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OPENING REMARKS



Mohamed Khalifa Rahma

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

Mr. Mohamed Khalifa Rahma was appointed Director, Air Transport Bureau of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) on 5 May 2020. He is responsible for the management of programmes to achieve three of ICAO's five strategic objectives: security and facilitation, economic development of air transport and environmental protection.

Before his appointment, Mr. Rahma was the Regional Director of the ICAO Middle East Regional Office since March 2016. During his tenure in the Middle East Office, he was instrumental in strengthening regional and inter-regional collaboration in aviation industry. This effort includes, enhancing risk awareness and response, promoting technologies while fostering new innovations, and improving oversight and quality assurance. Mr. Rahma continues to significantly increase cooperation among member States, international and Regional organizations.

Prior to joining ICAO, Mr. Rahma was the Undersecretary of International and Internal Affairs at the Ministry of Civil Aviation of Egypt and previously the advisor to the Egyptian Minister of Civil Aviation.

During his tenure at the Egyptian government, Mr. Rahma played a substantial role and led influential projects that actively supported and enhanced aviation capacity and efficiency in Egypt. He developed cooperative relationships with government bodies and investors while paving the way for future business partnerships and opportunities.

Mr. Rahma was a board member of various companies including Cairo Airport Company, Aerotel Company and EMAC Aqaba Company and chaired many strategic committees under the umbrella of the Ministry of Civil Aviation for special projects and has continuous presence in high level national and regional committees.

Mr. Rahma has 30 years of aviation experience in various fields including aviation management, airline management, operation, safety, training, corporate communication, and crisis management. He holds an MBA in Aviation Management and is fluent in English and Arabic.

**SECURITY INNOVATION
DURING COVID-19: REFRAMING
CHALLENGES AS OPPORTUNITIES**



Billy Shallow - *Moderator*

Director, Innovation and Technology, Airports Council International (ACI) World

In his role, Billy leads ACI World's Innovation and Technology teams encompassing the World Airport IT Standing Committee, as well as the Smart security programme focused on improving security, operational efficiency and the passenger experience across the world's airports.

Before ACI, Billy worked at London City Airport for five years designing and implementing their security transformation programme. Billy then went on to lead consulting projects for 18 months working at King Abdulaziz International Airport Jeddah, Brussels Airport, Birmingham Airport and Belfast City on security and optimization programmes.

A British national, with a passion for operational improvement, Billy is a lean six sigma black belt. He sits on ICAO's Working Group on Innovation, as well as a number of industry groups. He holds a University of London Bachelor's degree in Management and Organizational Analysis.



Scott Dullard

Head of Aviation Operations and Security, Aviation, Melbourne Airport, Australia

Scott is the Head of Aviation Operations, Security and Emergency for Melbourne Airport, in Victoria, Australia.

Scott is the Chair of the ACI Smart Security Management Group, and also Chair of the Australian Airport Association's Major Airport Security Committee.

Scott's background from the Australian Defence Force affords him an in-depth understanding of the threat environment that faces aviation both now and insight into the direction it may take in the future. His approach is about creating a system that is proportionate to the current threat, flexible to counter future increased threat environments, and robust to act as an effective deterrent.

Scott has a very strong track record and passion for the trialling and implementation of new technologies, and championing the importance of Human Factors in Aviation Security.



Alfonso Horna Gómez

Head of Inspection and Processes Department, AENA, Spain

Alfonso Horna Gómez is the Head of Inspection and Processes Department at AENA Headquarters. He is responsible for the internal AVSEC quality control in all the airports of the AENA network, and for the establishment of AVSEC procedures and liaising with law enforcement agencies. He was previously an internal AVSEC auditor for AENA, and a Project and Consulting engineer in three different companies (INECO, PROINTEC and INITEC). Alfonso is an Aeronautical Engineer specialized in Airport Infrastructures and studied at the Escuela Técnica Superior Ingenieros Aeronáuticos in Madrid. He was also certified as Security Director after completing the Superior Course in Global Security Management by UNED University.



Wendy Reiter

Director, Aviation Security and Emergency Preparedness, Port of Seattle

Wendy Reiter is the Director of Aviation Security and Emergency Preparedness for the Port of Seattle. This role encompasses the Port of Seattle's Fire Department, Emergency Preparedness, Physical Security, and Credentialing Center. The Aviation Security team's vision is to enhance the physical safety and security of the airport through a thoughtful approach to risk management, while ensuring that all TSA mandates are adhered to.

Prior to her 20 year tenure with the Port of Seattle, Wendy was a sought after Station Manager for Southwest Airlines and the Director of Customer Service for Northwest Airlines. Wendy has been honored with numerous industry awards for her outstanding contributions to counter terrorism, aviation, leadership and customer service.

