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List of Speakers

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Welcome and Opening



Jan Pie, Secretary General, Aerospace, Security and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD)

Jan Pie was appointed Secretary General of the Aerospace, Security and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD) in September 2013. He is also a member of the Board of Directors at the global Aeronautical Manufacturers Association, ICCAIA (International Coordinating Council of Aerospace Industries Associations). He chaired ICCAIA during 2021–2022, 2017–2018 and 2013–2014. (the Chairmanship rotates on a 2-year basis between ASD/Europe and AIA/US).

Before joining ASD, during 2010–2013, Jan was the Secretary General of the Swedish Security and Defence Industry Association, SOFF, and played a key role in building a well-functioning interface and dialogue between industry and the government.

During 1995–2010, Jan worked for Sweden's central crisis management body, the publicly owned SOS Alarm Company Group, where he was a member of the Board of Directors and held various positions including Senior Vice President for the Metropolitan Area, National Crises Preparedness Director, and CEO of a group subsidiary.

Before 1995, Jan held various leading positions in business and industry in Sweden.

He is a delegate in the Consultative Commission on Industrial Change (CCMI) as part of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), and a member of several experts' groups of the European Commission, such as the Industrial Forum.

Jan holds an IFL Executive Management degree from the Stockholm School of Economics and an IHM Masters from the IHM Business School in Gothenburg. He completed the 23rd "Session Européenne des Responsables d'Armement" (SERA) programme by the Institut Des Hautes Etudes de Défense Nationale (IHEDN) and is a member of the "Association des Anciens de la session Européenne des Responsables d'Armement" (ASERA).

In 2007, he completed the Solbacka Chief Course by The Swedish National Defence College.



Marie-Josée Audet, Assistant Deputy Minister for African Relations, Francophonie and Multilateral Affairs, Québec Government

Marie-Josée Audet has over 24 years' experience in international relations. She has been appointed Assistant Deputy Minister for African Relations, Francophonie and Multilateral Affairs since July 10, 2024. She was Director General, Americas Relations, Economic Affairs and Strategic Intelligence at the Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie (MRIF) from July 2023 to July 2024, and -interim Assistant Deputy Minister for Americas Relations, Economic Affairs and Strategic Intelligence from November 2023 until her recent appointment by the Council of ministers.

She began her career with MRIF June 2001 as an advisor in the International Commitments Department. She then worked for the United Nations between 2005 and 2008, where she worked with various agencies in Port-au-Prince, including UNICEF, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Upon her return to the Ministry in 2009, she held over the years several positions as: Director of Visits, Missions and State Ceremonial; Deputy Chief of Protocol and Director of Official Correspondence, Privileges and Immunities; Director of Latin America and the Caribbean; Director of Europe and European Institutions, in addition to acting as Quebec's Delegate General in Brussels; and finally, as Acting Assistant Deputy Minister for Europe, Indo-Pacific and Institutional Affairs from July 2022 to June 2023.

Prior to joining MRIF, she worked for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees UNHCR in Geneva and for a Quebec-based non-governmental organization in West Africa, in Burkina Faso. Ms. Audet holds a master's degree in international relations from Université Laval, as well as a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from McGill University.

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Stéphane Paquet, President and CEO, Montréal International

Stéphane Paquet is President and CEO of Montréal International, the economic development agency dedicated to attracting foreign direct investment, international organizations, and international talent to Greater Montréal. He has held the position since January 2020.

He joined the organization in 2015 as Vice-President, Investment Greater Montréal, where he led a team focused on supporting foreign companies establishing operations in the region. Under his leadership, the inflow of foreign investment facilitated by Montréal International has tripled—almost quadrupled.

Prior to joining Montréal International, Mr. Paquet served as Québec Delegate General in London for two years.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Paquet worked in journalism, spending a decade with Radio-Canada in roles ranging from reporter to assignment editor. He then moved to print media, working with Le Soleil and La Presse before becoming Deputy Publisher and Editor-in-Chief at Les Affaires Group in 2010.

Keynote Presentations



Salvatore Sciacchitano, President of the ICAO Council

The President of the ICAO Council is elected for a three-year term by the 36 States elected to the ICAO Council, and may be re-elected for one additional term.

Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano is the sixth and current President of the ICAO Council. He was re-elected for his second term beginning 1 January 2023, and will serve through 31 December 2025.

The Council President is elected by virtue of his or her international experience and insight in international civil aviation, and serves chiefly as a consensus builder during diplomatic engagements among the 36 voting Council States.

The Office of the President is responsible for a wide range of duties relating to the organization and management of the Council's work, and manages the Organization's public and external relations in collaboration with the Office of the ICAO Secretary General.



Juan Carlos Salazar, Secretary General, ICAO

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

The Secretariat consists of five main divisions: the Air Navigation Bureau, the Air Transport Bureau, the Capacity Development and Implementation Bureau, the Legal Affairs and External Relations Bureau, and the Bureau of Administration and Services. The Secretary General is also directly responsible for the management and effective work performance of the activities assigned to the Office of the Secretary General relating to Finance, Strategic Planning, Coordination and Partnerships, Internal Oversight, Ethics, and seven Regional Offices.

The ICAO Council appointed Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar of Colombia as the Secretary General of the Organization for a three-year term, beginning 1 August 2021. On 11 March 2024, the ICAO Council renewed his appointment for a second consecutive three-year term, to begin August 2024.

