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Opening Session

Mr. Nurlan Sauranbayev

Minister of Transport of the Republic of Kazakhstan



Mr. Nurlan Sauranbayev has served as Minister of Transport of the Republic of Kazakhstan since 2025, with responsibility for the country's civil aviation, rail, road and maritime sectors and for the modernization of Kazakhstan's transport infrastructure and connectivity.

He brings more than three decades of leadership across industry and government. From 2021 to 2025 he was Chairman of the Management Board of "Kazakhstan Temir Zholy" JSC, the national railway company, having earlier served as Director of a Department within the same enterprise. His earlier career in the energy sector included senior positions at NC "KazMunayGas" JSC, where he was Managing Director and Director of the Engineering and Service Projects Department, First Vice President of the Atyrau Oil Refinery, and General Director of "Teniz Service" LLP. In government, Mr. Sauranbayev has served as Vice Minister of Industry and New Technologies, Deputy Minister of Defence, Mayor of the city of Shymkent, and Head of the Department of State Control and Organizational and Territorial Work of the Presidential Administration. He also led the organizing headquarters for the international specialized exhibition EXPO-2017.

Mr. Sauranbayev is a graduate of Al-Farabi Kazakh State University in economic policy, and holds master's degrees in petroleum administration from the Italian Center for the Oil Industry and in military and public administration from the National Defence University of Kazakhstan. He is a recipient of the Kurmet and Parasat Orders.



Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar

Secretary General, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar is the Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

He was first appointed for a three-year term starting August 2021. On 11 March 2024, the ICAO Council renewed his appointment for a second consecutive three-year term.

His career in international civil aviation spans over 30 years in various advisory and leadership roles.

Prior to his appointment as Secretary General, Mr. Salazar served as Director General of Aeronautica Civil of Colombia – Aerocivil. For the twelve years prior to joining Aerocivil, Mr. Salazar was a Senior Advisor to the UAE General Civil Aviation Authority.

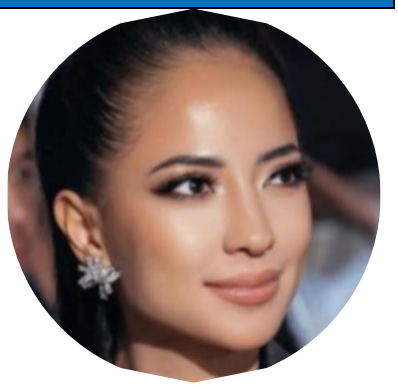
His professional experience also includes terms as the President of Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC), Secretary of the Colombian Civil Aviation Board and Director of its Air Transport Office, Director General of Air Transport at the Colombian Ministry of Transport, Corporate Secretary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

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



Master of Ceremonies

Ms. Aigerim Uzembayeva



A professional host of international and government events attended by heads of state. She is the official three-language voice of Almaty International Airport. Winner of the Best Wedding Host award at the Wedding Awards Kazakhstan. Holder of the Mrs. Universe Kazakhstan 2023 title.



Mr. Kirill Meister

A professional television presenter, showman, and event host with over 18 years of experience in Kazakhstan and internationally. He has worked with major television channels, including Channel One Eurasia, Khabar, and NTK, and currently hosts the morning programme Good Morning, Kazakhstan.

He has served as the official host of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the 2017 Winter Universiade and EXPO 2017 in Astana, as well as numerous major international events and state ceremonies attended by the Presidents of Kazakhstan and Russia. His notable engagements include the Star of Asia music festival and the concert held in honour of the President of Kazakhstan's state visit to Russia in November 2025.

High Level Keynotes

Ms. Lisa J. Setlakwe

Assistant Deputy Minister, Safety & Security, Transport Canada



Lisa Setlakwe joins us from the Privy Council Office (PCO), where she served as the Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet Operations – Social Development Policy. Prior to joining PCO, Lisa served as the Senior Assistant Deputy Minister of the Strategy and Innovation Policy Sector at Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada from 2016 through 2020.

Lisa has gained a wealth of experience throughout her career in the public service, having joined the former Industry Canada in 2008 as the Deputy Regional Executive Director with the Atlantic Regional Office.

She later became the Director of the National Access Programs Directorate, Director General for Policy in the Science and Innovation Sector, and Executive Director of the Industrial Technologies Office, based in Ottawa.



Mr. Viktor Gulin

Head, Federal Authority for Transport Oversight, the Russian Federation



Mr. Viktor Gulin is the Head of the Federal Authority for Transport Oversight of the Russian Federation. He also serves as the Chief State Inspector responsible for transport safety and security oversight in the Russian Federation, covering all modes of transport - aviation, rail, road, maritime and inland waterways - as well as transport and aviation security in accordance with ICAO standards.

He has held managerial positions at the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation and within the Russian transport sector. He oversaw the successful introduction of innovative technologies and technical solutions into the national system of state transport control (oversight), including the use of risk indicators, digitalisation and artificial intelligence. He organised meetings of the International Supervisory Board on the Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between Transport Oversight Authorities, held as part of the annual International Transport and Logistics Forum in St Petersburg.

He graduated from the Russian University of Transport.

In recognition of his senior public service and professional qualifications, he holds the lifetime class rank of Full State Counsellor of the Russian Federation.

Ms. AdeSewa Adeyemi

Secretary General, African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC)



AdeSewa Adeyemi was elected and appointed the Secretary-General of the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) resuming office on 1st September, 2022. AFCAC is the Specialized Agency of the African Union (AU) on all Civil Aviation matters and the Executing Agency of the Yamoussoukro Decision (YD) and the Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM). Her role is to promote Safety, Security, Air Transport Liberalization, Environmental protection and overall sustainability of the African Air Transport sector across the continent.

In November 2024, during AFCAC's 35th Plenary Ordinary Session, she was re-elected for another threeyear term. Her second mandate as Secretary General commenced on 1 September 2025, reaffirming her exceptional and exemplary leadership and unwavering commitment to advancing Africa's aviation sector.

With an international career spanning over 25 years, AdeSewa has been recognized as one of the 100 Most Inspirational African Women. She was also honoured as one of the 200 globally Most Influential People of African Descent (MIPAD) in affiliation with the United Nations Decade for People of African Descent. She is also the 2021 Recipient of the Ato Girma Wake Lifetime Achievement Award for Services to African Air Transport and Trade development.

She studied Law at the University of Lagos, Nigeria and qualified as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Nigerian Supreme Court in 1998, holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from the prestigious University of Cambridge, United Kingdom and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Nanyang Business School, Singapore in collaboration with Wharton Business School, Philadelphia and Berkeley Hass Business Business School, California.





Mr. Jaime Binder

Secretary General, Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC)

Jaime Binder is a lawyer from the University of Chile, holds a Master's degree in Management and Public Policies from the same institution, and a Diploma of Advanced Studies in Government and Public Administration from the Complutense University of Madrid. He has served as a university professor in subjects related to public policy, public management, negotiation, and air transport law. Since January 2019, he has served as Secretary of the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC).

He has over 22 years of experience in the public sector, particularly in land and air transport. He has held positions as Counselor and later as Secretary General of the Civil Aviation Board of the Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications of Chile. He also served as Director of the State Railways Company (EFE-Chile) and the Arica-La Paz Railway Company (FCALP-Chile), as well as Executive Director of the Land Transport Inspection Program of the Undersecretariat of Transport of Chile.

In the course of his duties, he has led international negotiations, promoted liberalization and facilitation processes in commercial air transport, and organized seminars, courses, and workshops both nationally and internationally on aviation-related topics. In his role at LACAC, he actively promotes cooperation among 22 States from Latin America and the Caribbean, fostering regional integration in civil aviation.

SESSION 1: AFTER 25 YEARS: THE GLOBAL STATE OF SECURITY IN AVIATION

Fireside discussion

Mrs. Musayeroh Barrie

Director General, Sierra Leone Civil Aviation Authority



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

Madam Barrie possesses extensive knowledge of Sierra Leone's aviation environment, having served as the Country Director for Westminster Aviation Security Services (WASS), for over a decade. During her tenure as the Country Director for WASS she played a pivotal role in the successful execution of airport security operations at Freetown International Airport. Furthermore, she closely collaborated with the relevant State authorities to prepare for the ICAO Security Audit in 2019 resulting in Sierra Leone achieving a commendable pass mark of 71%.



Ms. Sonia Hifdi

Deputy Director, Aviation Security, Cybersecurity and Facilitation, Air Transport Bureau, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)



Sonia Hifdi is the Deputy Director of Aviation Security, Cybersecurity and Facilitation at ICAO's Air Transport Bureau. With over two decades of experience in aviation security and cybersecurity at both State and International levels, she provides strategic leadership for the development of global policies and the oversight and implementation support of programs that promote safe, secure and efficient international aviation.

Moderator

Mr. Bernard Lim

Senior Director (Security Policy & Emergency Preparedness), Vice Dean (National Transport Academy), Ministry of Transport, Singapore



Bernard Lim is Senior Director for Security Policy and Emergency Preparedness with the Singapore Ministry of Transport (MOT). He is also an Authority Member of the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS), Vice-Dean of the National Transport Academy, and was formerly Deputy Director-General of the CAAS. He also oversees the MOT Transport Safety Investigation Bureau (TSIB).

Bernard's key responsibilities include formulating and managing transport security and crisis management policy matters concerning the civil aviation, maritime and land transport sectors. He has more than 30 years of experience in managing transport international relations, security and emergency preparedness policies and operations, bilaterally, multilaterally, and at international forums. He has led and participated in many international meetings and negotiated air services and other agreements for Singapore.

