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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, IC-CAIA (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.



Alain Sans Cartier, Deputy Minister, Minister of International Relations and Francophonie

Alain Sans Cartier has more than thirty years of experience working in both the public and private sectors. His varied professional background has enabled him to develop a strategic vision of socio-economic issues and a pragmatic approach to management.

Mr. Sans Cartier joined Québec's senior public service in December 2019 as Associate Secretary-General at the Ministère du Conseil exécutif, where he was responsible for the Comité ministériel de l'économie et de l'environnement. He then served as Deputy Minister of Education.

Mr. Sans Cartier was previously Vice President – Public Affairs and Strategic Partnerships at the Québec Port Authority. His mandate included developing the port's international relations.

During the 2000s, Mr. Sans Cartier was Chief of Staff at the National Assembly. In the 1990s, he worked for the Mayor of Montréal and served as Chief of Staff for the President of the Montréal Catholic School Board. In addition to having been a business executive, Mr. Sans Cartier worked as a public affairs consultant and senior director at a major communications agency. He began his career in the federal government working for the Minister of Labour.

Mr. Sans Cartier has served on the boards of directors of public and private organizations.

He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the Université de Montréal. He was appointed Deputy Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie on October 21, 2022.

Welcome and Opening



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.

Economic Outlook



Haldane, 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, Boeing

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 reports to both the CEO and the Governance and Public Policy committee of the Board, and 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.



Rui Pedro Silva, Vice President - Engineering Functions, Research and Technology, Bombardier

Rui Pedro Silva is a seasoned professional with over 30 years of experience in the aerospace industry. Having led multidisciplinary teams across multiple Bombardier sites, his focus ranges from Flight Testing, Supplier Integration and Product Development.

In his current role as Vice President, Functional Engineering, Research and Technology, Rui Pedro assumes responsibility for the development and retention of all engineering skills and expertise. He ensures that Bombardier's Engineering teams are readily scalable to support the company's growth, as well as fully apt at maintaining sustaining aircraft programs.

Prior to his appointment, Rui Pedro served as Bombardier's Senior Engineering Director, Structures Integration and Aircraft Interiors, for which he was responsible for providing design and operational support for both interior completion and assembly activities of the Bombardier Global business jets production.

Rui Pedro holds a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the École de Technologie Supérieure University in Montréal, Canada.

Leaders Forum

TBC, Embraer



Arjan Hegeman, General Manager, Future of Flight engineering, GE Aerospace

As general manager of future of flight technology for GE Aerospace, Arjan Hegeman leads the team of engineers designing, testing, and maturing technologies for the next generation of aircraft engines. He brings to this role 25 years of aerospace engineering experience. Previously, Arjan led the development of the CFM LEAP-1B product line through all phases of the new product introduction execution cycle, transitioning the product team into Services Engineering to support the fielded engine. He brings his experience of seeing an engine from concept to service to the team inventing the future of flight.



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.

Cross-Industry Panel on Non-CO2



Alejandro Block, Manager of New Energies and Technologies, IATA

Alejandro is IATA's manager for new energies and technologies. His role involves understanding the energy transition of aviation from current conventional jet fuel, into SAF, hydrogen or batteries. He has a PhD on aerospace propulsion focused at reducing aviation NOx emissions, and lead IATA's work on solutions for reducing uncertainty of non-CO2.

Is a research visiting fellow at Cranfield University and a member and Chartered Engineer of the Royal Aeronautical Society. He has authored several international publications on the topic of aviation emissions and the environment.



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!

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, Director Corporate Affairs, Sustainability & Environment, Airbus and Vice-Chair AN-EC, ICCAIA

Bio coming shortly.



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).

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)

Bio coming shortly.

Keith Candline, Chief Airworthiness Engineer, Gulfstream

Bio coming shortly.

Scott Roesch, Sr. Director Program Management, Honeywell

Bio coming shortly.

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 Zwegers, Director of Global Safety Strategies, Boeing

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.

David Zwegers, Director Global Safety Strategy, Boeing

Bio coming shortly.

Joanne Diamant, Chief Engineer & Senior Fellow, Airworthiness & Certification, Pratt & Whitney Canada

Bio coming shortly.

Safety Workshop

Laurent Gruz, Head of Aviation Safety, Airbus Canada

Bio coming shortly.

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: Dorothy 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.

Advanced Air Mobility Roundtable

Marilyn Pearson, Global Regulatory Affairs Lead, Advanced Air Mobility, CAE

Bio coming shortly.



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.

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).



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.

Tim Murphy, Senior Expert Communication Navigation Surveillance, Boeing

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