Speakers

Economic Outlook



Haldane Dodd, Executive Director, Air Transport Action Group (ATAG)

Haldane Dodd is Executive Director at the Geneva-based Air Transport Action Group (ATAG). This organisation, the only global grouping of players from across the aviation industry, brings together airports, airlines, air navigation service providers, aircraft and engine manufacturers and SAF producers to agree common goals.

ATAG's current mission is to provide a platform through which the aviation sector is working to reduce its climate change impact. ATAG works with funding members ACI, IATA, CANSO, Airbus, ATR, Boeing, CFM, GE Aviation, Pratt & Whitney, Rolls-Royce and Safran to ensure aviation is able to respond to global decarbonisation and sustainability objectives.

Previously, Haldane was Head of Communications and Advocacy at ATAG and Communications Manager with Airports Council International World headquarters where he worked on issues such as the environment, security and airport economics.

A British native, Haldane also holds New Zealand citizenship and started his aviation career at the listed company Auckland International Airport Limited, which runs New Zealand's busiest airport. He has a background in broadcast media and holds a Bachelor of Communications Studies. www.atag.org



Bertrand de Lacombe, Head of Regulatory and External engagement, Airbus

Bertrand de LACOMBE, 54, has always been working in the field of transports, mainly in European and international affairs. After having begun his career at car manufacturer PSA Peugeot Citroën, he spent 8 years at SNCF (French railways), where he occupied various functions, mainly for the management of regional trains and for European affairs.

In 2007, he joined the French administration, appointed diplomatic advisor of the French minister of Transports. From 2009 to 2013, he was Transport Counselor at the French Permanent Representation to the European Union (Brussels). He was then hired by Aéroports de Paris (Paris Airports) as Director of Public affairs.

In 2015, he was appointed Director in charge of International cooperation of the Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile (DGAC, French Civil Aviation Authority). In 2019, still in DGAC, he took the position of Director of European and International affairs.

In 2023-2024, he was seconded to the DG Move of the European Commission, in charge of international air agreements.

He joined Airbus in October 2024.



Mildred Troegeler, Executive liaison to the ICAO & Director, Global Regulatory Strategy, The Boeing Company

Mildred Troegeler is the executive liaison to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). In this role, she works closely with ICAO and the International Coordinating Council of Aerospace Industries Associations (ICCAIA) on global and regional initiatives for a safer and more sustainable aerospace ecosystem. As director of Global Regulatory Strategy for Boeing Chief Aerospace Safety Office she also leads a diverse and global team that develops and operationalizes key global regulatory strategies across the enterprise. Most recently, Troegeler has served as director of Global Airspace Integration for Boeing NeXt, a business division dedicated to building a safe, sustainable and seamless future mobility ecosystem.

Previously, Troegeler served as the director of Technical & Regulatory Affairs for Boeing Europe. In that role, she was responsible for representing Boeing interests with all European institutions, most notably the European Commission, European Aviation Safety Agency and the European Parliament. Before Boeing, she was the technical and operations general manager at the Association of European Airlines (AEA). Troegeler also shaped space policies at the United Nations as a legal and policy advisor to the German Aerospace Center (DLR). Troegeler holds a law degree with a specialization in economics and competition law from the University of Bonn; and a postgraduate Master of Laws in air and space law from the University of Leiden. She is a board member of the NATO Maritime Unmanned Systems Innovation Advisory Board.

Leaders Forum



Julie Kitcher, Chief Sustainability Officer and Communications, Airbus

Julie Kitcher is Chief Sustainability Officer and Communications at Airbus. In her position, she oversees the Company's sustainability roadmap, driving Airbus' contribution to current environmental, societal, regulatory and technological challenges. She also leads Communications company-wide, promoting the Airbus brand internally and externally in support of Airbus' strategic objectives.

Julie is a member of the Airbus Executive Committee, reporting to the CEO, Guillaume Faury. Since taking on her responsibilities in 2019, Julie led the articulation of Airbus' purpose: to pioneer sustainable aerospace for a safe and united world. In addition, Julie drove the performance management, internal controls and corporate audit functions as well as the Company's transformation agenda. Under her leadership, Airbus received approval from the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) for its near-term greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

Julie was appointed Chair of the Airbus Foundation board in 2021. As such, she is actively involved in shaping the Foundation's work in humanitarian support, environmental action and youth development. She has been appointed member of the board to the Toulouse School of Economics' Fondation Jean-Jacques Laffont. Julie also sits on the boards of Airbus Helicopters UK and the International Chamber of Commerce France as well as the UK Government's Jet Zero Council, fostering the development of aerospace technologies, facilities and regulatory framework in the UK. In 2023, Julie was honoured with the "l'Ordre National du Mérite".

In her previous position, Julie was the Executive Vice President Communications and Corporate Affairs, also serving as the CEO's Chief of Staff, prior to which she was Head of Investor Relations and Financial Communication at Airbus. She is a Chartered Management Accountant (CIMA) and holds an MSc from ESC Skema (Lille).



Brian Moran, Chief Sustainability Officer, The Boeing Company

Brian Moran is the chief sustainability officer of The Boeing Company and serves as a member of the Boeing Executive Council. Moran is responsible for advancing the company's approach on aerospace sustainability priorities, stakeholder engagement and integrated reporting. His Executive Council responsibilities include driving shared awareness of sustainability trends, opportunities and risks to guide company decision-making and global impact. Moran is based in Amsterdam. Prior to this role, Moran served as vice president, Global Sustainability Policy & Partnerships for Boeing where he led a global team responsible for informing the global policy landscape and deepening partnerships to advance Boeing's sustainability objectives. In his more than two decades with Boeing, Moran has held leadership roles in Boeing's commercial and defense businesses, in communications and in government affairs. Moran holds a dual degree in international business and French from Lindenwood University and a master's degree in business administration from Washington University's Olin School of Business. He completed executive programs at The University of Pennsylvania Wharton School and a Brookings Institution legislative fellowship on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. Moran speaks English, German and French and he is an alumnus of both the Atlantik-Brücke

German-American Young Leaders program as well as the French-American Foundation Young Leaders program.