Bernard is Singapore's member on the ICAO's Aviation Security (AVSEC) Panel and the Facilitation Panel. He was the Chairman of the ICAO AVSEC Panel for five terms, and Rapporteur of several ICAO AVSEC working groups and task forces, viz. the Task Force that developed the ICAO's Comprehensive Aviation Security Strategy (2011-2916); the ICAO's first Global AVSEC Plan (2017-2024); review the ICAO Aviation Security's Universal Audit Programme (USAP); the AVSEC Panel's Working Groups on Guidance Material; Air Cargo Security; Screening of Non-Passengers, and co-Rapporteur of the ICAO-World Customs Organization (WCO) Joint Working Group on Advance Cargo Information. He is currently the Rapporteur of the Working Group on Annex 17 (Security), responsible for developing global security Standards and Recommended Practices. Bernard is a certified ICAO AVSEC instructor; a National Emergency Behaviour Officer (Singapore), and a certified professional coach. He has conducted many AVSEC and crisis management training courses including for Senior Executives and Directors-General.

Bernard was involved in managing various transport and national crises incidents, including three air crashes; maritime and land transport emergency incidents SARS; COVID-19, and other incidents. Bernard has held various appointments and leadership positions since 1992, in the Ministry of Defence; Ministry of Education; CAAS and the MOT. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Liverpool, United Kingdom (UK) and was trained in crisis management at the Emergency Planning College in York, UK; in Air Transport at Oxford, UK; in management at INSEAD, Fontainebleau, France, and in leadership at the John F. Kennedy School of

Government, Harvard University (USA). Bernard has received various awards including the Singapore Armed Forces National Service Medal; Singapore Ministry of Home Affairs Emergency Preparedness Commendation Award; the Senior Aviation Security Professional award by the Emirates Group Security; the Public Administration Medal (Silver), the National Awards (COVID-19) Public Administration Medal (Gold) and the Covid-19 Resilience Medal.

Mr. Göker Köse

CEO of Almaty International Airport, Kazakhstan



Göker Köse has been President and CEO of JSC "Almaty International Airport" in Kazakhstan since June 2024. He brings nearly two decades of experience in airport finance, investment and strategic planning with leading international airport operators.

Before joining Almaty International Airport, he was Director of Investment and Financial Planning at Groupe ADP (Aéroports de Paris) in Paris from 2017 to 2024. From 2005 to 2017, he served as Director of Financial Planning and Investment at TAV Airports Holding in Istanbul. He began his career in 2003 as a Corporate Banking Officer at Garanti BBVA in Istanbul.

He holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Middle East Technical University (2003) and a Master of Business Administration from Boğaziçi University (2013).

Ms. Jane Nakimu

Manager Aviation Security, Facilitation Policy and Regulation, Civil Aviation Authority, Uganda



Ms. Jane Nakimu is the Manager of Aviation Security, Facilitation Policy and Regulation at the Uganda Civil Aviation Authority (UCAA), with over 20 years of experience in airport operations and aviation security and facilitation oversight. She serves as Uganda's National Focal Point for ICAO Annex 17 and as the National Coordinator for the ICAO Universal Security Audit Programme Continuous Monitoring Approach (USAP-CMA).

Ms. Nakimu previously served as Deputy Chairperson of the ICAO SECFAL Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (RASFALG) from 2020 to 2022 and was seconded to the EU-ECAC CASE Project in Paris in 2019. She is an Aviation Security Professional Manager (AVSEC-PM) and an ICAO-certified AVSEC Instructor.

Mr. Vladimir Chertok

Advisor, Federal Authority for Transport Oversight, the Russian Federation



Vladimir Chertok has 55 years of professional experience in civil aviation. A graduate of the Moscow Aviation Institute (National Research University), he spent the first 25 years of his career at the State Research Institute of Civil Aviation, rising from test engineer to head of the department for testing and research of aircraft systems. As a test engineer, he logged more than 338 flight hours in civil aircraft test flights, including 19 hours in the highest complexity category and more than 18 hours of supersonic flight at altitudes above 18,000 metres.

He then spent five years heading a federal state organization under the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation responsible for testing and certifying equipment and training personnel for search and rescue services at civil airports and regional search and rescue bases.

For the past 25 years, he has held senior positions within the Ministry of Transport system, first in the Department of Aviation Security and Special Flight Support and then at the Federal Service for Supervision of Transport, where he served as Head of the Transport Security Department, Deputy Head and Adviser to the Head. Under his leadership, Russia established and continues to strengthen its system of control and oversight in aviation and transport security, together with a unified duty and dispatch service and the national Aviation Security Coordination Centre within the ICAO system.

As National Coordinator for Aviation Security for 20 years, he led Russia's preparations for all three cycles of ICAO USAP and USAP-CMA audits, each completed successfully. For nearly 20 years, he has been a member of the ICAO Aviation Security Panel (AVSECP) and its working groups and task forces, presenting working papers on pressing aviation security issues at almost every Panel meeting. He also served for 10 years as Chair and Deputy Chair of the Aviation Security Working Group under the ICAO European and North Atlantic (EUR/NAT) Regional Office.

Mr. Eric Yatar

Executive Director, International Policy & Programs Policy Plans, and Engagement, The United States of America



Eric K. M. Yatar is the Executive Director for Aviation & International Policy in the Strategy, Policy & Engagement office of the TSA and is a Member of the Transportation Senior Executive Service. In this capacity, he provides overall direction, management and leadership of the agency's security policies and programs for the mitigation of domestic aviation and international transport security risks and the enhancement of global aviation and transportation security standards through bilateral, regional and multilateral engagement across governments and with international organizations and industry stakeholders. He provides strategic direction to several primary functional areas: Airport Policy; Airline Policy; Industry & Stakeholder Engagement; International Security Programs; Multilateral Policy & Engagement; Recognition Policy & Programs; and Transportation Security Sector Assistance.

He serves as the U.S. Representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization's Aviation Security Panel of Experts and is the Rapporteur of its Working Group on Threat & Risk.

Prior to his current appointment, Mr. Yatar was the TSA Representative & DHS Attaché based in Sydney, Australia, with an area of responsibility that included: Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, TimorLeste, and the South Pacific Islands. In this role, he served as the principal liaison to relevant foreign government counterparts, working to ensure alignment and consistency between the security requirements of the United States and the countries in the Region, in light of international standards; and, when necessary, he served as the onsite coordinator for the DHS response to transportation-related terrorist incidents and threats.

He also served as the principal advisor on transport security affairs to the U.S. Ambassador, Consuls General, and other Embassy officials, and was the Department's senior representative in the Region. Mr. Yatar previously held the position of Senior Counsel for International Law in TSA's Office of Chief Counsel, in which he served as a principal legal advisor to the agency on its international programs, operations, policies, and related issues. His TSA career began in 2004, first as an Attorney-Advisor in the Civil Enforcement Section, and in 2006 he

served as Special Legal Assistant to the Chief Counsel, supporting TSA's chief legal officer on the highest priority issues facing the agency. Prior to joining TSA, he was an attorney in the U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary's Honors Attorney Program, working in a variety of legal positions across the Department and its modal administrations.

Mr. Yatar graduated from the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, with a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service (Major in International Politics with a Certificate in Science, Technology & International Affairs). During his studies, he completed coursework at La Pontificía Universidad Católica del Ecuador, in Quito, and the School of Development Studies at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England. He received a Master of Science in International Development Studies (Faculty of Economics) from the London School of Economics & Political Science. Mr. Yatar later completed his legal education and training, obtaining a Juris Doctor (with honors) from Tulane University School of Law in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is a graduate of the American University School of Public Affairs' Key Executive Leadership Program, the DHS Senior Executive Service Career Development Program, and the Foreign Service Institute's National Security Executive Leadership Seminar. Mr. Yatar is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Planning, Governance, and Globalization in the School of Public & International Affairs at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech).

SESSION 2: Closing the Loop: From Audit Findings to Lasting Capability

Moderator

Mr. David Wilkinson

Analysis and Quality Assurance Coordinator



David Wilkinson is a legal professional and aviation security leader with nearly 20 years of experience at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). He currently serves as Analysis and Quality Assurance Coordinator and Audit Team Leader within ICAO's Aviation Security Audit Section, where he conducts international audits, oversees the quality and consistency of audit reports, develops guidance and procedures, and supports the planning and delivery of the Universal Security Audit Programme. He also trains auditors and audit team leaders and represents ICAO in its engagement with States and international expert groups. His career reflects a strong commitment to multilateral cooperation, effective leadership, quality assurance and the continuous improvement of global aviation security.

Mr. Asrat Kejela Feyisa

Director, National Intelligence and Security service, Ethiopia



Asrat is Director of Ethiopian Aviation Security and National Coordinator at the National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, a role held since 2021. With 19 years of experience across Ethiopia's security institutions, Mr. Feyisa brings a strong background in leadership, information security and interagency coordination to the field of aviation security.

From 2007 to 2019, Mr. Feyisa held a range of leadership positions at the Information Network Security Administration (INSA), and from 2019 to 2021 served as Deputy Director General of Ethiopia's Artificial Intelligence Institute. Mr. Feyisa holds a Master of Business Administration with a focus on leadership, a Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems and a diploma in Human Resource Management.



Mr. Rustem Kabanbayev

Chief Aviation Inspector of AVSEC Department, Aviation Administration of Kazakhstan



Rustem Kabanbayev is Head of the Training Division and Chief Aviation Inspector of the Aviation Security Department at the Aviation Administration of Kazakhstan, with more than seven years of experience in aviation security regulation and oversight.