Wendy is the Chair for Airport Council International World, past Vice Chair for the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) Transportation Security & Policy, a member of the National Management Association (NMA), and past Chairperson of Airport Council International North America. Wendy is a graduate of Great Falls University and completed the Advanced Management Program from the University of Washington on 2005.

**EMPOWERING HUMAN
RESOURCES TO SUPPORT
RECOVERY**



David Sterland - *Moderator*

Chief, Implementation Support and Development - Security Section, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

David has been working in the air transport industry since 1988, specializing in aviation security and facilitation since 1999. He held management roles with British Airways, the UK Department for Transport, and airport operator BAA.

He joined ICAO in 2011 and has held aviation security and facilitation roles in HQ and the Middle East Regional Office in Cairo. David assumed the role of Chief, Implementation Support and Development Section (Security) in the Air Transport Bureau in January 2018. His work focuses on providing aviation security assistance and training to the Member States of ICAO.



Ricardo Fernandes

Aviation Security Senior Officer, Facilitation and Security Directorate, Civil Aviation Authority, Portugal

Aviation Security Senior Officer and National Civil Aviation Security Inspector in the Facilitation and Security Directorate at the Portuguese Civil Aviation Authority (ANAC), since July 2013.

Degree in Civil Engineering, Postgraduate in Project Management, Msc in Advanced Studies in Public Management and attended the curricular component of the MSc in Public Administration at ISCTE in Lisbon.

Currently Member of the ICAO AVSEC Panel, Member of the ICAO AVSEC Panel Working Group on Training, Chair of the Sub-Group on Security Culture and the Sub-Group on AVSEC Function Mapping, and Member of the European Coordination (EC/ECAC) Group on Aviation Security. Since June 2021, Vice-Rapporteur of the ICAO AVSEC Panel Working Group on the Annex 17.

Prior to joining ANAC, as Senior Technician, was Project Manager in the field of transport infrastructures in the private sector in Portugal.



Ana María Pineda García

Academic Coordinator, Center for Aeronautical Studies (CEA), Colombia

Ana Maria Pineda is a Social Communicator who studied at the University of La Sabana and has a Post-Graduate Degree in Political Science from the University of Salamanca. She is also an Aviation Security expert and an ICAO certified AVSEC Instructor.

She has 15 years of professional experience in the Civil Aviation Sector as an AVSEC and Academic Management expert.

She currently works as the Academic Coordinator at the Center for Aeronautical Studies - CEA - Aerocivil, Colombia; where she participated in the consolidation as a University Institution of the Aeronautical Instruction Center, and virtual training as a new strategy for academic and operational change of that Entity.

Other academic performance activities:

Co-Author of the Working Paper «How to link all the actors involved in the promotion of the integral and sustainable development of Human Talent for the Aeronautical Sector» that founded the Human Talent Development objective of the «2030 Aeronautical Strategic Plan of Colombia».

Project Manager for «Strengthening AVSEC Instruction in academic alliance with Industry stakeholders».
Principal Investigator of the Project «National Qualifications Framework for the Civil Aviation Sector» - Colombia Chapter.

Co-Researcher of the Project «Conceptual proposal for the creation of a Research, Development and Innovation Center for the Center for Aeronautical Studies - CEA».

Member of Academic and Aeronautical Knowledge Networks.



Richard Skinner

Director, Hong Kong International Aviation Academy

Mr. Richard Skinner is the General Manager of the Hong Kong International Aviation Academy (HKAA), Airport Authority Hong Kong. Richard is responsible for the strategic development of the HKIAA to ensure it supports both the domestic growth of Hong Kong's aviation industry as well as establishing Hong Kong as a regional aviation training hub for Asia Pacific.

Richard holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Plymouth University, UK and a Master of Business Administration, Aerospace Management from the Toulouse Business School, France. Richard has spent 28 years in the Hong Kong Police Force of which 11 years were in senior management positions. While in the Hong Kong Police, Richard was seconded to the Hong Kong International Airport as the Assistant Executive Director AVSEC Operations and later became the Director of Aviation Security Training for the Aviation Security Company Ltd (AVSECO), prior to joining the Airport Authority, Hong Kong.



Nina Smith

Head of Training and Human Factors, Aviation Security, Civil Aviation Authority, United Kingdom

Nina Smith is the current Head of Aviation Security Training and Human Factors at the UK Civil Aviation Authority, where she leads a team responsible for the regulation and quality assurance of security training in the industry. She is the current chair of the Training Taskforce at the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC), and a member of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Training Working Group. Prior to her current role, Nina worked as a Senior Regulatory Advisor and National Aviation Security Auditor in the UK.