Pierre Seïn Pyun, Vice President, Government and Industry Affairs, Bombardier

Pierre Seïn Pyun was appointed Vice President, Government and Industry Affairs at Bombardier in October 2011. As such, he is responsible for government affairs for Bombardier in Canada and internationally. His team also manages industrial affairs for the company. A lawyer by training, Mr. Pyun has significant background in international trade, having served with the Canadian federal government from 1998 to 2011. Prior to joining Bombardier, Mr. Pyun managed sector practices and developed and implemented global commercial strategies for the Canadian government in Ottawa. Furthermore, he worked at Canadian diplomatic posts in China from 2001-2009, including as a Senior Trade Commissioner at the Canadian Embassy in Beijing. Mr. Pyun holds degrees in civil law and common law from McGill University and completed a Certificate in International Commerce at HEC Montreal. He is fluent in English, French, Mandarin and Korean. Mr. Pyun sits on the board of directors of several organizations, including the J. Armand Bombardier Foundation, the Aerospace Industries Association of Canada (as the Chair), the Canadian American Business Council, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters, Canada Arab Business Council and the Montreal Council on Foreign Relations. Mr. Pyun is also a lecturer (case studies) at the Max Bell School of Public Policy of McGill University.

Leaders Forum



Ricardo Lavall, Chief Airworthiness Officer, Embraer S.A.

Since 2020, Ricardo has been responsible for Airworthiness Certification, Operational Evaluation, Regulatory Affairs and Flight Safety, including the SMS (Safety Management System) implementation, risk management and aircraft accident investigation.

Ricardo graduated in Electrical Engineering in 2000.

He joined Embraer in 2001 as certification engineer in the EMB-145 platform certification.

In 2007 became certification manager for civil products, leading Embraer certification team for the Phenom 100/300, Lineage 1000, and Legacy 450/500/650 certifications.

In 2015, he took over as Head of Airworthiness, responsible for civil and military airworthiness certification, including KC-390 (military), Embraer 190/195 E2 family, Praetors 500/600 and continued airworthiness.



Christine Andrews, Future of Flight Executive, GE Aerospace

GE Aerospace is a world-leading provider of jet engines, components and systems with a comprehensive technology innovation roadmap to shape the future of flight. As a future of flight engineering executive at GE Aerospace, Christine Andrews leads teams focused on developing next-generation propulsion systems through the Revolutionary Innovation for Sustainable Engines (RISE) program, the Electrified Powertrain Flight Demonstration (EPFD), and other demonstrators.

Previously, Christine served as a business program manager at GE Aerospace's Research Center, where she evaluated and developed aviation technologies to support next generation platforms and the existing engines fleet.

Over her 12-year tenure at GE Aerospace, Christine has held various leadership positions across multiple disciplines within aviation engineering that have yielded technology advancements in both the combustor and augmentor modules. She has an excellent track record of establishing and maintaining strong customer relationships by consistent execution of government programs. Prior to joining GE Aerospace, Christine held various engineering positions at Gulfstream Aerospace.

With a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and Masters of Business Administration from Michigan Technological University, Christine is a strong advocate of women in technology.



Graham Webb, Chief Sustainability Officer and Vice President of Advanced Commercial Engine Programs, Pratt & Whitney

Graham Webb is chief sustainability officer and leads advanced commercial engine programs for Pratt & Whitney. In this role, Webb leads the development and execution of Pratt & Whitney's propulsion technology and product roadmaps in partnership with government, academia, and industrial partners, while also communicating Pratt & Whitney's capabilities and achievements to key constituencies.

Webb's over 30-year career has included multiple leadership roles in gas turbine technology, product development, and general management during which he has successfully led development and production implementation for a wide and diverse range of gas turbine engines that span multiple GTF engine models, heavy-duty power generation engines, and liquid rocket engines, in addition to multiple commercial and military gas turbine engines.

Leaders Forum



MODERATOR: Douglas Scott Proudfoot, Consultant in international affairs, mediation, advocacy, and strategy

Douglas Scott Proudfoot is a former Canadian diplomat and ambassador, having served as Head of Mission to Palestine, South Sudan, Mali and the ICAO Council.

Earlier assignments were in Nairobi, Delhi, Vienna (IAEA/CTBTO) and London. He as educated at the University of Toronto and McGill University. He currently resides in Ottawa.

Cross-Industry Panel on Non-CO2



Carlos Cirilo, Director ICAO Affairs, CANSO

Carlos Cirilo is a seasoned aviation professional with 30+ years of international management and operations experience in civil and military roles. He served as the Brazilian Delegate to the ICAO Air Navigation Commission and holds the rank of Colonel in the Brazilian Air Force, with over 4,500 flight hours. With key executive positions in North and South America, Carlos is fluent in Portuguese, English, and Spanish. He has a diploma in aeronautical engineering, an MBA diploma, and postgraduate diplomas in telecommunication engineering and system analysis. Currently, he serves as CANSO's permanent representative to ICAO.