He has extensive expertise in AVSEC, including national aviation security programmes, regulatory compliance, quality control, inspections, and training. Rustem has conducted AVSEC audits and inspections of airports, airlines, and air navigation service providers, and has contributed to the development of national aviation security legislation.

He is an ICAO USAP-CMA auditor and certified AVSEC instructor, with extensive experience delivering and coordinating national aviation security training programmes and ICAO ASTPs. He has also participated in international AVSEC initiatives, including the ECAC CASE II Project.

Rustem holds a Master of Science in Aerospace Technologies from the University of Nottingham, UK, and a Bachelor's degree in Aerospace Technologies from the Civil Aviation Academy of Kazakhstan.

Ms. Rusnee Mustapa

Manager of Aviation Security and Facilitation Standards Department (SFD), Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT)



Rusnee Mustapa is Manager of the Aviation Security and Facilitation Standards Department at the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT). She has more than 20 years of experience in civil aviation, covering aviation security oversight, regulatory development and international cooperation. An ICAO-certified Aviation Security (AVSEC) Instructor and ICAO USAP Auditor, she has played a key role in strengthening Thailand's aviation security framework in line with ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices.

She began her career in 2001 as a Foreign Relations Officer in the Air Transport Promotion and Development Bureau of Thailand's Department of Civil Aviation, where she worked for 11 years. In 2012 she became a Transport Technical Officer in the Department's Airport Standards Bureau, before taking up her current role at CAAT.

Throughout her career, she has led efforts to turn audit outcomes into lasting improvements by strengthening regulatory systems, making oversight more effective, promoting risk-based approaches and building aviation security competencies across the sector. Under her leadership, Thailand has raised its Effective Implementation (EI) of aviation security through continuous quality control, stakeholder engagement and a strong security culture that supports long-term compliance and operational resilience. She regularly shares these lessons and best practices on turning audit findings into lasting aviation security capability at regional and international forums.

Ms. Racheal Atley

Head of Political Analysis & Research, United Nations Counter Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate



Racheal is the head of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate's (CTED) political analysis and research team. She is responsible for producing research and coordinating policy events for UN Member States highlighting trends and developments in terrorism and counter-terrorism, including on geographic trends, border management and new technology with a focus on UAS and AI. Prior to joining the UN, she was the United Kingdom lead on terrorism, sanctions and Syria at the UN. She had previously served at the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for over ten years which included diplomatic postings to the Philippines, Afghanistan and Japan.

SESSION 3: Fit for Purpose? The GASeP and the road to the Aspirational Goal

Keynote

Mr. Hamad Al Muhairi

Assistant Director General of the Aviation Security Affairs Sector, United Arab Emirates



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

He has 23 years plus of experience in the field of Civil Aviation Security, Facilitation, Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air and Cybersecurity. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration along with other professional and specialised qualifications in the field of Civil Aviation Security, Facilitation and Transportation of Dangerous Goods by Air.

He was nominated by the Government of UAE as a member of the ICAO Aviation Security Panel and the Dangerous Goods Panels. He was the Chairperson of the prestigious ICAO AVSEC Panel for three consecutive years.

He is currently the Rapporteur of the ICAO Task Force for the Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP) as well as the coordinator nominated by the ICAO AVSEC Panel between the AVSEC Panel and the Ad Hoc Cybersecurity Coordination Committee (AHCCC).

He has also been given the responsibility by the ICAO AVSEC Panel to be the 'Point of Contact' for organising the upcoming significant "High-level Conference on Aviation Security", which is scheduled to be held at ICAO Headquarters, Montréal, Canada, during the month of April 2027.

He actively participates as an expert on different ICAO AVSEC Panel Working Groups (WGs), Task Forces (TFs), Secretariat Study Groups (SSGs) and Panel discussions. He also represents ICAO and the UAE in other important international forums.



Moderator

Ms. Valentine Sarnau

Aviation Security Coordinator, Federal Office of Civil Aviation (FOCA)



Valentine Sarnau is Aviation Security (AVSEC) Coordinator at the Swiss Federal Office of Civil Aviation (FOCA). She is an expert member of the ICAO AVSEC Panel, serving as Vice-Co-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Annex 17 and contributing to the Working Groups on Threat and Risk, Innovation, and Air Cargo Security, as well as to the Panel's Task Force on Artificial Intelligence.

Within ECAC, she chairs the Common Evaluation Process Management Group, participates in the Technical Task Force and the Security Forum.

At EU level, she is a member of the Integrated AVSEC Risk Assessment Group and the AVSEC Regulatory Committee.

At the national level, she coordinates measures related to emerging threats, conflict zones, oversees security equipment testing in cooperation with Arma Suisse, and is a member of FOCA's Artificial Intelligence Coordination Group.

Ms. Beatrice Muthoga

Deputy Director, Aviation Security, Civil Aviation Authority, Kenya



Ms. Beatrice Muthoga is a seasoned aviation professional currently serving as Deputy Director, Aviation Security at the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA), the designated Appropriate Authority for aviation security in the Republic of Kenya.

She brings over two decades of progressive experience in the aviation sector, having previously served at the Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) for 18 years. During this period, she held a range of operational and leadership roles, including Airport Operations Manager at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), where she led critical airport operations for three years. Prior to this, she served as Assistant Security Manager, Aviation Security Instructor, and Supervisor, demonstrating strong expertise in both operational execution and capacity building.

Beatrice began her career as a Security Screener at JKIA and has steadily risen through the ranks, a journey that reflects her dedication, resilience, and deep understanding of aviation security systems.

She is highly credentialed in aviation security and oversight, holding multiple international certifications from International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), including ICAO-Certified Aviation Security Instructor, ICAO Certified USAP CMA Auditor, and ICAO-Certified National Inspector. She is also a Certified Aviation Security Professional Manager, accredited by ICAO in collaboration with Concordia University. In addition to her aviation security expertise, Beatrice is trained as a Personnel Licensing (PEL) and Flight Operations (FOPS) Inspector, further broadening her regulatory and technical oversight capabilities.

Academically, she holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Aviation Management, a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration (Human Resource Management), and a Diploma in Economic Crime Management.

Beatrice's career reflects a rare blend of operational excellence, regulatory expertise, and strategic leadership, positioning her as a key figure in advancing aviation security standards both nationally and internationally.



Ms. Dace Reichmane

Head of Aviation Security Section, Civil Aviation Agency of Latvia



Ms. Dace Reichmane is the Head of the Aviation Security Section at the Civil Aviation Agency of Latvia. She has over 20 years of experience in aviation security and has played a key role in developing and establishing Latvia's national aviation security oversight system.

She represents Latvia in the European Commission's Aviation Security Regulatory Committee and serves as Vice-Chair of the ICAO EUR/NAT Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (ENAVSECFALG).

She actively participates in national and international aviation security working groups, contributing to the development and improvement of aviation security policies, procedures and practices. She also organises professional development workshops and knowledge-sharing activities for aviation industry stakeholders in Latvia and maintains close cooperation with international colleagues, promoting the exchange of experience, information and best practices between States.



Engr. Jamel Dridi

Aviation Security & Facilitation Expert, African Civil Aviation Commission

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

He has held key positions, including Deputy Manager of Monastir International Airport and Director of Aviation Security and Safety. For over a decade, he taught courses at aviation institutions while managing research projects.Since 2018, Mr. Dridi is serving as an Aviation Security and Facilitation Expert at the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC).

Mr. Miguel Marin

Deputy Director Capacity, Development and Implementation Bureau, ICAO



Miguel A. Marin has more than 24 years of experience in commercial aviation, having flown for Mexicana Airlines out of Mexico City on the Boeing 727, Douglas DC-8, and Airbus A320 family of aircraft. He holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Information Technology. In addition to his extensive flight experience, Miguel held several management positions within the airline's Flight Operations and Flight Safety departments. He also contributed to international aviation safety as a volunteer with the International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA), where he chaired the Air Traffic Services Committee.

In November 2009, Miguel joined the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), where he served in various capacities. He currently serves as Deputy Director in the Capacity Building and Implementation Bureau, supporting ICAO's mission to assist Member States in implementing Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs). His work contributes directly to ICAO's strategic goal of No Country Left Behind, which seeks to ensure that all States have the support and resources necessary to effectively implement international aviation standards and strengthen the safety, security, and sustainability of global civil aviation.



SIDE EVENTS

Joint ICAO-UNCTED-UNOCT Side Event on Countering the Misuse of Unmanned Aircraft Systems: From Principles to Practice in Civil Aviation

Keynote Speaker

Ms. Michele Merkle

Director, Air Navigation Bureau, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)



Michele Merkle is serving as the Director of the Air Navigation Bureau at ICAO since July 2023. Michele has over 35 years experience working to improve the safety, capacity and efficiency of the global aviation system, providing systems engineering and human factors expertize 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



Ms. Sonia Hifdi

Deputy Director, Aviation Security, Cybersecurity and Facilitation, Air Transport Bureau, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Sonia Hifdi is the Deputy Director of Aviation Security, Cybersecurity and Facilitation at ICAO's Air Transport Bureau. With over two decades of experience in aviation security and cybersecurity at both State and International levels, she provides strategic leadership for the development of global policies and the oversight and implementation support of programs that promote safe, secure and efficient international aviation.



Panelists

Ms. Saltanat Tompiyeva

Chair of the Civil Aviation Committee, Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Kazakhstan, ICAO Global Ambassador



Ms. Saltanat Tompiyeva is the Chair of the Civil Aviation Committee of the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Kazakhstan. She was designated as an ICAO Global Ambassador in 2026.