Roni Tidhar

Head of International Consulting Services, Israel Airports Authority, Israel

Roni Tidhar has served for the past 5 years as the Israel Airports Authority's (IAA) Head of International Consulting Services - Business Branch.

He has more than 30 years' experience of civil aviation security and emergency management gained primarily in Israel's Ben-Gurion International Airport's Security Division, where he held multiple field command positions and was a director of several units and departments. Roni also served as an El Al Israel Airlines' sky marshal, as well as an operational flight security manager, working in dozens of airports across the globe. Since being asked to establish his current position, Roni has lead IAA's teams in aviation security consultancy, providing services to different stakeholders and clients within aviation industry (airports, airlines, and regulators).

Roni has vast technical knowhow regarding airport operations and security; he is a prominent specialist in multi-layered security and was actively involved in numerous emergency events – covering most known severe scenarios. He led many large-scale integrated drills and exercises, conducted training courses, drafted procedures, and constructed security arrays. He developed unique perspectives from working closely with governmental institutions, law enforcement agencies, and a wide range of different local and international stakeholders. His personal operational qualifications include his 38 years of service in the army (IDF – both regular and reserve units).

He has been a keynote speaker at international conferences and has contributed to several worldwide industry publications, mainly on aviation security and homeland security subjects.

Roni acquired his B.A. in Political Sciences & Far East Studies from Jerusalem's Hebrew University and his M.A. in Security & Diplomacy for Directors from Tel Aviv University.

In his spare time, Roni volunteers as a Police Squad Commander, serves as public representative in his local community, as well as on the board of directors of three NGO's (for army veterans).

**PREPAREDNESS: LESSONS
LEARNED FOR RESILIENT
AVIATION SECURITY**



Bernard Lim - *Moderator*

Senior Director, International Relations and Security, Ministry of Transport, Singapore

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

Bernard also served as a member of the ICAO's Secretariat Study Group (SSG) on liquids, aerosols and gels (LAGs) (2007) that developed the ICAO guidelines on the hand carriage of LAGs. He also served as the Rapporteur of various other ICAO AVSEC Panel Working Groups working on Guidance Materials; Screening of Non-Passengers; the ICAO Comprehensive Aviation Security Strategy 2011-2016, and Air Cargo Security. Since 2014, he has served as the co-chairman of the ICAO-World Customs Organization (WCO) Joint Working Group on Advance Cargo Information (ACI). Bernard was also appointed as the Chairman of the ICAO AVSEC Panel's Task Force to develop the ICAO's first Global Aviation Security Plan (2016-2017). Within the Asia Pacific region, he continues to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Aviation Security Experts Sub-Group. Bernard is a certified ICAO Aviation Security Instructor and has shared and spoken on various topics at international AVSEC conferences and seminars. He has also conducted AVSEC training sessions and courses including for Directors-General of Civil Aviation.



Althea Bartley

Manager, Aviation Security and Facilitation, Civil Aviation Authority, Jamaica

Captain (Retired) Althea Bartley is the Manager of Aviation Security and Facilitation for Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority. She is a Subject Matter Expert in aviation security and delivers training on behalf of the International Civil Aviation Organization within the North America and Caribbean Region. Captain Bartley currently represents Jamaica at the ICAO/LACAC Regional Group on Aviation Security and Facilitation and is the current vice-chairperson. She also led the development and delivery JCAA cyber-security aviation awareness training programme which was delivered in Montego Bay, Buenos Aires and Kingston with the assistance of OAS, Argentina, and ICAO for members within the Caribbean and Latin America. As the Vice Chair for AIRCOP – Jamaica the UNODC Airport Communication Programme she supports the initiative of the Joint Interdiction Task Force at Jamaica’s two major international airports that seeks to target threats to border security. Due to her experience working with multi-agency, she was invited to present at the Pearson International Airport Intelligence Training Symposium in Toronto in April 2017. Capt Bartley has worked with Organization of American States over the years to identify technical experts to deliver aviation security training for the Region. Her working paper on Rethinking Cyber Security – Aviation Security was presented at the Regional Cyber Security Conference in Bogota in Sept 2016. Currently she is working of delivering an online version of the Cyber Security Awareness Workshop which is currently in the testing staging. Since the impact of COVID -19 on aviation and Jamaica, she has been working closely with all stakeholders to address the challenges and find alternative solutions, taking consideration the existing threats and risks.



Andy Blackwell

Consultancy Practice Director, 3DAssurance

Andy Blackwell is a subject matter expert on Security Management Systems (SeMS) and transport security matters. He was formerly Head of Corporate Security with Virgin Atlantic, responsible for all aspects of the airline's security programme, including SeMS implementation and development.