Claude Hurley, Director of Environment & Flight Operations, IBAC

Capt. Hurley, an aviation professional with over 35 years of experience, leads IBAC's environmental and flight operations initiatives. In this role, Claude represents IBAC at key International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) bodies that develop international standards on environmental and operational safety matters. Claude is also IBAC's nominee to ICAO's Advanced Air Mobility Study Group, tasked with harmonizing global efforts to establish regulatory frameworks to enable the safe integration of these rapidly evolving new entrants such as eVTOLs into our shared skies.

Prior to joining IBAC in January 2023, Capt. Hurley was Canada's Representative on the ICAO Council, and previously also served six years as an ICAO Air Navigation Commissioner, including two terms as the Commission's President. While at ICAO, Claude worked on a range of key issues regarding the environment, safety, security, aviation's restart and recovery from the pandemic, and the introduction of new entrants to the air transport system.

Claude's career in aviation began in the Canadian Armed Forces flying in tactical aviation and Search and Rescue roles. His civilian flying career spanned remote operations in the Canadian arctic, as an air ambulance pilot, to flying operations overseas, where he served as a training pilot, check pilot, technical type pilot, and base manager. In 2010, Claude joined Transport Canada, where he soon led teams responsible for aviation safety oversight, and later continued his substantive position as a Transport Canada Executive while on assignment at ICAO.

Claude looks very much forward to sharing the stage with these distinguished speakers for these important discussions on building a sustainable aviation future together.

Happy landings!

Speakers

Cross-Industry Panel on Non-CO2



Jennifer Desharnais, Senior Director of Environmental Protection & Sustainability, ACI World

Jennifer has been working with the ACI World Environmental Protection and Sustainability team for five years. She has over 18 years' experience in the travel industry, including 13 in aviation. She holds an MSc in Air Transport Management from Cranfield University.

Jennifer is the Secretary of ACI's World Environment Standing Committee (WEnSC), where airport members from all regions come together to work on sustainability matters, from energy transition and decarbonization, circular economy, adaptation and resilience, to wildlife trafficking prevention and ESG reporting, to name a few. She is ACI World's appointed Observer to the ICAO Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP), where she co-leads several task groups in Working Group 2 – Airports and Operations. She is also engaging with other international organizations such as the World Economic Forum, where she is part of the leadership team for the Airports of Tomorrow. Jennifer also obtained a Certificate in Advanced Studies in Sustainable Tourism Management and an ESG Professional Certificate focusing on Boards' perspective.



Olivier Husse, Senior director—Regulatory and external engagement worldwide, Airbus (CSO office) and ICCAIA ANEC Chair

Olivier Husse is an experienced director of Regulatory and External Engagement in the Airbus CSO office, with extensive experience in the aviation and aerospace industry. He has a strong background in international aviation environmental policies and regulations, aviation sustainability, stakeholder management, and leadership.

In his current role, Olivier collaborates with key stakeholders, including ICAO, on matters related to aviation environmental protection. His primary focus is on developing roadmaps for the decarbonisation of air transport, aiming to unite stakeholders around shared and ambitious goals.

Previously, he led environmental policy efforts for propulsion systems within Airbus Engineering and played a key role in shaping international regulations for aviation environmental protection with focus on noise and emissions.

After graduating from a French aeronautical engineering school, he started his career at Airbus as a flight operations engineer, helping airlines and operators to safely and efficiently operate the aircraft with focus on flight performance, noise and emissions.

In 2022, Olivier was appointed co Vice Chair of the ICCAIA ANEC committee that represents the global manufacturing industry, particularly in ICAO's Committee for Aviation Environmental Protection.



Ruby Sayyed, Global Head of Air Traffic Management, IATA

An aviation professional with over 20 years of experience. A holder of a B.Sc. Degree in Electrical Engineering who started her career as an Aircraft Engineer with Royal Jordanian Airlines, then progressed from engineering to operational, safety, and management positions within the airline industry. She joined IATA Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Regional office on 01 March 2010, and then joined the IATA ATM Infrastructure Headquarters team in Montreal in 2014. Within her current role, as the Global Head of Air Traffic Management, she leads the ATM team within IATA and drives global ATM/CNS strategies and policies. She is designated as the IATA member to the several ICAO panels and groups.

Cross-Industry Panel on Non-CO2



Valerie Guénon, VP Products Environment Strategy, Safran Aircraft Engines

Valérie Guénon is VP products environment strategy for Safran Aircraft Engines.

In the last 36 years, she held various roles at Safran Group, among which designing aircraft engines, managing European research programmes, VP Quality for Safran Landing Systems, VP R&T institutional affairs for Safran Group and director of Safran University training and leadership programmes.

All along her career she has taught various engineering courses. In the last six years, Aviation non-CO2 climate effects have been an exciting new source of learning for her.

She holds degrees in mechanical engineering from Université de Technologie de Compiègne (France) and in Mechanical and Aerospace engineering from the University of Delaware (USA).



MODERATOR: Annick Goulet, Permanent Representative of Canada to ICAO

Ms. Annick Goulet has been appointed Permanent Representative of Canada to ICAO in June 2023.

Ms. Goulet joined Global Affairs Canada (formerly Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade) in 1999. Prior to her current role, she was Canada's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Romania, Bulgaria, and the Republic of Moldova (2020-2023). She previously served in numerous diplomatic postings, including as Chargé d'Affaires for Canada in Armenia and Uzbekistan (2018-2019), Minister-Counsellor (Economic and Trade) in Moscow (2016-2020), Counsellor and Senior Trade Commissioner in Beijing (2012-2014), and Economic and Trade Policy officer in Tokyo (2003-2006).