Ms. Tompiyeva has more than 25 years of professional experience in civil aviation. She graduated from E.A. Buketov Karaganda State University with a degree in International Economic Relations. She also holds a Master of Business Administration in Aerospace Management from Toulouse Business School (France) and an IATA Diploma in Civil Aviation Management.

She began her career in the civil aviation industry in 1998 as a leading specialist in the aviation security sector of the Civil Aviation Committee. From 1999 to 2008, she held various positions, including Chief Specialist in the Department of Strategic Planning, the Department of Aviation Services Market Development, the Department for Airport Regulation Management, and the Department of Administrative and Legal Affairs and International Relations.

Between 2008 and 2012, she worked as a Chief Expert in the Airspace Operations Department, the Department for Implementation of International Standards, and the Department of International Relations. From 2012 to 2019, she served as Head of the Department of International Relations and Air Transportation, as well as Chief State Aviation Inspector for Air Transport. From 2019 to 2022, she held the position of Deputy Chairman of the Civil Aviation Committee, overseeing domestic and international air transportation, international cooperation, state aviation policy, as well as finance and human resources departments.

Since 2022, she has served as Deputy Director General of the Aviation Administration of Kazakhstan JSC. In February 2024, she was appointed Chair of the Civil Aviation Committee of the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Kazakhstan. In 2025 Ms. Tompiyeva was included in the Top 25 Most Influential Women of Kazakhstan in recognition of her leadership and contribution to the development of the aviation sector and promotion of equal opportunities.

Ms. Vanda Papp

International and Cybersecurity Oversight Officer at Civil Aviation Authority of Hungary, Hungary



Vanda Papp is a cybersecurity officer at the Hungarian Civil Aviation Authority since 2023. She is mainly responsible for the implementation and oversight of the EU Part-IS requirements. She currently serves as the Chair of the EASA Part-IS Task Force.

Her work at the CAA also covers aviation safety and international cooperation with European and international aviation stakeholders, such as ICAO and NATO.

She holds a BA and MA in International Relations from the University Corvinus of Budapest and has professional qualifications in information security management.



Ms. Carolina Bronzone

Officer at the Italian Civil Aviation Authority, Italy



Carolina Bronzone is an officer at the Italian Civil Aviation Authority (ENAC), currently working in the Central Directorate for International Relations, Safety, Security and Research.

She holds a Master's Degree in Law, completed a postgraduate course in Legal Practice, and passed the Italian Bar Examination.

Building on her background in legal affairs, facilitation and aviation security-related matters, she has participated in several national and international activities, contributing to discussions on regulatory and operational frameworks.

She currently serves as National Alternate Focal Point for Facilitation and is a member of the ICAO Passenger Name Record Task Force (PNR-TF) and the ICAO Network on Diversity and Inclusion in Civil Aviation (NETD&I). She previously worked within the Department of International Entities Coordination, where she gained further experience in international affairs and cooperation.

Ms. Wafa Abdulla Al Obaidli

Senior Director - Oversight & Inspection Oversight & Inspection, the United Arab Emirates



Mrs. Wafa Abdullah Al Obeidli is the Senior Director of the Department of Oversight & Inspection within the Aviation Security Affairs Sector of the United Arab Emirates General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA). She brings 22 years of experience spanning aviation security, facilitation, and the safe transport of dangerous goods by air.

She holds a master's degree in strategic and security studies from the UAE National Defense College. A pioneer in her field, she is the first Emirati woman to specialize in aviation security and the first Emirati woman certified as a National Aviation Security Auditor.

Nominated by the UAE Government as a member of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Facilitation Panel, Mrs. Al Obaidli also serves as Chair of the ICAO Working Group on Facilitation Capacity Building. She chairs the UAE Innovation in Aviation Security & Facilitation Committee and contributes to ICAO panels and working groups across aviation security, facilitation, and dangerous goods, representing the UAE in international forums.

In her current role, she leads oversight and inspection activities to assess compliance with national aviation security requirements and the effective implementation of measures to safeguard civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference. Her responsibilities encompass quality control activities across the UAE's international and domestic civil airports and relevant aviation entities, supporting continuous improvement in security performance.

Her career reflects a commitment to aviation excellence, international cooperation, and advancing women's participation and leadership in aviation.



Wednesday, 21 October 2026

Opening Keynote

Mr. Sergio Martes

Representative of Italy on the Council of ICAO



Mr. Sergio Martes was appointed Representative of Italy on the ICAO Council on 26 June 2023. After joining the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome in 1997, Mr. Martes held various diplomatic postings including: Consul in Freiburg, Germany (1999), Deputy Head of Mission in Kiev, Ukraine (2002), Consul General in Sydney, Australia (2011), Ambassador in Managua, Nicaragua (2015). Additionally, while in Rome, he was assigned to the Directorate General for Human Resources and to the Department for EU Affairs.

During his 26-year tenure with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Martes has participated in bilateral and multilateral decision-making processes related to political relations, economic development, consular issues and human resources policies.

Mr. Martes holds a Master's degree in Diplomatic Studies from the SIOI - Italian Society for International Organization in Naples and a degree in Political Science from the University of Firenze. He was awarded Knight of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, the most senior order of the Italian Republic.

SESSION 4: One Chain, Many Actors: Modernizing Air Cargo and Mail Security

Moderator

Mr. Nick Lawrence-Taylor

Senior Manager Cargo Security, IATA



Nick is the Senior Manager Cargo Security at the International Air Transport Association (IATA), based in Geneva, Switzerland.

Nick has over 16 years civil aviation and aviation security, policy, training delivery and governmental and international affairs experience, with extensive international exposure across International Organizations, private sector and government.

Prior to IATA, Nick held specialist security positions with Brisbane Airport Corporation in Australia, the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority in Doha and the Australian government national aviation security regulator. Nick's diverse career has focussed on aviation security, regulatory compliance and oversight, policy development and international engagement.





Mr. Francesco Faiulo

Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission

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

His main tasks include policy developments as well as the coordination of the European Commission inspection programme in the field of aviation security. As far as air cargo and mail security is concerned, he has been in charge of the EU policy and the ACC3 regime from its outset.

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

Ms. Ainura Mussylmankulova

Acting VP Head of Aviation Security Department, Air Astana, Kazakhstan



Ainura Mussylmankulova is the Acting Vice President - Head of the Aviation Security Department at Air Astana.

She began her career with Air Astana as a Flight Attendant, gaining extensive operational experience and a strong understanding of airline safety and security processes from the frontline.

She subsequently transitioned to Learning and Development, where she worked as a Safety Emergency Procedures & Equipment Trainer. In this role, she was responsible for delivering and developing training programs for cabin crew and flight crew, including Aviation Security (AVSEC), Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Crew Resource Management (CRM), Dangerous Goods (DG), as well as Self-Defense and Restraint Techniques.

Over the course of her career, she held a number of key positions within Air Astana, including Senior Instructor-Examiner and Senior Aviation Security Instructor in Air Astana Training Academy, Manager Safety Compliance in In-Flight Services Department, and Deputy Head of the Aviation Security Department. These roles enabled her to develop extensive expertise in aviation safety, security, compliance, training, auditing and operational risk management.

In her current role as Acting Vice President and Head of the Aviation Security Department, she is responsible for the strategic leadership and oversight of aviation security across Air Astana, including security risk management, regulatory compliance, quality control, internal security, AVSEC training and capability development. She also leads initiatives aimed at strengthening the airline's security governance, risk assessment and preparedness in response to an evolving global aviation security environment.

Her professional background combines frontline airline operations, safety and security training, compliance, aviation security expertise and senior leadership, providing a comprehensive perspective on the development and implementation of effective aviation security systems within a major international airline.





Mr. Vladimir Zhitnik

Director, Ground Handling and Cargo Operations Complex, SCAT airlines JSC, Kazakhstan

Vladimir Zhitnik is Director of the Ground Handling and Cargo Operations Complex at SCAT Airlines JSC in Shymkent, Kazakhstan, a position he has held since 2020. He has worked at SCAT Airlines since 2012 and has built extensive experience in cargo operations, ground handling, dangerous goods, safety and quality assurance.

He joined SCAT Airlines as a Manager in the Non-Scheduled Operations Department, then led the Cargo Operations Division from 2014 to 2019 and served as Director of the Cargo Oprations Department before taking up his current role. Alongside his operational responsibilities, he has served as an External Auditor in the airline's Quality Department since 2014. He was also a Safety Inspector in the Corporate Safety Department from 2016 to 2020 and an instructor in Dangerous Goods Regulations at the SCAT Aviation Training Center from 2014 to 2020. Since 2022, he has been General Director and Co-Founder of Onboard Service Solutions LLP.

He holds a degree in Software Engineering and Systems Automation from M. Auezov South Kazakhstan State University and a diploma in Computer Programming from South Kazakhstan Polytechnic College. His professional training includes IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations certification (Category 6, including radioactive materials), IOSA auditor training, and courses in safety management systems, aviation security, ramp handling, aircraft de-icing, emergency response and crisis communication, delivered by IATA, Boeing and leading aviation training centres.

He has received a Certificate of Merit from the Ministry of Industry and Infrastructure Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Mr. Carlos Grau Tanner

Director General Global Express Association (GEA)



Carlos Grau Tanner is the Director General of the Geneva-based Global Express Association (GEA), which he joined in 2010. GEA is the global trade association of the three leading express delivery carriers (DHL, FedEx and UPS).

It is the industry's voice on global policy issues in areas such as trade, customs, air transport, aviation security or postal regulation.

