



**Dr. Sami Alsrari**, Director, Safety & Risk Department, General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) in Saudi Arabia.

Dr. Sami Alsrari has been serving in the aviation industry since his graduation with a Bachelor's degree in Avionics Engineering from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, USA in 1999.

Dr. Sami started his career in the aviation industry with FlightSafety International company working in the design and development of full flight simulators. His previous experience working in the IT field in ARAMCO, and his studies in Mathematics (minor 1) and Computer Science (minor 2) have served him well with his duties in this position. He served as a Senior Electrical Engineer for more than 4 years with the company and a team leader for several projects.

After returning back to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, he briefly joined the Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC) as an Instrumentation & Control Engineer. However, in 2005, Dr. Sami joined the Saudi Civil Aviation Authority and has been with them since then.

Dr. Sami Alsrari has served as an Airworthiness Engineer/Inspector for several years before he was moved to the Safety Department as a Director (A).

Because of his diverse experiences, Dr. Sami was appointed as the Director of the Legislation department. He headed the committee that was responsible for launching the first ever Saudi Aviation Regulations (GACARs). The GACARs have been in effect since March, 2016.

He is now the Director of the Safety and Risk department (formerly known as Safety Dept.). He is also the National Coordinator (NCC) for Saudi Arabia.

In addition, Dr. Sami has also been elected by GACA Board of Directors as one of five members of the "Violation of the Provisions of the Civil Aviation Law" Committee, which decides on Civil Aviation Law violations.

Dr. Sami has a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Tulsa (TU), Oklahoma, USA. His focus in the master was in Optical Communications.

Moreover, He graduated from Cranfield University in 2014 with a PhD focusing on the Independence of Accident Investigations in ICAO Member States.