customs Cargo and Women: A Talk for Her, which has successfully increased the participation and leadership of women in operational units across the region. Mira brings extensive experience in organizing high-level dialogues, facilitating study visits, and designing capacity-building initiatives tailored to the unique challenges of the MENA region. Her expertise lies in promoting inclusive policies and innovative practices to address evolving security needs in aviation and border management.





CLOSING REMARKS



Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)

Mr. Vladimir Voronkov was appointed Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism on 21 June 2017, established by General Assembly resolution 71/291. Mr. Voronkov brings to the position more than 30 years of experience within the Foreign Service of the Russian Federation, working primarily on United Nations affairs, with responsibilities ranging from public diplomacy and social and economic development issues to intergovernmental affairs. Prior to his appointment, he was Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the International Organizations in Vienna. Under his leadership, the Permanent Mission launched several flagship projects with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) and developed successful collaborations with the UNODC Antiterrorist Branch. Mr. Voronkov also served on the Board

of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), during which time he led several delegations of the Russian Federation to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. Prior to serving in Vienna, Mr. Voronkov was Director of the Department of European Cooperation (2008-2011), during which time he served as the Head of the Russian Delegation during the Russia-European Union negotiations on the visa-free regime (2010-2011). He started his career with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1989 and has served in various capacities, among them as Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in Vienna (2005-2008), Deputy Director of the Personnel Department (2002-2005) and Minister Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission of the Russian Embassy to Poland (2000-2002). Mr. Voronkov holds a PhD from Moscow State University. He has authored various scientific publications on international issues.





MUTRAH HALL

SESSION: BEYOND THE BREACH: BUILDING ROBUST SECURITY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE FRAMEWORKS FOR AIRPORTS

FACILITATORS

Mr. Billy Shallow, Director, Innovation and Technology, Airports Council International (ACI) World



In his role, Billy leads ACI World's Security, Innovation and Technology teams encompassing the World Airport Security Committee and the World Airport IT Standing Committee, advocating for the World's airports, raising standards and capacity building within these respective areas.

His remit extends to ACI World's Smart security programme, focused on improving security detection, operational efficiency, and the passenger experience across the world's airports. Billy is the Permanent Representative to ICAO for security matters. Before ACI, Billy worked at London City Airport for five years designing and implementing their security transformation programme.

Billy then went on to lead consulting projects working at King Abdulaziz International Airport Jeddah, Brussels Airport, Birmingham Airport and Belfast City on security and optimization programmes. A British national, with a passion for operational improvement, Billy is a lean

six sigma black belt. He sits on ICAO's working group on innovation, as well as a number of industry groups. He holds a University of London bachelor's degree in management and organizational analysis.

Mr. Nicholas Ratledge, Senior Manager Security, Safety and Operations, Airports Council International (ACI) World

Nicholas Ratledge joined ACI World in March 2015. As Senior Manager, Security, Safety and Operations he is responsible for developing policies, providing guidance, and best practice with airport security standards and recommended practices. His tasks consist of representing ACI with ICAO papers and various working groups that affect aviation security as well as developing ACI Handbooks and various best practice guides for ACI members. Prior to this role, he led the position of Manager, Airport Safety and Operations within ACI World, providing similar tasks revolving around airport safety concerns globally.

Before joining ACI, Nicholas worked at various aspects of airport operations specializing in de-icing operations, aerodrome certification of 26 airports in the high arctic regions of Nunavut, Canada's newest territory and then with the Greater Toronto Airports Authority gaining experience with resource management, aviation standards and aviation quality assurance auditing.





SESSION: TECHNICAL INNOVATIONS AND HUMAN FACTORS

MODERATOR

Mr. Phil Dykins, Head of Aviation Security Regulation, Civil Aviation Authority, United Kingdom

Mr. Phil Dykins is Head of Aviation Security Regulation at the UK Civil Aviation Authority, where he is responsible for overseeing the regulatory regime that governs aviation security in the UK, and for providing advice to Government and the aviation industry on mitigating the security risks to aviation. He is also Vice-Chair of the European Civil Aviation Conference's Aviation Security Forum.

Prior to this he was Head of Aviation Security Policy at the UK Department for Transport, where he was responsible for developing and implementing UK policy on aviation security, both domestically and internationally. During this period he was also a member of ICAO's Aviation Security Panel and chaired ICAO's Working Group on Threat and Risk.