A dual Swiss and Spanish citizen, Mr Grau holds a Law Degree from the University of Barcelona, Spain, and a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from The Fletcher School at Tufts University (Boston, USA).

In previous professional lives, he worked for the airline industry - at Swissair and IATA, where he was Director of Government and Industry Affairs - and for the Council of Europe, an inter-governmental organisation.



SESSION 5: The Last Frontier: Cybersecurity Across the Aviation System

Moderator



Mr. Camilo Pantoja

Aviation CyberSecurity Officer, ICAO

Camilo works as Aviation Cybersecurity Officer at the International Civil Aviation Organization contributing to the work of the Cybersecurity Panel (CYSECP) to develop, maintain, and update the global framework for cybersecurity. Also, he collaborates in the Artificial Intelligence Task Force of the AVSEC Panel.

He has 20 years of experience in aviation, serving as an Air Force officer, helicopter and airplane pilot. His aviation experience extends to leadership roles in civil aviation as head of safety of a complex organization (AOC, ATO, CAMO), leading a team of 17 safety officers.

He has also focused on the defense sector on strategic intelligence, cyber threat intelligence, and cybersecurity strategy. He holds a master's degree in Cybersecurity from Tallinn University of Technology and, in recent years, has collaborated as a cybersecurity professional across various industries, including aviation, fintech, and cyber analytics in Estonia, totaling 12 years of experience in cybersecurity.

Camilo also served as military pilot and currently holds commercial airplane and helicopter pilot licenses.

Mr. Mohammed John Kemokai

Deputy Director for Information Systems, Civil Aviation Authority, Ivory Coast



Mohamed John Kemokai is the Deputy Director of Information Systems at the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) of Côte d'Ivoire and a Civil Aviation Cybersecurity Expert. With 13 years of experience at the CAA, he specializes in information security, aviation cybersecurity, cyber risk management, and the resilience of aviation systems.

He serves as Côte d'Ivoire's National Focal Point for Civil Aviation Cybersecurity, coordinating with the country's National Cybersecurity Authority. His responsibilities include conducting cybersecurity audits, monitoring corrective action plans, contributing to cybersecurity regulatory and oversight initiatives, and supporting training and national cyber crisis preparedness. He is also an Artificial Intelligence Expert and Côte d'Ivoire's National Focal Point for Civil Aviation in the implementation and monitoring of the country's National Artificial Intelligence Strategy. His academic qualifications include Master's degrees in Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence and Big Data, and Networks, Information Technology and Telecommunications.

His professional certifications include ISO/IEC 27001 Lead Implementer, ISO/IEC 27005 Risk Manager, ISO/IEC 27035 Lead Incident Manager, EBIOS Risk Manager, ISO 22301 Business Continuity Lead Implementer, Certified Data Protection Officer (CDPO), and Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH).

His expertise combines cybersecurity governance, risk management, technical security, incident response, business continuity, data protection, and emerging technologies to strengthen the security and resilience of the entire civil aviation ecosystem.



Mr. Satiyev Olzhas Shagzadovich

CEO, Center of Analysis and Investigation of Cyber Attacks (TSARKA), the Republic of Kazakhstan



Mr. Olzhas Satiyev is the Founder of TSARKA, a leading cybersecurity company in Central Asia and home to the region's first private Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT). He was one of the initiators of the "CyberShield of Kazakhstan" concept, which shaped the country's national approach to cybersecurity.

Mr. Satiyev has played a key role in strengthening Kazakhstan's cyber resilience. Over five years, the country rose from 118th to 31st in the ITU Global Cybersecurity Index. He also championed the legal recognition of ethical hackers, helping to integrate their role into national legislation. He is the organizer of KazHackStan, one of the world's largest hacking conferences, which brings together around 10,000 participants. He holds the Offensive Security Certified Professional (OSCP) certification and has spoken at Forbes, TEDx and OSCE events.

Outside his professional work, he is an endurance athlete who has completed an Ironman 70.3, a full marathon and a 5 km Oceanman open-water swim.

Mr. Kayıhan Altınöz

Chief Information Security Officer, TAV Airports Holding, Türkiye



Kayıhan Altınöz is a senior cybersecurity and IT governance executive with more than 20 years of experience across cybersecurity, risk management, IT governance, digital transformation, and business development.

He has held senior leadership positions in government, banking, and aviation. As CISO at TAV Airports Holding, he leads information security governance and risk management across 15 airports in five countries, with responsibilities including cybersecurity strategy, ISO 27001 compliance, critical infrastructure security, third-party risk, cloud security, identity management, and security operations.

Previously, Kayıhan served as IT Deputy General Manager at Turkey's Ministry of Interior, where he led information security governance, IT strategy, digital transformation, and large-scale technology initiatives. He also served as President of the Ministry's CERT and developed a risk management model covering 81 municipalities and government entities.

At ING Turkey, he served as IT Security Manager and CISO, managing cybersecurity operations, risk programs, vulnerability management, cyber intelligence, SOC activities, security investments, and a team of 22 professionals.

Kayıhan is an experienced conference speaker and panelist, having participated in more than 13 local and international events, including GISEC Dubai and multiple IDC CISO, Security, and CIO Summits. His key areas of expertise include cybersecurity strategy, cyber risk and resilience, security governance, critical infrastructure protection, digital transformation, and third-party cyber risk.





Mr. Patrick Mana

Cyber-security Program Manager and EATM-CERT Manager, EUROCONTROL

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

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

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

Ms. Ewa Joanna Pilat

Director I&D, Chief Information Security Officer, IATA



Serves as Chief Information Security Officer at International Air Transport Association. Over the course of her 28-year career, she has held various executive positions including Executive Director & Group Chief Information Security Officer at FNZ, Managing Director & Group Chief Security Officer at DWS, Global Chief Information Security Officer at Willis Towers Watson, Group Chief Information Security Officer at Jaguar Land Rover, Chief Technology Security Officer at Vodafone in the United Kingdom, and Director of Security at T-Mobile Poland.

Recognized on the TOP100 CISO list – among the world's most distinguished security leaders – in 2017, 2020, and 2021 and 2025. Finalist of the European CISO of the Year 2024 Award. Listed in the TOP200 of the most distinguished cybersecurity professionals in Europe in 2018.

Actively promotes diversity in cybersecurity and supports young, talented women, helping them achieve professional success. Supports women focused initiatives such as Raising Start in Cybersecurity Awards, the "Women Go Cyber" community, which promote diversity in cybersecurity and technology. Focused on education for girls and mentoring young, talented women in the field. Served as Co-Chair of the UK CISO C-Level Communities Governing Body at Gartner Group. Holds a master's degree in mathematics and computer science from Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan and an MBA from the University of London. In her free time, she is passionate about travel and enjoys spending time actively with her family and friends.



SESSION 6: Contested Skies: When the Map Changes Overnight

Moderator

Mr. John Velho

Executive Director, International Aviation, Transport Canada



John Velho is the Executive Director of Aviation International at Transport Canada, with over 25 years of experience in the Government of Canada. Throughout his career, Mr. Velho has held various positions in both program and operational domains, with responsibilities spanning operational strategy, oversight audits, national inspector training, quality control programs, and risk assessment frameworks.

He has played a key role in advancing Canada's international aviation priorities through strategic engagement and capacity-building initiatives. Mr. Velho has represented Canada in numerous international panels and forums, contributing to global aviation policy and cooperation.

In his previous executive role in Aviation Security, Mr. Velho led Transport Canada's response to the downing of Flight PS752 and was instrumental in the launch of the Safer Skies Initiative.

He also oversaw international aviation security operations, established the Passenger Protect Program Operations Centre, and led transformative initiatives such as the Air Right Touch program to enhance passenger facilitation.

In his current role, Mr. Velho oversees a broad portfolio of safety and security issues in international aviation. His work includes ensuring Canada's compliance with ICAO standards, advancing aviation policy, deepening international partnerships, strengthening technical cooperation, addressing risks in conflict zones, and advocating for environmentally sustainable practices across the global aviation sector.



Mr. Guilhem Magoutier

Head of the Civil Aviation Risk Analysis Unit, DGAC, France

Mr MAGOUTIER is the head of the risk assessment unit of the French civil aviation Directorate. He leads a team responsible for the risk analysis both for overflights in conflict zone and for national and local risk assessment. These analyses are the outcome of aggregating the result of on-site evaluation programs and the gathering and analysis of public and inter-agency information. The programs cover airport landside vulnerability evaluations, airport vulnerability evaluation against ManPADS and infantry weapons and cooperative airport security evaluation with non-European countries.

Working for the French DGAC since 2004, M. MAGOUTIER had various experiences including: security oversight implementation, policy making and regulation implementation. This experience includes more than 10 years in aviation security.



Mr. Ibrahim Canliel

Chief Executive Officer, Air Astana, Kazakhstan



Ibrahim is one of the earlier employees of Air Astana since 2003 and has served the company in a range of areas. He started his career in the travel industry 25 years ago and has an aviation experience of 20 years. Prior to joining Air Astana, he worked for KLM, briefly in the Middle East and thereafter Almaty in charge of the organisation in Kazakhstan and neighboring countries. He is a board member at EUROBAK serving his third term. Ibrahim received his MBA degree from Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, and his undergraduate in Economics from Marmara University.