Prior to joining Virgin Atlantic, Andy was UK Security Manager and Lead Threat Assessor with DHL International. He has a law enforcement and intelligence background, serving with UK Customs, British Transport Police, and the National Criminal Intelligence Service. Andy has been commended by the Metropolitan Police for demonstrating a high degree of professionalism and providing an exceptional level of service during a period of heightened threat against civil aviation interests.

Andy is now a director of 3DAssurance specialising in risk and security management.



Nathalie Herbelles

Senior Director, Security and Facilitation, Airports Council International (ACI) World

Nathalie Herbelles is Senior Director of Security and Facilitation at Airports Council International (ACI), based in Montreal, Canada.

In her role, she is ACI's point of contact for global airport security and facilitation issues, representing the world's airports and helping deliver the association's priorities.

Prior to this role, Nathalie helped coordinate the airline industry's Security and Facilitation positions at the International Air Transport Association (IATA), at global level in Montreal and then for the Asia-Pacific region, based in Singapore.

She has also worked for the Association of European Airlines, Air France, the European Commission and Spanish Airport Authority AENA.

A French national, Nathalie has a legal background and holds a Master's Degree in Air Transport Law and Management from Aix-Marseille University in France.



Beatrice Lim

Director, Industry and Regulatory Affairs, Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA)

Beatrice Lim joined the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) in 2005. In this capacity, she represents the interests of the AAPA and its member airlines on a wide range of aviation policy and regulatory issues, working closely with member airlines and other aviation industry stakeholders. Her portfolio includes passenger facilitation and crisis management. With her previous experience working in both the public and private sectors of the aviation industry, she is active on issues of common concern to Asian airlines in various multilateral forums, including ICAO, ASEAN, IATA and is regularly invited to present at industry conferences.

Prior to joining AAPA, Beatrice was a Senior Air Transport Manager with the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore. In an earlier role, she was Legal Counsel with Singapore Technologies Aerospace Ltd.



Howard Stone

Vice President Global Programs, UPS Corporate Aviation Security

Howard Stone, Vice President Global Programs for UPS Corporate Security, heads up the development, implementation and quality assurance of Global Aviation Security programs and coordinates activity with Appropriate Regulatory authorities and Global UN organizations. Howard is a long term member of various industry associations with specific interest in Aviation Security including: Chairman of the IATA Cargo Border Management Board (embracing both Security and Customs); Global Express Association and its Regional affiliates (such as the European Express Association); ECAC Cargo working groups; member of stakeholders advisory groups to Global (ICAO), Regional and National authorities; member of National Authority Aviation Security Boards; supports Aviation Security technology and research initiatives. Howard has been involved with the global Supply Chain sector for 30 years with previous assignments in UPS including senior roles in General Security, Operations and Industrial Engineering based in the US, Canada, Belgium, and the UK. Howard holds an MBA and BSc, is a Chartered Engineer and member of several professional associations.



John Wood

Consultancy Practice Director, 3DAssurance

John Wood is a Security Management Systems (SeMS) subject matter expert, previously responsible at the UK CAA for formulating the SeMS strategy and developing the framework with industry partners. He is now a director of 3DAssurance, specialising in risk and security management.

Experienced in the design and implementation of effective strategic change in public and private sectors, John has been a lead designer of numerous governance, risk and compliance systems. Most recently he has specialised in SeMS projects and the development of security management practices with many industry stakeholders, clients and authorities in several countries and jurisdictions.

John is a qualified project, programme and risk manager, (PRINCE2, MSP, MoR) with a masters degree in Theoretical Physics from Oxford University.

AVIATION SECURITY WITH AN EYE IN THE FUTURE



Christine Bradley - Moderator

Chief of Section, Countering Terrorist Travel, Special Projects and Innovation Branch, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)

Ms. Bradley is the Chief of the Countering Terrorist Travel Section within the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT). Within this role, Ms. Bradley is the officer-in-charge (OIC) of the UNOCT's flagship global initiative, the UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme, as well as managing programming of the UNOCT Addressing Counter Terrorism within Aviation Security (ACTAS) portfolio.

Prior to her appointment as Chief of Section within UNOCT, Ms. Bradley managed a global programme on Border Security and Management (BSM) within the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT). Ms. Bradley has also worked with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Regional Office for Eastern Africa, serving as Head of Office and Programme Coordinator for the country programme in Ethiopia. Her work in this regard included leading national projects relating to criminal justice reform, better migration management and countering transnational organized crime and terrorism.

Ms. Bradley's professional career includes more than twenty years with the Government of Canada working within the fields of border security, migration management, and national security intelligence. This includes more than ten years within diplomatic missions managing border security and migration integrity programming in Southern and Eastern Africa and Eastern Europe.