His previous roles at the DfT included Head of the Department's Strategic Planning team, Head of International Air Services Policy, and planning the arrivals and departures process for the London 2012 Olympic Games. And before that he held a series of policy roles within the Government dealing with a range of topics including climate change, water pollution, planning, housing and sport.



Ms. Haneen Abu Saif, Head of Aviation Security Training and Sustainability / Aviation Security Consultant

Haneen Abu Saif is a distinguished Aviation Security Professional Manager and International Aviation Security Instructor with a remarkable career spanning over 16 years in the aviation security field. She is not only a seasoned expert but also an ardent advocate for diversity and women's empowerment in aviation security. As a certified ICAO AVSEC Instructor, Haneen has been at the forefront of aviation security training, delivering numerous ICAO training packages in both Arabic and English languages. Her commitment to education extends to developing new training packages in the region. Notably, she has collaborated with ICAO as a short-term subject matter expert, successfully delivering several projects. Haneen's expertise and diverse skill set includes aviation security

oversight, capacity building, risk management, and women empowerment.

In her current role as the Head of Aviation Security Training and Sustainability with Culmen International LLC., Haneen is dedicated to enhancing aviation security through a risk-based approach. She is also passionate about fostering collaboration with stakeholders from diverse backgrounds and cultures. Haneen Abu Saif's extensive experience, coupled with her unwavering dedication to diversity and empowerment, makes her a pivotal figure in the aviation security domain.





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Ms. Małgorzata Alberti, Acting Head of Unit, Civil Aviation Security Inspectorate, Polish CAA

Małgorzata Alberti currently works as Head of Civil Aviation Security Inspectorate at Polish CAA responsible for both regulatory and oversight issues as well as international cooperation. She has been working in aviation since 2001. Starting with traffic rights continuing with air bilateral agreements and since 2013 in the area of aviation security. She has a legal background graduated from legal studies (Master of Arts/ Warsaw University). From the beginning of her professional carrier she was engaged with international cooperation issues.

She is Aviation Security National Auditor and a representative of Poland to EU Aviation Security Committee (EU DG MOVE). She is also an ECAC aviation security auditor and at the moment holds position of chair of the ECAC Certified Aviation Security Auditors' Group.



Ms. Samiha Al Busaidi, ICAO Regional Officer, Aviation Security and Facilitation, OSG/MID

Samiha Al Busaidi is the ICAO-MID Regional Aviation Security & Facilitation Officer. She has been in the aviation industry for over 20 years. University of Hull MBA holder with double degrees Major in Economics and minor in Accounting & Finance from Universiti Brunei Darussalam. She is amongst the first Middle East female professionals that attained the ICAO-AVSEC PMC and USAP-CMA auditor.



Brigadier Expert Hamed Mohammed AlSayd Al-Hashmi, Assistant General Manager for Administration, Dubai Police

Assistant General Manager for Administration in General Department of Airport Security. 32 years of experience Dubai police, 20 years of experience in the field of aviation security. Certified international Instructor from (ICAO) and Certified National Inspector from (ICAO).





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Mr. Scott Dullard, General Manager, Operations, Melbourne Airport

Scott is the general manager of operations for Melbourne Airport, in Victoria, Australia. Scott is the chair of the Australian Airport Association's major airport security committee and the aviation representative for the Australian Government's critical infrastructure advisory committee. Scott's background from the Australian Defence Force affords him an in-depth understanding of the threat environment facing aviation now and insight into its future direction.

SESSION: NAVIGATING CYBER CHAOS: SECURING THE FLIGHT

FACILITATOR

Mr. Clement Domingo, Cybersecurity (Recognized ethical Hacker)

Friendly hacker, SaxX has worked in a variety of structures on both offensive and defensive side. External/internal penetration testing/redteam/bugbounty has given him a good technical knowledge of infrastructures.

Today, he focuses tracking down cybercriminals, with in-depth analysis of their mechanisms and methodologies (cyber alert). Over the past 5 years, he has dealt with numerous cyberattacks, helping organizations to manage these crisis.

Nowadays, he devotes most of his time to popularizing Cybersecurity and AI among young people and governments, and above all raising awareness in Africa.

Because our duty is to protect our cyberspace, one of its leitmotifs.