Captain Ivan Sytnik

Chief Pilot, SCAT Airlines, Kazakhstan

Captain Ivan Sytnik is a Boeing 737 captain and Type Rating Instructor with SCAT Airlines in Shymkent, Kazakhstan. He joined the airline's logistics department in 2015 and moved to the flight deck in 2016. Since then he has logged more than 6,100 flight hours, including 3,100 as pilot-in-command, on the B737 Classic, NG and MAX. Since 2025 he has also trained other pilots as a type rating instructor. He completed integrated ATPL training at the Baltic Aviation Academy in Lithuania and holds a technical diploma as an aircraft mechanic from the Academy of Civil Aviation in Almaty. In October 2025, Kazakhstan's Ministry of Transport named him «Qurmetti Aviator» (Honoured Aviator).

Mr. Sebastiano Veccia

Security Director, Civil Aviation Authority, Italy



Sebastiano Veccia is the Security Director of ENAC, the Italian Civil Aviation Authority. He represents Italy on the European Commission's Aviation Security Committee and on the ICAO Aviation Security Panel, and serves as an Observer on the ICAO Cybersecurity Panel.

In his current role, he has led the review and update of the Italian National Security Programme (PNS), managed and revised Italy's agreements with foreign States on the deployment of in-flight security officers (sky marshals) on foreign aircraft, and issued the regulation on alternative security measures for minor airports and restricted areas.

Mr. Veccia joined ENAC in 1988 and has held senior management positions since 2005. These include Deputy Central Director for Technical Oversight (2020–2021), Director of Personnel Licensing and Flight Operations Regulation (2018–2020), Director of Airports and Airspace Regulation (2013–2017), Director of Rome Operations (2010–2013) and Director of Information Systems (2007–2010). Earlier, he served as Director of the Olbia Airport Directorate and Acting Director of the Alghero Airport Directorate (2005–2007), and as Head of the National Aeronautical Register (RAN) in 2005. Born in Rome in 1961, he holds a degree in Electronic Engineering.



Mr. Greg Hébert

Conflict Zone Program Manager, International Affairs (API), Federal Aviation Administration, the United States of America

Mr. Hébert advises on global conflict zone issues and chairs the FAA's crisis response working group for potentially hazardous situations outside of the United States. He also advises the Executive Director, Office of International Affairs, on contingency responses and plans. In these roles, Mr. Hébert participates in global and regional working groups and meetings to address air traffic management crisis planning and conflict zone management.

Mr. Hébert has 37 years of experience in air traffic control operations, safety oversight, airspace planning, and conflict zone management with the FAA and the Department of Defense. He has lived and worked overseas in South Korea, Hungary, Italy, Germany, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Mr. Hébert lives in the National Capital Region and has had assignments at the Pentagon and FAA National Headquarters for the past 18 years.

SESSION 7: Beyond the Budget Line: Sustaining Security Modernization

Moderator

Mr. Michael Eugene Daniel

Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Management Board, Aviation Administration of Kazakhstan



Michael Eugene Daniel - Chief Executive Officer-Chairman of Management Board of Aviation administration of Kazakhstan.

Michael Daniel has a specialized aviation education, having graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (USA) with a degree in Aeronautics, and has more than 40 years of experience in the field of civil aviation.

He began his professional career at the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), where he held a number of key positions, including Flight Operations Inspector, Aircraft Certification Specialist, Flight Standards Manager, and Senior Manager for International Programs and Policy.

He has experience working in FAA international offices in Frankfurt, New York, and Washington. From 2006 to 2009, he headed the FAA's international office in Singapore and Beijing, where he oversaw foreign repair stations and conducted international safety assessments.

Over the years, he led a number of international initiatives, including the APEC Transportation and Aviation Security Working Group, oversaw international safety oversight and assessment activities, held various senior leadership positions, and worked closely with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) for several years.

He has extensive international experience in aviation safety, airline certification, and the development of effective State safety oversight systems in civil aviation.





Mr. Beken Seydakhmetov

CEO of Astana Airport, Kazakhstan

Beken Kanelovich Seydakhmetov has been Chairman of the Management Board of JSC "Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport" since December 2025. He has more than three decades of experience in civil aviation, spanning airport management, aviation regulation, infrastructure and aviation education.

He began his aviation career in 1994 at Almaty Airport, where he became Chief Accountant. In 1997 he moved to the national civil aviation authority, heading the Department for Regulation of Airport Activities and later the Economics and Finance Department. From 1998 to 2006, apart from a brief return to the Civil Aviation Committee in 2000, he held senior financial roles at Astana International Airport, serving as Deputy General Director for Economics and Finance and as First Vice President. After a year as Chief Expert in the Transport Assets Management Group of Samruk JSC, he was appointed Director of the State Enterprise "KazAeroProject" in 2007.

From 2011 to 2017, he was Chairman of the Civil Aviation Committee of the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Kazakhstan. He then served as National Secretary of the TRACECA Intergovernmental Commission in Kazakhstan from 2017 to 2019, and as Chairman of the Management Board and Rector of JSC "Academy of Civil Aviation" from 2019 to 2025.

He graduated in 1990 from the Riga Institute of Civil Aviation Engineers as an Engineer-Economist specializing in labour organization in air transport. He also holds a Master's degree in Economics and Management from the Almaty School of Management and a Candidate of Sciences degree in Economics, awarded in 2007.

Mr. Yves Mabbe

Corporate Security Director, Cargolux Airlines International S.A., Luxembourg



Yves Mabbe is an aviation security professional with more than 35 years of experience in the aviation industry, including over 20 years in senior management positions. Since specializing in Aviation Security in 2007, he has built extensive expertise across regulatory authorities, passenger airlines, express industry and all-cargo carriers, bringing a unique perspective on security governance, regulatory compliance, and operational resilience.

Prior to focusing on security, Yves held key roles in Flight Operations, Quality Control, and Regulatory Affairs, providing him with a comprehensive understanding of airline operations and the broader aviation ecosystem. Throughout his career, he has actively represented the aviation industry in international regulatory and policy forums, engaging with ICAO, European, U.S., and Asian aviation security stakeholders on the development and implementation of security standards and best practices.

In 2015, after 18 years in the express cargo sector, Yves joined Cargolux International Airlines, Europe's leading all-cargo carrier, as Director Corporate Security. In this role, he has led the modernization of the company's security function, transforming it from a traditionally restrictive compliance-focused model into a strategic business enabler that supports operational efficiency, resilience, and organizational growth. Yves is an active contributor to the global aviation security community. He serves as a member of Airlines for Europe (A4E) Security Committee, the IATA Cargo Security Working Group, the IATA Cargo Border Management Board, and the IATA Geopolitical Risk Expert Group. He is also a long-standing member of the ECAC Aviation Security Guidance Material Task Force and regularly contributes to aviation security conferences, workshops, and industry forums organized by ECAC, IATA, and ICAO. His areas of expertise include aviation and cargo security, security risk management, regulatory compliance, supply chain security, organizational resilience, and the integration of security into broader business and operational strategies.



Mr. Buti Ahmed Qurwash Al Falasi

Senior Vice President – Safety & Security, Dubai Airports, United Arab Emirates



Buti Qurwash has been working with Dubai Airports for last 23 years in different points of the Safety & Security spectrum. In Buti's experience each year has been a challenge within Aviation Safety & Security, and constantly improving the Aviation Security services and the Safety aspects, he has contacts clearly with colleagues in ICAO, the GCAA and contacts around the world to benchmark and improve safety and security standards, technologies, process and services at Dubai Airports working with General department of aviation Security Dubai police and all stakeholders to meet the increasing passengers demand at Dubai Airports.

Buti represents Dubai Airports in many events and committees around the world and locally within the UAE regulators such as the General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA), National Emergency Crisis and Disasters Management Authority (NCEMA) and others; in addition, he is a key member of Airport Council International (ACI) Asia-Pacific Regional Aviation Security Committee (APRASC), Buti also participated at International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), World Civil Aviation Security Symposium.

Mr. Artem Melnyk

Aviation Security Policy Coordinator, ECAC



Artem joined the ECAC Secretariat in November 2020 as an Aviation Security Capacity-Building Specialist, managing the ECAC Aviation Security Audit and Capacity-Building Programmes. In August 2025, he moved to his current role as Aviation Security Policy Coordinator. In this role, he is responsible for coordinating the implementation of ECAC's aviation security work programme and contributing to the development of aviation security and aviation cyber security policies and guidance documents to harmonise security measures across ECAC Member States.

Artem began his aviation security career in 2012 as a security screener at Kyiv International Airport. He subsequently held several aviation security positions at the State Aviation Administration of Ukraine, progressing from a national security auditor to management roles within the Aviation Security Department.



SIDE EVENTS

Joint ICAO-UNCTED-UNOCT Side Event on Countering the Misuse of Unmanned Aircraft Systems: From Principles to Practice in Civil Aviation

Moderator



Ms. Agnieszka Maja Mizgalska

Aviation Security Technical Officer, Aviation Security Policy, Aviation Security, CyberSecurity and Facilitation, ICAO

Agnieszka Maja Mizgalska is an Aviation Security (AVSEC) Technical Officer in ICAO's Aviation Security Policy Section, where she leads global outreach on ICAO's AVSEC strategic objectives. She organizes high-level events such as the Global Aviation Security Symposium, and is ICAO's focal point for AVSEC and Facilitation matters in the UN Global Counter-Terrorism framework. Since joining ICAO in 2003, she has led the Universal Security Audit Programme team and held roles in guidance material, training development and regional assistance. Before ICAO, she was an AVSEC Officer with "Polish Airports" State Enterprise and an ECAC AVSEC Auditor, and earlier she worked with the OSCE. She holds an MA in International Affairs and a postgraduate diploma in National Security.