While in Ottawa, Ms. Goulet was Director for Commercial affairs with EU and European Free Trade Association countries (2014-2015), Director for Non-proliferation and Disarmament (2010-2011), deputy Director for Nuclear Policy (2009-2010) and for Japan (2008-2009). She also held an assignment in the Privy Council Office's Foreign and Defence Policy Secretariat (2006-2007).

Ms. Goulet holds a BA Honours 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 Harvard Kennedy School of Government (2020).

Speakers

Fireside Chat—Workforce



Mohammad Salem, UAE Alternate Representative to ICAO

Mohammad Salem currently serves as the UAE Alternative Representative to ICAO Council. Mohammad has over 25 years experience in Aviation in different positions and sectors. He holds degrees in Aircraft Engineering, and Business Management with high interest in green technology, information technology, and Fatigue Management.



Suzanne Acton-Gervais, VP Stakeholder Relations and Regulatory Affairs, National Airlines Council of Canada

Suzanne brings over 30 years of experience in the aviation sector to her role as Vice-President of Stakeholder Relations and Regulatory Affairs at the National Airlines Council of Canada (NACC). Since joining the NACC in 2015, she has been instrumental in advancing strategic initiatives and fostering collaboration among industry stakeholders.

Her career includes senior roles at the International Air Transport Association (IATA), where she worked globally with governments and organizations to shape aviation standards, often sharing her expertise as a speaker at international conferences. She has also held leadership positions at Airports Council International (ACI World), Transport Canada, and Air Canada, giving her a unique and multifaceted perspective on the aviation industry.

An advocate for professional development, Suzanne established and implemented the first, second, and third-year undergraduate mentorship program at the University of Ottawa, which included the highly successful "From Backpack to Briefcase" initiative. She also holds a Bachelor of Education in Adult Education, graduating with distinction, and recently earned a certificate from Wharton on Executive Presence and Influence.

Suzanne serves on the boards of Elevate Aviation and C-CAST and co-leads a workstream focused on the evolution of work for the Global Aviation and Aerospace Skills Task Force (GAAST).



MODERATOR: Fiona Hau, Head of Aviation Safety & Skills of the UK Dep. for Transport and Vice-Chair of GAAST

Fiona is the Head of Aviation Safety at the UK Department for Transport, with over a decade of government experience working within aviation safety and security. She has worked closely with ministers in strategic, operational, and policy-making roles. A respected leader in aviation, Fiona oversees the UK's State Safety Programme and plays a pivotal role in shaping aviation safety policy while providing oversight of safety in the UK's aviation authorities.

As Vice Chair and a founding member of the Global Aviation and Aerospace Skills Taskforce (GAAST), Fiona is committed to addressing workforce challenges through international collaboration, driving innovation, and ensuring a sustainable, inclusive future for aviation and aerospace. A passionate advocate for diversity, she actively champions women in transport and fosters partnerships between government, industry, and international organizations to promote excellence and resilience in the aviation sector.

Industry Priorities



Ash Owen, Head of Future Technology, Rolls-Royce

Ash Owen is Head of Future Technology at Rolls-Royce. This team is focused on accelerating disruptive technology into the RR business, owns the Environmental technology brief including the support for ICAO's CAEP process and owns the RR-University research network. He represents Rolls-Royce on the UK's Sustainable Aviation Council.

Ash also supports the Rolls-Royce Heritage Flight as Chief Engineer for Griffon & Merlin engines giving him a unique 100 year perspective of RR technology.

His previous role was Chief Engineer – Civil Technology Programmes where as well as delivering many gas turbine demonstrators and technology projects he was the RR Chief Engineer for the ACCEL project which set the electric world speed record. Before that he has been Chief Engineer Trent 700, Engineering Executive Compressor Engineering and Managing Director for a composite R&D centre (CTAL).

Ash studied Aeronautical Engineering in Manchester University.

Born in Wales, he lives in Derbyshire, UK. He is married with a 22 year old daughter and enjoys cycling, hill walking with the family dog, swimming and scuba diving holidays - he is a PADI Rescue Diver.



David Jones, Managing Director, Malaysia Aerospace Industry Association (MAIA)

David is Managing Director of the Malaysian Aerospace Industry Association. For 8 years David was General Manager, RUAG Aviation Malaysia, a majority Swiss owned corporation, where he first established and then ran their MRO operations in the SE Asia region. Prior to this he was Vice President Asia Pacific Sales for SR Technics and before this ran an independent consultancy focused on joint ventures, business planning, market strategy and supply chain development, offering support to government bodies, financial institutions as well as large and medium sized enterprises.

David worked for Rolls-Royce for 10 years where for 4 years he was Regional Director Malaysia. He also held the role of Business Development Director responsible for the TotalCare portfolio and founded the successful development of Aeromanager their customer e.business portal. For nineteen years David worked at two leading airlines namely British Airways and Malaysia Airlines where he held various supervisory and management roles in both technical and commercial capacities.

David has lived in Malaysia for a total of 34 years. He has also been a Board member for various Malaysian companies and been involved in many voluntary roles. One of these being as a director of a leading government-industry body. For 10 years David was a Board member of Eurocham – 7 years as Chair. He was past Founder and Chair of the Chartered Management Institute Malaysia Branch and has led various other leadership roles in other chambers of commerce, education institutions including being a Board member of the International Advisory Board for Leeds University Business School, and various charitable organisations.

David holds an MBA from University of Nottingham, an honours degree in Aeronautical Engineering and is a Companion of the Chartered Institute of Management UK, a Fellow of the Malaysian Institute of Management and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing.