Ms. Bradley holds a postgraduate diploma/M.Litt in Terrorism Studies from the Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence (CSTPV) at the University of St. Andrews, and a bachelor's degree in criminology from the University of Calgary, Canada.



Nina Brooks

Vice President and Permanent Representative to ICAO, International Coordinating Council of Aerospace Industries Associations (ICCAIA)

Nina Brooks is Vice President and Permanent Representative of ICCAIA to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). In this role, she represents the interests of the aerospace industry and manufacturers, actively participating in the activities of ICAO and interacting with representatives from many regulatory authorities. Nina has extensive experience in aviation, in particular innovation, security, facilitation and cybersecurity.

Nina was previously Vice President, Security, Facilitation and Innovation at ACI World, providing guidance and support to the airport community, representing airports interests, and encouraging industry innovation at airports.

Prior to ACI, Nina worked for IATA, as Head of Security and Facilitation Projects, representing airlines at ICAO, and working on projects and initiatives relating to passenger data, aviation security and cybersecurity. Her aviation career started at Virgin Atlantic Airways in the UK, in the Government Affairs Team, dealing with issues of border and aviation security and passenger processes.

Nina is the official observer to the Air Navigation Commission and Facilitation Panel at ICAO, and teaches Aviation Security at McGill University in Montreal.



Yuri Fattah

*Programme Manager (Multi-Disciplinary Priorities), Air Navigation Bureau,
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)*

Yuri Fattah, Programme Manager of Multidisciplinary Priorities, in the Air Navigation Bureau of ICAO, currently works, together with other colleagues, on Commercial Space, AI, and other issues on the leading edge of the aviation sector. In 2019 and 2020 he was part of the ICAO team that coordinated the Innovation Fair and the Global Symposium on the Implementation of Innovation in Aviation. He also has less exciting, but equally important, administrative and management duties in support of the Air Navigation Bureau.



Matt Gilkeson

Director, Innovation Task Force, Transportation Security Administration, United States

J. Matt Gilkeson is the Division Director for the Innovation Task Force Division (ITF) within Requirements and Capabilities Analysis (RCA) at TSA. As Division Director, Mr. Gilkeson fosters innovation by integrating key stakeholders in the identification, demonstration, and characterization of emerging solutions in an effort to increase security effectiveness and improve passenger experience. The ITF is composed of a diverse headquarters staff of program managers who integrate operations activities, develop strategic and tactical plans, and demonstrate innovative private-sector solutions that ensure the freedom of movement throughout the nation's transportation system.

Prior to being named Division Director, Mr. Gilkeson headed a cross-agency team of personnel from headquarters and field staff in the creation of the dynamic screening initiative, which aims to create a faster, more user-friendly, and lighter-touch passenger and Transportation Security Officer experience by integrating capabilities, technologies, and procedures and tailoring screening to each passenger. Additionally, Mr. Gilkeson previously served as the Branch Manager for ITF's Demonstration Management & Execution team, where he managed and oversaw all of ITF's demonstration activities. Mr. Gilkeson also has experience leading ITF's industry exchange activities, helping ITF communicate in new ways with the vendor community and performing outreach to new solution providers that had not previously partnered with TSA.

Prior to joining ITF, Mr. Gilkeson served as a Program Manager for Business Operations and Initiatives within the Office of Training and Development (OTD). With a strong information technology, process, and strategy background, he established the Integrated Curriculum Development Process, supported the TSA Academy TSO Basic stand-up, and led a study envisioning a new National Security Training and Education Enterprise.



Joe Mariani

Senior Research Manager, Deloitte Services LP

Joe is a research manager with Deloitte's Center for Government Insights. His research focuses on innovation and technology adoption for both national security organizations and commercial businesses. His previous work includes experience as a consultant to the defense and intelligence industries, high school science teacher, and Marine Corps intelligence officer.

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OPENING REMARKS



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.

Prior to his appointment as Secretary General, Mr. Salazar served as Director General of Aeronautica Civil of Colombia – Aerocivil. For the twelve years previous 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 earned advanced degrees from Harvard University (Master in Public Administration - MPA) and McGill University (Master in Air and Space Law - LLM). He is fluent in Spanish, English and French, and speaks Arabic.