Ms. Magnum Alnuaimi

Specialist - Intelligence & Threat Assessment, Aviation Security Affairs, General Civil Aviation Authority, UAE

Magnum Alnuaimi is an Aviation Security, Intelligence, and Threat Assessment Specialist at the General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA), with over 9 years of experience in strengthening civil aviation security, risk management, and intelligence-led security operations within high-risk environments. She leads threat assessment initiatives, supports the development of national risk frameworks, and contributes to enhancing aviation security in alignment with ICAO standards and international best practices. Through close collaboration with national stakeholders and security partners, she plays an active role in advancing proactive security measures, enhancing aviation resilience, and supporting the continued safety and security of the UAE's civil aviation sector.





Ms. Racheal Atley

Head of Political Analysis & Research, United Nations Counter Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate



Racheal is the head of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate's (CTED) political analysis and research team. She is responsible for producing research and coordinating policy events for UN Member States highlighting trends and developments in terrorism and counter-terrorism, including on geographic trends, border management and new technology with a focus on UAS and AI. Prior to joining the UN, she was the United Kingdom lead on terrorism, sanctions and Syria at the UN. She had previously served at the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for over ten years which included diplomatic postings to the Philippines, Afghanistan and Japan.

Mr. Khalil Otmane

Acting Head, Surge Capacity Unit (SCU), Coordinator, AROS & AST Programmes, Special Projects and Innovation Branch (SPIB), United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)



Khalil Otmane is a Canadian and French national serving as Acting Head of UNOCT's Surge Capacity Unit (SCU) and Coordinator of the Autonomous and Remotely Operated Systems (AROS) and Applied Space Technology (AST) Programmes. He launched the AROS Programme in 2021 as the United Nations' first initiative dedicated to unmanned systems and terrorism, expanding it into a global, multi-donor programme implemented with more than 50 government, industry, and academic partners.

He led the development of the UN's first Global Report on the use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) by non-state armed groups (NSAGs), contributed to the development of the Security Council's Abu Dhabi Principles on UAS threats. With over ten years of experience across UNOCT and UNODC, including postings in Austria, Senegal, and New York, he holds an M.A.I.R. in Governance and Global Affairs from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations; B.A. in Political Science and Asian Languages and Cultures from the Université du Québec à Montréal, and certifications in UAS Operations (EASA, Transport Canada) and Remote Sensing (NASA, UNITAR). Khalil is UNOCT's lead for the joint Cornell University-Syracuse University-Conflict Armament Research-UNOCT research on drone operations by NSAGs in Africa, funded by the Andrew Carnegie Foundation.

Dr. Juan Belikow

PhD, Director, Geopolitics, Security, and Defense, Argentina



Dr. Belikow is an international expert in security, defense, counterterrorism, transnational organized crime, and security sector reform and governance (SSR/G), with extensive experience as an international senior consultant for the World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Organization of American States (OAS), UNDP, OSCE, UNOCT, and UNODC. His areas of expertise include rule of law, integrated border management, counterterrorism, transnational organized crime, drug trafficking, illicit arms trafficking and proliferation, police reform and modernization, and the use of emerging technologies in combating terrorism and technologically empowered organized crime. He has contributed to specialized projects in 53 countries across Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, the Western Balkans, the South Caucasus, and Central Asia.

He has taught counterterrorism, organized crime, security, defense, geopolitics, and contemporary international relations at the U.S. National Defense University, Georgetown University (USA), Universidad Rey Juan Carlos (Spain), Argentina's National Defense School, and the University of Buenos Aires. He currently serves as Director of Geopolitics, Security and Defense at CLIPP (Latin American Center for Innovation and Public Policy) and as a postgraduate professor at the University of Buenos Aires, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, and Universidad Carlos III (Spain). He has authored more than 300 articles on security, defense, organized crime, and terrorism and is currently working on a book examining hybrid warfare and the evolving role of drones in contemporary conflicts.

Mr. Michael John Williams

Associate Professor of International Affairs at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University



Michael John Williams is Director of the Carnegie-Maxwell Policy Planning Lab and Director of the MA in International Relations at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. He is also a Professor at Syracuse University and a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at Cornell University's Brooks Tech Policy Institute. An international security expert, his work focuses on transatlantic relations and the intersection of war, technology and society. He has professional and field experience related to NATO, European security, the Balkans and Afghanistan, and has advised senior policymakers in the United States and Europe.

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Ms. Sonia Hifdi

Deputy Director, Aviation Security, Cybersecurity and Facilitation, Air Transport Bureau, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Sonia Hifdi is the Deputy Director of Aviation Security, Cybersecurity and Facilitation at ICAO's Air Transport Bureau. With over two decades of experience in aviation security and cybersecurity at both State and International levels, she provides strategic leadership for the development of global policies and the oversight and implementation support of programs that promote safe, secure and efficient international aviation.

Mr. Miguel Marin

Deputy Director Capacity, Development and Implementation Bureau, ICAO



Miguel A. Marin has more than 24 years of experience in commercial aviation, having flown for Mexicana Airlines out of Mexico City on the Boeing 727, Douglas DC-8, and Airbus A320 family of aircraft. He holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Information Technology. In addition to his extensive flight experience, Miguel held several management positions within the airline's Flight Operations and Flight Safety departments. He also contributed to international aviation safety as a volunteer with the International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA), where he chaired the Air Traffic Services Committee.

In November 2009, Miguel joined the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), where he served in various capacities. He currently serves as Deputy Director in the Capacity Building and Implementation Bureau, supporting ICAO's mission to assist Member States in implementing Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs). His work contributes directly to ICAO's strategic goal of No Country Left Behind, which seeks to ensure that all States have the support and resources necessary to effectively implement international aviation standards and strengthen the safety, security, and sustainability of global civil aviation



Ms. Valeriya Kharlamova

Administrative Department, Aviation Security Service, JSC “Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport”



She works in the Administrative Department of the Aviation Security Service at JSC “Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport” in Astana, Kazakhstan. She holds a degree in Aviation Management from the University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszów, Poland.

At the airport, she has taken part in a range of aviation security activities, including audits, inspections and international professional events, most notably the preparations for an ICAO audit. Her role involves regular cooperation with international counterparts, which has deepened her understanding of international aviation security standards and procedures and strengthened her communication and coordination skills in a multinational environment.

Mr. Olzhas Kuanysh

Inspector, Administrative Department, Aviation Security Service
Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport, Astana, Kazakhstan



Olzhas is an Inspector in the Administrative Department of the Aviation Security Service at Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport in Astana, Kazakhstan, where he handles documentation and administrative oversight of security processes. Having studied, lived and worked in Canada for almost eight years, he brings an international perspective to airport operations and safety. His experience includes two years at Toronto Pearson International Airport and almost two years in Astana.

He graduated with honours from Seneca College with an advanced diploma in Aviation Operations and Safety. He holds a Canadian Restricted Operator’s Certificate with Aeronautical Qualification (ROC-A) and is certified in first aid.

In Astana, he played an active role in preparations for the ICAO audit of Kazakhstan, which the country completed with a score of 95.7%. He has also been involved in the RA3 and LBA audits conducted in 2026. His work involves close cooperation with international colleagues, airlines and auditors, bringing together Canadian and Kazakhstani operational practices.



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Opening Keynote



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Ricardo holds a degree in Civil Engineering, a Postgraduation in Project Management, a Postgraduation in Advanced Studies in Public Management and attended the curricular component of the MSc in Public Administration at ISCTE in Lisbon. Prior to joining ANAC, as Senior Technician, Ricardo was a Project Manager in the field of transport infrastructures in the private sector in Portugal.

SESSION 8: Security is People: Workforce, Competency and Culture

Moderator



Mr. Tárik Pereira de Souza

Manager of AVSEC and Facilitation Branch, Brazilian Civil Aviation Authority (ANAC)

Tárik Pereira de Souza is a civil aviation security specialist and Manager of AVSEC and Facilitation Branch at Brazil's National Civil Aviation Agency (ANAC). He has served in this role since December 2019, overseeing Brazil's regulatory framework for the protection of civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference.

Within ICAO's Aviation Security Panel (AVSECP), Tárik currently serves as Vice-Chairperson and as Rapporteur of the Working Group on Training and Task Force of Artificial Intelligence, contributing to the development of international standards, recommended practices, and guidance material on aviation security training worldwide.

He holds a degree in Aeronautical Infrastructure Engineering from the Aeronautics Institute of Technology (ITA, 2000), a degree in Occupational Safety Engineering from the University of the State of Amazonas (UEA, 2007), and an Executive MBA in Public Management from the Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV, 2015).

Mr. Rajendra Prasad Meena

Deputy Director General, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, India



Mr. Rajendra Prasad Meena is an IPS office of AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory) cadre, 2010 batch. He holds a Master degree in Policy Management.

He served as Superintendent of Police in Kolasib, Champhai District, Mizoram, Dadar Nagar Haveli and Daman and DCP, South East Delhi where he gained extensive experience in prevention and investigation of crimes, managing the law and order of the district and overall supervision and control of the police force.

For his exemplary services and investigation skills, Mr. R. P. Meena was awarded Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation in November, 2022.

Mr. R. P. Meena has been associated with BCAS since August 2024. During that period, he has looked after the duties of Dy Director General (Training and Ops). Two years 01 Month of experience in Operations Division, overseeing aviation security protocols, threat assessment, and coordination with national agencies to ensure safe air travel.

Ms. Berrak Damla Yıldırım

Aviation Security Manager, Turkish Airlines



Berrak Damla YILDIRIM has been serving as Aviation Security Manager at Turkish Airlines since May 2022. In this role, she is responsible for ensuring the establishment, execution, development and continuity of the security management system within the scope of national and international aviation security regulations and Turkish Airlines procedures.