Industry Priorities



Keith Candline, Chief Airworthiness Engineer, Gulfstream

In the role of Chief Airworthiness Engineer, Keith is responsible for representing and advancing Gulfstream positions to the FAA and other international civil aviation authorities in complex matters of aircraft certification and compliance and is heavily involved in Gulfstream's regulatory affairs and industry outreach. He also serves as the primary Gulfstream interface with Investigative Authorities in support of accident and incident investigations.

Keith has 25 years of engineering experience with more than 21 years at Gulfstream. Before his current role, he worked in Flight Test Engineering, Airworthiness & Certification, the Gulfstream ODA, and Compliance Assurance, with increasing responsibility in leading the certification efforts on multiple Gulfstream Large Cabin Type Certification Programs.

Keith has represented, or currently represents, Gulfstream on several industry groups including:

- Industry Co-Chair of the Changed Product Rule (CPR) Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC)
- Changed Product Rule Industry Task Force led by GAMA
- Compliance Assurance System (CAS) Working Group under the former Safety Oversight and Certification ARC (SOC ARC)
- Chair of the Airworthiness Committee at the International Coordinating Council of Aerospace Industry Associations (ICCAIA)
- AIA Civil Aviation and Regulatory Safety (CARS) Committee, Airframe Subcommittee
- Manufacturers Safety Information Sharing Meetings (MSISM)

Keith received a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.



Scott Roesch, Sr. Director Program Management, Honeywell

Scott is Senior Director for Honeywell Aerospace Technologies, leading the Aeronautical Database business for airlines, business aviation, and general aviation market segments. He has a diverse background of 33 years aviation experience with the U.S. Air Force, DoD, Boeing, and Honeywell. He's been a member of ICCAIA since 2017 as an advisor, but was selected in 2024 as the Information Management Panel (IMP) designate member. Scott is also a member of the ICAO True North Advisory Group.

Industry Priorities



MODERATOR: Christian Schleifer, Representative of Austria & the ABIS group at the ICAO Council

Christian started his aviation career 36 years ago as Avionics Maintenance Engineer and currently is the Representative of Austria and the Abis Group on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Next to his role as Council member, he was appointed as chair of the ICAO Group on Innovation as well as the Industry Consultative Forum responsible for the collaboration with the industry on strategy inputs. He also got elected to chair the ICAO Committee on Joint Support of Air Navigation Services (JSC).

Between 2014 and 2022 Christian Schleifer served as the Director General and CEO of EUROCAE, a leading international Standard Developing Organisation (SDO), specialised in high quality and safety critical standards, based in Paris/France. In this role he was responsible for the operational management, development, restructuring and growth of EUROCAE.

From 2009 until 2013 Christian was appointed as Air Navigation Commissioner (ANC) at ICAO. During 2012 and 2013 as President of the Air Navigation Commission, he was responsible for developing Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) in the field of Air Navigation and Safety.

Prior to his posting at ICAO, Christian oversaw Aircraft and Equipment Certification, Airworthiness and Operational Requirements at the Austrian Civil Aviation Authority (Austro Control).

In this role, Christian was a specialised 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 ATM part of Austro Control, contributing to the European and Global Air Navigation modernisation programmes.

Being an avid supporter of the Next Generation of Aviation Professionals (NGAP), Christian initiated the development of a department for Aviation Electronics (Avionic) at Vienna's Donaustadt-Akademie. He is also an academic lecturer at the Joanneum University of Applied Science in Graz/Austria.

Christian has a background in Electronic Engineering and holds a Commercial Pilot License (CPL), actively flying single and multi-engine aircrafts. Besides his technical and operational aviation background, he holds a Global Executive MBA in Economics from the University of Minnesota and the Vienna University. He complemented his education with several management trainings at MIT, McGill and other Universities.

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Safety Workshop



David Jones, Managing Director, Malaysia Aerospace Industry Association (MAIA)

David is Managing Director of the Malaysian Aerospace Industry Association. For 8 years David was General Manager, RUAG Aviation Malaysia, a majority Swiss owned corporation, where he first established and then ran their MRO operations in the SE Asia region. Prior to this he was Vice President Asia Pacific Sales for SR Technics and before this ran an independent consultancy focused on joint ventures, business planning, market strategy and supply chain development, offering support to government bodies, financial institutions as well as large and medium sized enterprises.

David worked for Rolls-Royce for 10 years where for 4 years he was Regional Director Malaysia. He also held the role of Business Development Director responsible for the TotalCare portfolio and founded the successful development of Aeromanager their customer e.business portal. For nineteen years David worked at two leading airlines namely British Airways and Malaysia Airlines where he held various supervisory and management roles in both technical and commercial capacities.

David has lived in Malaysia for a total of 34 years. He has also been a Board member for various Malaysian companies and been involved in many voluntary roles. One of these being as a director of a leading government-industry body. For 10 years David was a Board member of Eurocham – 7 years as Chair. He was past Founder and Chair of the Chartered Management Institute Malaysia Branch and has led various other leadership roles in other chambers of commerce, education institutions including being a Board member of the International Advisory Board for Leeds University Business School, and various charitable organisations.

David holds an MBA from University of Nottingham, an honours degree in Aeronautical Engineering and is a Companion of the Chartered Institute of Management UK, a Fellow of the Malaysian Institute of Management and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing.