David P. Pekoske - *Keynote Remarks*

Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, United States

David Pekoske was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the Transportation Security Administration's seventh administrator in August 2017. His five-year term expires in August 2022. He leads a workforce of approximately 64,000 employees and is responsible for security operations at nearly 440 airports throughout the United States. TSA is also the lead federal agency for security of highways, railroads, mass transit systems and pipelines. Under his leadership, TSA improved security for both aviation and surface transportation through close partnerships and alliances, a culture of innovation, and development of a dedicated workforce. In addition to his role as Administrator, Pekoske served as the Senior Official Performing the Duties of Deputy Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security from April to November 2019. He was also a commissioner on the Cyberspace Solarium Commission that developed a consensus on a strategic approach to defending the United States in cyberspace against attacks of significant consequence.

Before joining TSA, Pekoske was an executive in the government services industry where he led teams that provided counterterrorism, security and intelligence support services to government agencies. He served as the 26th Vice Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, culminating a Coast Guard career of 33 years that included extensive operational and command experience. As the Vice Commandant, Pekoske was second in command, also serving as the Coast Guard's Chief Operating Officer and Component Acquisition Executive. He is a recognized expert in crisis management, strategic planning, innovation and aviation, surface transportation and maritime security. In addition, he has been twice awarded the Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal.

Pekoske holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Columbia University and a Master of Business Administration degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

20 YEARS AFTER A PARADIGM SHIFT IN AVIATION



Sylvain Lefoyer - Moderator

Deputy Director, Aviation Security and Facilitation, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Sylvain Lefoyer is Deputy Director in charge of Aviation Security and Facilitation in the Air Transport Bureau of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) since 2017.

He leads teams responsible for developing Aviation Security, Cybersecurity, Border Security and Facilitation policies, Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), conducting audits of Member States' aviation security activities, assisting States that are unable to address deficiencies highlighted by those audits, and implementing the Traveler Identification Programme (ICAO TRIP) Strategy.

Sylvain is Secretary of the ICAO Aviation Security Committee (ASC), of the International Explosives Technical Commission (IETC) and of the Aviation Security Panel of experts, and Chair of the ICAO Secretariat Study Group on Cybersecurity.

Previous to his role in ICAO, Sylvain's career in maritime, ground and air transport safety and security spans more than 25 years in the French ministry of transports.

He holds a Master's Degree in applied physics and electronics from Paris University and a Master's Degree in public administration from École des Ponts ParisTech.



Henrik Hololei

Director-General, Mobility and Transport, European Commission

Henrik is an economist by training and holds degree from TalTech (Tallinn Technical University). He has also studied in Aarhus University in Denmark.

He held various positions in the Estonian Government Office between 1995 and 2004 and was mainly responsible for coordinating the work for the Estonian accession to the European Union, working directly with the Prime Minister.

In 2001-2002 he was Minister of Economy.

In 2002-2003 he represented the Estonian Government in the Convention on the Future of Europe.

In 2004 he moved to the European Commission as Head of Cabinet of Vice President Siim Kallas. Vice -President Kallas' first mandate 2004-2010 dealt with Administration, Audit and Anti-Fraud while during his second mandate he was responsible for Transport.

From November 2013 he was Deputy Secretary General of the European Commission and represented the European Commission in the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

On October 2015 he became Director-General for Mobility and Transport in the European Commission.

Throughout the years, he has been awarded for his work and engagement:

- the Grand Cross of the Lion of Finland by the President of Finland;
- Order of the White Star (3rd class) by the President of Estonia;
- Commander of the Cross of Recognition (3rd class) by the President of Latvia.
- Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite by the President of France;
- Order of Honour (Ordinul de Onoare) by the President of Moldova

In May 2014, the Estonian European Movement named him «European of the Year».

In September 2018, TalTech named him as the «Alumnus of the year».

In August 2020, Hermes Air Transport Organisation awarded him the "Leader of the Year" award.



Poppy Khoza

Director of Civil Aviation, Civil Aviation Authority, South Africa

Ms Poppy Khoza is the Director of Civil Aviation and is currently serving her second 5-year term following her reappointment from 01 December 2018. She is the first woman to have occupied this position since the inception of the SACAA.

She served for two years consecutively as the first woman Chairperson of the UN Agency's International Civil Aviation Organisation's (ICAO) Aviation Security Panel. Prior to becoming the Chairperson, she had served for 2 years as Deputy Chairperson.

Ms Khoza is a recipient for many accolades and recognition both locally and internationally and these include African Regulator of the year 2021, Best Chief Executive Officer on 3 occasions, Public Service Leader of the year, Winner as South Africa's Most Influential Woman in Business and Government in the Agencies and Regulatory Authorities category.

Under her stewardship, the SACAA has also scooped awards including the Best Performing Institution in Transport Award on four (4) occasions, six awards from the Auditor-General of South Africa for clean audit outcomes, Top Performing Public Service Award, a Winner in the category of Investing in People and a recipient of an award as a Transformation Champion.