She is also responsible for planning, coordinating and reporting the necessary security measures with the related departments in the company and authorities to protect Turkish Airlines aircraft against acts of unlawful interferences and security-threatening events. She is leading three different aviation security teams and their staff.

She started her career in aviation at Turkish Cargo in 1999. She worked in Cargo Operations, Import and Export between 1999-2008. She was promoted to Cargo Security Supervisor in 2008. Between 2010-2016 she worked as Security Instructor. She has been working as an IATA External Instructor in the field of Security since 2019. Between 2016 and 2022 she worked as Quality and Document Management Supervisor in Security Directorate at Turkish Airlines.



Mr. Adam Troczyński

TADAM

Adam Troczyński is an independent aviation security professional with extensive international experience spanning regulatory oversight, airline security management, industry representation, consulting, and training. Throughout his career, he has worked closely with national authorities, regulators, airlines, airports, and international partners to support operational decision-making through practical security expertise and risk-based approaches.

As Director of TADAM Ltd., he provides consultancy on aviation security projects with a particular focus on Security Management System, including security risk management

methodologies, security performance, and the development and maintenance of X-ray screener competency and certification programmes.

Adam previously held senior positions within the aviation sector, including roles with IATA, LOT Polish Airlines, and the Civil Aviation Authority of Poland, where he was responsible for areas such as security quality control, regulatory compliance, and screener certification oversight.

He is also an experienced aviation security instructor, delivering training on airline security procedures, Security Management System, security reporting, and security culture.

Mr. Rashid Hamed Al Harthy
Head of Security - Salam Air, Oman



Rashid Al Harthi, Head of Aviation Security at SalamAir, Sultanate of Oman.

He began his aviation career with Oman Air before joining SalamAir in 2016 as Security Manager, subsequently progressing to his current position as Head of Aviation Security. He is responsible for overseeing the airline's aviation security programmes, regulatory compliance, security risk management and security operations across its international network. He works closely with aviation authorities and industry stakeholders.

Throughout his career, he has completed numerous professional training courses with ICAO and IATA, as well as the Professional Management Course (PMC) in 2012.

SESSION 9: The path to the HLCAS/3

Moderator

Mr. Anda Djojonengoro
Acting Chief, Aviation Security Policy (ASP), ICAO



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

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



Mr. Chester David Salazar del Pozo

Representative of Ecuador on the Council of ICAO



Mr. Chester Salazar del Pozo was appointed as the Representative of Ecuador on the ICAO Council on 12 November 2025.

With more than a decade of experience, Mr. Salazar del Pozo has advised both Ecuadorian and international airlines on wide range of issues. Additionally, he has assisted multiple clients in the aviation and airport industry on regulatory, corporate, and transactional matters. Prior to his current appointment, he worked at leading law firms renowned for their specialization in aviation and transportation law, where he led proceedings before the civil aviation authorities, including the structuring of aircraft financing and leasing transactions, negotiating airport concession frameworks, and developing airport infrastructure and public–private partnership projects.

He has actively participated in regional and international associations related to aviation law. His involvement also includes contributions to various academic and professional forums across Latin America and Europe.

Mr. Salazar del Pozo holds a law degree from Universidad San Francisco de Quito and has completed postgraduate programs in Aerospace, Aeronautical and Airport Law at internationally recognized institutions.

Mr. Rajesh Nirwan

Director General, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, India

Shri Rajesh Nirwan is an Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of 1992 Batch. During his career spanning 33 years, Shri Rajesh Nirwan has held a number of important assignments in Government of India and the State of Rajasthan. He has served in Border Security Force (BSF) as Inspector General & Additional Director General and in Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) as Superintendent of Police and as Deputy Inspector General. He has a wide experience in the field of law enforcement, investigation and prosecution of complex criminal cases relating to large financial frauds and also cases having inter state and international links. In addition, he has gained experience in management of personnel & handled procurements in large organizations. Shri Rajesh Nirwan is a Chartered Accountant and has also completed Post Graduate Programme in Management for Executives (One year full time MBA) from Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. He has also successfully completed other professional courses.
Shri Rajesh Nirwan has joined Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India as Director General on 18h February, 2025.



Mr. Vitaliy Kvaratskhelia

AVSEC Expert, Civil Aviation Agency, Georgia



Vitali Kvaratskhelia is a Senior Specialist in the Aviation Security Department of the Georgian Civil Aviation Agency, a position he has held since 2018. Over more than 25 years in aviation security, he has worked across airport security operations, internal quality control, postal transport security and aviation training.

He began his working life in 1991 at the Reprographic Centre of the Culture Department of Tbilisi City Hall. He entered the aviation security profession in 1998 at Tbilisi International Airport, where he rose from Inspector to Head of the Aviation Security Service by 2008. He went on to manage the airport's Internal Quality Control Inspection and served as Senior Inspector in its aviation security, training, access control and quality control functions. In 2011 he joined United Airports of Georgia, becoming Head of its Aviation Security Department in

2012. From 2012 to 2018, he advised the Head of the Transportation Service at Georgian Post on aviation security and quality matters. Since 2016, he has also worked with the Georgian Aviation Training Centre.

He holds a qualification in Mechanical Engineering (aircraft construction) from the Aviation Training and Research Institute of the Georgian Technical University and a law qualification from the Academy of Economy and Law of Abkhazia. He completed the ICAO ASTP Management course in 2024 and the ICAO ASTP National Inspectors and Instructors courses in 2025, and in 2026 he received instructor certification from the Georgian Civil Aviation Agency.

In 2009, he was awarded the Order of Honour of Georgia.



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Closing “Messages from Astana”

Mr. Bernard Lim

Senior Director (Security Policy & Emergency Preparedness), Vice Dean (National Transport Academy), Ministry of Transport



Bernard Lim is Senior Director for Security Policy and Emergency Preparedness with the Singapore Ministry of Transport (MOT). He is also an Authority Member of the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS), Vice-Dean of the National Transport Academy, and was formerly Deputy Director-General of the CAAS. He also oversees the MOT Transport Safety Investigation Bureau (TSIB).

Bernard’s key responsibilities include formulating and managing transport security and crisis management policy matters concerning the civil aviation, maritime and land transport sectors. He has more than 30 years of experience in managing transport international relations, security and emergency preparedness policies and operations, bilaterally, multilaterally, and at international forums. He has led and participated in many international meetings and negotiated air services and other agreements for Singapore.

Bernard is Singapore’s member on the ICAO’s Aviation Security (AVSEC) Panel and the Facilitation Panel. He was the Chairman of the ICAO AVSEC Panel for five terms, and Rapporteur of several ICAO AVSEC working groups and task forces, viz. the Task Force that

developed the ICAO's Comprehensive Aviation Security Strategy (2011-2916); the ICAO's first Global AVSEC Plan (2017-2024); review the ICAO Aviation Security's Universal Audit Programme (USAP); the AVSEC Panel's Working Groups on Guidance Material; Air Cargo Security; Screening of Non-Passengers, and co-Rapporteur of the ICAO-World Customs Organization (WCO) Joint Working Group on Advance Cargo Information. He is currently the Rapporteur of the Working Group on Annex 17 (Security), responsible for developing global security Standards and Recommended Practices. Bernard is a certified ICAO AVSEC instructor; a National Emergency Behaviour Officer (Singapore), and a certified professional coach. He has conducted many AVSEC and crisis management training courses including for Senior Executives and Directors-General.

Bernard was involved in managing various transport and national crises incidents, including three air crashes; maritime and land transport emergency incidents SARS; COVID-19, and other incidents. Bernard has held various appointments and leadership positions since 1992, in the Ministry of Defence; Ministry of Education; CAAS and the MOT. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Liverpool, United Kingdom (UK) and was trained in crisis management at the Emergency Planning College in York, UK; in Air Transport at Oxford, UK; in management at INSEAD, Fontainebleau, France, and in leadership at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (USA). Bernard has received various awards including the Singapore Armed Forces National Service Medal; Singapore Ministry of Home Affairs Emergency Preparedness Commendation Award; the Senior Aviation Security Professional award by the Emirates Group Security; the Public Administration Medal (Silver), the National Awards (COVID-19) Public Administration Medal (Gold) and the Covid-19 Resilience Medal.

Mr. Nicolas Rallo

Regional Director, European and North Atlantic"(EUR/NAT) Office, ICAO



Mr. Nicolas Rallo is the Regional Director for the ICAO "European and North Atlantic"(EUR/NAT) Office, located in Paris, France. This office serves 56 States spread across Europe, the North Atlantic and parts of Asia and North Africa, and supports the Organization's strategic objectives and supporting strategies to help enhance aviation safety, air navigation capacity and efficiency, aviation security and facilitation, environmental protection and the sustainable development of air transport.

Mr. Rallo has 30 years of progressively responsible experience in civil aviation. He joined ICAO in 2003 and held various positions at Headquarters, including as the chief for the "Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme" (USOAP). He also served in the European, South-East Asian and Pacific regions, providing implementation support to States at technical and strategic levels. In 2020, at the request of the ICAO Secretary General, Mr. Rallo coordinated the ICAO Secretariat's activities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prior to joining ICAO, he worked as an aircraft accident and incident investigator as well as in aerodrome safety and environmental protection, in France and in Brazil.

Mr. Rallo, a French and Italian national, holds a Master's degree in Aeronautical Engineering and a Postgraduate degree in Human Factors for the Design of Aerospace Human-Machine Systems. He is fluent in English, French, Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese.

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