David Zwegers, Director of Global Safety Strategies, The Boeing Company

David Zwegers is the Director of Global Safety Strategies at Boeing. In his role, David leads Boeing's strategies for involvement in collaborative-level safety engagements throughout the World, establishing Boeing's goals, messaging, and ensuring internal alignment and commitment to support these endeavors. He leads teams in assessing global safety trends, identifying ways for Boeing to bring value to the rest of the ecosystem and championing Boeing's response as a stakeholder.

Prior to joining Boeing, David was the Regional Safety Director for Airbus, covering the Americas region. In his role, David represented Airbus in all safety matters in the region, aimed to collaboratively improve safety. He was responsible for establishing and maintaining long-term relationships with governmental organizations, customers and industry stakeholders involved in safety in the region.

Prior to this role, David was the Manager of Safety Management Systems at jetBlue Airways and the Director of Aviation Safety at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. David earned a Master's Degree with dual specializations in Operations and Safety, and a Bachelor's Degree in Aeronautical Science, both from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

He holds an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate with pilot-in-command type ratings in the Airbus A320, Boeing B737, and is fluent in Spanish, Dutch and English.

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Frederic Eychenne, Senior Director Regulations and Policies, Airbus

Frederic was appointed Senior Director Regulations and Policies in October 2018. In this role, Frederic manages the Airbus contribution to the Aviation Industry targets and priorities at ICAO. He also contributes to aviation initiatives to support sustainable growth with local stakeholders.

In his previous role Frederic worked at Environmental Affairs leading the Airbus strategy and projects on Sustainable Fuels and the Airbus cooperation projects with Airlines on emissions reduction.

Frederic started his career in Toulouse in 1987, working in Biometrics for an agronomic and seed selection. He joined another company in 1991 to take the lead of a Business Unit for IS Project Management and Consulting activities.

In 2002, he joined Airbus in the Concurrent Engineering Department playing a significant role in Process and Tools harmonisation in developing new Product Data Management for Electricity and Systems Configuration Management (CM) for the A380, A400M and A350 Programmes.

Frederic was born in Toulouse in 1965. He graduated in Engineering.



Joanne [Jodi] Diamant, Chief Engineer, Airworthiness & Certification, Pratt & Whitney Canada

Ms. Diamant has over three decades of experience in the design and certification of aeronautical products, specializing in certification requirements and processes, design organization authorization / delegation models and safety management systems.

Following 18 years in the Aircraft Certification Branch of Transport Canada, she joined Pratt & Whitney Canada in 2006 and is responsible for P&WC product certification and delegation processes, regulatory compliance and SMS lead. As an internationally recognized expert in these areas, she is the current Chair of the AIAC Civil Aviation Committee and ICCAIA observer for Canada on the ICAO Safety Management Panel, as well as holding membership on several international committees and industry associations.

Ms. Diamant holds a BAsC and MASc in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Toronto, Canada.

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Michele Merkle, Director of the Air Navigation Bureau, 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.



MODERATOR: Di Reimold, Vice President for Civil Aviation, Aerospace Industries Association (AIA)

Dorothy "Di" Reimold joins AIA as the Vice President for Civil Aviation as the next step in a long career in both the public and private sectors where she has held executive positions in aviation policy, international affairs, and oversight of critical aerospace systems and services.

Reimold was most recently Deputy Vice President for Flight Program Operations for the Federal Aviation Administration, where she was responsible for the agency's fleet of aircraft, aviation safety inspector training, flight inspection across the National Airspace System (NAS), and at the Department of Defense bases around the world. Before joining Flight Program Operations, Reimold held leadership roles in the FAA's Office of Aviation Safety, serving as the acting Deputy Associate Administrator and FAA's Executive Lead for 5G C-Band implementation in the U.S. Reimold also served as the Deputy Director for Policy and Innovation in the FAA's Aircraft Certification Service, where she focused on U.S. technology advances through her leadership of the agency's Chief Scientists and the establishment of the Center for Emerging Concepts and Innovation. Reimold also served as the Director of Strategic Operations for the FAA's Office of Commercial Space Transportation. In prior capacities at the FAA, Reimold served as the acting FAA Assistant Administrator and Deputy Assistant Administrator for International Aviation.

Before returning to the FAA in 2016, Reimold worked for the International Air Transport Association, MITRE's Center for Advanced Aviation System Development, and the Martin Marietta Corporation.

Reimold holds a Master's in Management and Leadership and has studied at the U.S. Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Virginia. Reimold is a Board member of the International Aviation Women's Association and the International Aviation Club of Washington.

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Erick Corona, Director, Airspace Operational Integration, Wisk

Erick Corona is the Director of ConOps & Airspace at Wisk Aero LLC., a company focused on developing a remotely supervised, highly automated electric vertical-take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft. Working at the intersection of aeronautics, automation, telecommunications, and battery technology, the company aims to deliver a safe, sustainable, affordable, and beyond-cool novel urban transportation solution.

Before Wisk, as Director of Products at C3.ai, Erick led the development of now-deployed AI-capable Predictive Maintenance solutions within DoD. Prior assignments include management, flight test, and engineering design positions at Boeing and GE Aircraft Engines. Erick also led the adoption of data-driven infrastructure asset management efforts at Pacific Gas & Electric.

Erick holds a B.S. in Mechanical Electrical Engineering from the ITESM (Mexico) and an M.S. in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Washington. He is also a graduate of the MIT Leaders for Global Operations (LGO) Program, where he earned an S.M. in Engineering Systems and an MBA from the Sloan School of Business.