Under Ms Khoza's leadership, the SACAA continues to make strides in improving aviation safety and security in South Africa.

Ms Khoza has championed the transformation of the SACAA, ensuring equitable gender representation and SACAA now boasts 50% capable women Executives, 50% female employees. Ms Khoza was also instrumental in the initiative to host the first ever Global Aviation Gender Summit which was hosted in August 2018 in South Africa, in collaboration with ICAO, UNESCO and UN Women.

The South African Civil Aviation Authority ("SACAA") is a juristic body established in terms of the Civil Aviation Act, 2009 (Act No. 13 of 2009) ("the Act"). SACAA is governed and controlled by the Civil Aviation Authority Board ("the Board"). In terms of mandate, the SACAA is tasked with promoting and maintaining a safe, secure and sustainable civil aviation environment, by regulating and overseeing the functioning and development of the industry in an efficient, cost-effective, and customer-friendly manner according to international standards.



Wendy Nixon

Director General, Aviation Security, Transport Canada

Ms. Nixon has a Bachelor's degree in Canadian Studies from the University of Ottawa and a Master's degree in public administration from Queen's University. Throughout her career, Ms. Nixon has had a broad variety of positions linked to regulatory and business management. In more recent years, Ms. Nixon has worked in both the Aviation Security and Marine Security sectors at Transport Canada. Ms. Nixon was the Director, Aviation Security Program Development at Transport Canada, responsible for the Canadian Air Cargo Security Program and the development Security Management Systems until September 2017. She is currently Director General of Aviation Security at Transport Canada since October 2017.



Luis Felipe de Oliveira

Director General, Airports Council International (ACI) World

Luis Felipe de Oliveira commenced his role as Director General of Airports Council International (ACI) World on 1 June 2020.

A Chemical Engineer who graduated from the Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Luis Felipe has vast commercial and technical experience in aviation fuel.

Prior to ACI, he successfully led the Latin American and Caribbean Air Transport Association (ALTA) as Executive Director & CEO, from October 2017 to May 2020, establishing very positive changes within the organization.

Before joining ALTA, Luis Felipe served as Vice-President, Supply Development for Latin America and Caribbean at World Fuel Services (WFS), where he was responsible for improving WFS aviation fuel business in the region.

For 10 years, Luis Felipe worked at the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Switzerland office, leading fuel and airport campaigns with governments, oil companies, fuel service providers and airports for the Americas, Africa and the Middle East regions.

Additionally, he served 12 years at Shell (based in Brazil and The Netherlands), focusing mainly on the Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and Europe regions.

Luis Felipe has been a Board Member of HERMES Air Transport Organisation since May 2019. He has a postgraduate in Finance from the University of São Paulo, an MBA from Dom Cabral Foundation in São Paulo, and Post MBA from Kellogg University in Chicago.



Tatevik Revazyan

Director General, Civil Aviation Authority of the Republic of Armenia

Tatevik Revazyan is the youngest Director General of a Civil Aviation Authority in the world, as well as the first female DG in Armenia. She has been leading through historical times with a pandemic paralyzing the aviation sector globally, warfare testing risk assessment capabilities and preventive processes.

She was appointed as Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Republic of Armenia by the Prime Minister in July 2018. Despite her young age, she has 20 years of work experience, whereas 15 years in aviation spanning from Copenhagen, Brussels, San Francisco to Yerevan. Seeing the big potential of Armenia, Tatevik decided to roll up her sleeves and move back to Armenia in 2017 with the purpose of contributing to the developments of the country. She convinced a Silicon Valley based company in aviation-tech to establish a team of developers in Armenia. While she was busy leading the tech team in Armenia, traveling the world and negotiating with airlines, she suddenly found herself witnessing the Velvet Revolution with renewed motivation to do even more.

During her years in office she has significantly increased connectivity by changing the Departure Tax Law in Armenia leading to nearly tripling flights to Europe (before COVID-19) and attracted one of the most significant investments to Armenia to establish a Low Cost Airline. But most importantly her team has kept the Armenian airspace safe during war, were among the first in the world to implement security measurements to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at the airport and onboard aircraft, and are currently implementing a major reform to ensure resilience in reaching safety and security requirements through a risk-based approach.

Tatevik has a Double Master's Degree in Management of Innovation and Business Development and International Management (CEMS) from Stockholm School of Economics and Copenhagen Business School. Furthermore, she has successfully completed ICAO's Professional Aviation Management Security Management Course (AVSEC PM), Director General of Civil Aviation Programmes on Safety and Security and written a thesis on Government Interventions in airports.



Willie Walsh

Director General, International Air Transport Association (IATA)

Willie Walsh became the eighth person to lead the International Air Transport Association (IATA) when he took on the role of Director General on 1 April 2021, after an airline industry career spanning over 40 years.