Ryan Naru, Aviation Policy and Regulatory Affairs Lead, Joby Aviation

Ryan Naru is the Aviation Policy and Regulatory Affairs Lead at Joby Aviation. His primary focus is on aviation safety, rulemaking and policy development activities related to electric aircraft and Advanced Air Mobility.

Before joining Joby, Ryan worked at Uber Technologies on the Elevate project. There, he promoted scalable concepts for on-demand air mobility through regulatory engagement, standards development and strategic advocacy.

Ryan has a deep passion for aviation. He began his career as first as an aircraft mechanic, and aspires to earn his PPL. He studied aerospace engineering at Georgia Tech and also holds a degree in economics from Binghamton University.



José Alberto Vasi Werner, Head of UATM Engineering, Eve Air Mobility

Jose Alberto Werner is the leader of Air Traffic Management engineering at Eve Air Mobility, a company focused on developing an electric vertical-take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft and their ecosystem. Eve is focused on the urban air mobility market targeting airport shuttle, urban commuting and tourism flight operations.

Jose has more than 30 years experience in engineering management, product development, systems and software engineering for aviation and defense solutions in the areas of air traffic control, flow management, command and control, airborne mission systems and mobile solutions. Before Eve, Jose has worked at the Embraer Group, IBM and projects at Airbus Military.

Jose holds a M.S. in Computer Engineering, B.S. in Electronics Engineering and MBA in International Business.

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Tim A. Pohle, of Counsel, Beveridge & Diamond PC

Tim leads the Aviation practice at Beveridge & Diamond, the first and largest U.S. law firm to focus on environmental law and litigation. With over 30 years of experience encompassing virtually every facet of environmental impact and regulation at the international, federal, state, and local levels, Tim helps companies develop and implement strategies to advance sustainability goals and ensure regulatory compliance while growing their businesses.

Tim joined B&D in March 2024 after 18 years at Airlines for America, most recently as VP – Environmental Affairs. Tim led litigation and regulatory strategy, representing airlines before administrative agencies and courts to rationalize U.S federal, state (particularly California) and local actions affecting aviation, including aircraft noise and emissions, climate change and energy transition, chemical and waste management, aircraft procedures and infrastructure development. He also led U.S. airlines' engagement on many issues at ICAO and its Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection, including adoption of aircraft and engine standards and market-based measures to address climate change. Tim has particular expertise in the interplay of U.S. federal, state and local law and extensive experience securing approvals for large, controversial aviation infrastructure projects. Tim is a graduate of Yale University and the University of Michigan Law School.



Philippe Fonta, Head of Sustainable Aviation and Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), Bureau Veritas Aeronautics

Philippe Fonta has 30 years of experience with private companies, international institutions, standard and policy-making bodies as well as non-governmental organizations.

Philippe started his career at Airbus in 1992, where he successively undertook roles and responsibilities in Product Services (operational documentation for crew and flight planning preparations) and Commercial (Performance route studies to support sales campaigns) directorates. He then covered the roles of Airbus' Director of Environment and Head of Sustainable Development during 11 years. In addition, he acted as the official observer for all aircraft manufacturers in the process of developing environmental standards within the Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP) of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). He contributed to the working groups that initiated the work on Sustainable Aviation Fuels and on market-based measures to mitigate climate change, a group that led to the definition and implementation of CORSIA.

Philippe then brought his engineer's background and his experience in international cooperation to World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) where he drove two flagship projects : the Cement Sustainability Initiative (CSI), and the Tire Industry Project (TIP), gathering key manufacturers from the sectors and driving their sustainability agendas through working groups and task forces on GHG emissions, LCA and EPDs, HSE issues, all along their value chains.

Philippe recently joined Bureau Veritas (BV), an international leader in testing, inspection and certification founded in 1828. Within the Aeronautics division of BV, he is in charge of developing the business unit on Sustainable Aviation and Advanced Air Mobility. Philippe is graduated from the French Civil Aviation School (ENAC) as aeronautical engineer (1990) and from the Haute Ecole de Gestion of Geneva where he received the Diploma of Advanced Studies Management Durable in 2019.

GNSS Interference Talk



Claude Pichavant, Executive Expert, Communication, Navigation, Surveillance, Airbus

A 40 years' extensive career in the field of Communications, Navigation and Surveillance systems used to support the Air Traffic Management, with wide-ranging experience in numerous aspects of aircraft integration and performances, a thorough knowledge of system development, certification, frequency-spectrum processes, and overall solid relationships and networks within the aeronautical world.

Claude has been actively involved in the international standards for commercial aviation, representing Airbus. His representation of the air transport industry has enabled him to further develop solid working relationships with the ARINC/AEEC; Single European Sky ATM Research (SESAR); the ICAO, and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Radio Communication Sector through participation to three World Radio Conferences.

Claude was acting as chair of the ICCAIA CNS/ATM committee in 2022/23 and had the opportunity to contribute and participate to various ICAO Conferences and Assemblies.

Claude is acting as Chairperson of the ICAO ICNSS- Task Force (Integrated Communication, Navigation, Surveillance and Spectrum).



Tim Murphy, Senior Expert Communication Navigation Surveillance, The Boeing Company

Tim Murphy is a Boeing Senior Technical Fellow in Boeing Commercial Airplanes where he is a member of the Airplane Systems organization. Tim has more than 40 years of experience in the field of radio communication, navigation and surveillance (CNS) systems for civil aviation. The current focus of his work is avionics for new airplane product development, autonomy and next generation CNS technologies to support air traffic management. Tim is very active in the development of domestic and international standards for CNS technologies and Spectrum for use by commercial aviation.

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