Walsh is deeply familiar with IATA, having served on the IATA Board of Governors for almost 13 years between 2005 to 2018, including serving as Chair (2016-2017).

Born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1961, Walsh joined the country's flag carrier Aer Lingus in 1979, as a cadet pilot, becoming a captain in 1990. One year earlier, he had moved into a management position in the airline's flight operations department, beginning a rise that led to him being appointed Chief Executive of Futura, Aer Lingus' Spanish charter airline in 1998.

He returned to Aer Lingus in 2000 as Chief Operations Officer (COO) and was appointed Chief Executive in October 2001 at a time when the carrier was in a grave financial crisis following the 9.11 attacks. Walsh led a radical restructuring that returned Aer Lingus to profitability.

In 2005, Walsh was appointed Chief Executive of British Airways (BA). He led BA through the 2008/09 Global Financial Crisis, established a transatlantic joint business venture with Iberia, Finnair and American Airlines, and oversaw the 2011 merger of BA and Iberia under a newly established parent company, International Airlines Group (IAG). Walsh served as Chief Executive of IAG from its inception until he retired in September 2020.

At IATA Walsh will work from the association's main offices in Montreal, Canada and Geneva, Switzerland.

A citizen of Ireland, Walsh holds a Master of Science and Business Administration from Trinity College, Dublin.

INTERVIEW: LESSONS FROM THE PAST



Eddie Mayenschein

Assistant Administrator, Policy, Plans, and Engagement, Transportation Security Administration, United States

As the Assistant Administrator for Policy, Plans, and Engagement, Eddie Mayenschein has executive responsibility for developing effective, efficient and risk-reducing security policies and plans in cooperation with the nation's transportation stakeholders and partners. In this capacity, he spearheads an international effort to protect and secure global, intermodal transportation systems including airports, airlines, general aviation, air cargo, mass transit and passenger rail, freight rail, pipeline, highway and motor carriers, and maritime. Mayenschein oversees TSA's development, implementation, and training for incident management, emergency response, and continuity of government programs in accordance with the National Response Framework and Federal Continuity Directive.

Mayenschein brings 40 years of aviation experience and a deep understanding of TSA to his role. Previously at TSA, he served as the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Security Policy and Industry Engagement; Federal Security Director at Washington Dulles International Airport; as an aviation expert, collaborating in the development of security threat contingencies for aviation; and as the General Manager of Operations Performance in the TSA Office of Security Operations. In his role in Security Operations, he was directly responsible for all TSA technical training, checkpoint design and operational performance, and other key programs. He also led several classified task forces on overseas threats and developed counterterrorism contingencies with industry and government partners.

Before joining TSA, Mayenschein served as an executive at United Airlines and was Vice President of Flight Operations for Ameriflight, the largest Part 135 airline in the world. In addition to serving 21 years as a US Airways pilot, he held multiple management and executive positions at US Airways and played a key role in leading the airline out of its second bankruptcy. Captain Mayenschein is an FAA Airline Transport Pilot and holds type ratings on multiple aircraft.

Mayenschein also served in the Pennsylvania National Guard where he commanded an attack helicopter battalion and aviation brigade; was a U.S. Coast Guard officer and aviator; and is one of very few military officers designated as both a Naval Aviator and Master Army Aviator, logging over 20,000 accident and incident free hours in both fixed and rotary winged aircraft. In addition, he is a trained, experienced aviation accident investigator and recognized safety and security expert.



Lew Short
Manager, Stephenville Airport

Mr. Lew Short is currently the Airport Manager / Accountable Executive, Stephenville International Airport, Stephenville, NL Canada. He is an industry professional with over 30 years' experience in the security, investigative, and legal fields having worked in both the private and public sectors. Mr. Short transitioned from Policing to conducting Regulatory Inspections in all three modes (Rail, Marine, and Aviation) during his career with Transport Canada. He worked predominantly in the aviation sector doing compliance, project delivery, audits, intelligence, and regulatory development. Having worked both nationally and internationally, during his later years with Transport Canada he was heavily involved with the development and delivery of the National Security Inspector training course. (A requirement for all Security Inspectors hired across Canada).

Mr. Short started his career with Transport Canada as an Inspector and prior to leaving held the position of Operations Manager / Acting Director, Security and Emergency Preparedness, Atlantic Region. Upon leaving Transport Canada, Mr. Short worked as a Security Consultant whereby he developed and Implemented Aviation Security Programs for Airports. He also developed and delivered Aviation Security Personnel courses. Mr. Short was subsequently recruited to sit on the Board of Directors for Stephenville Airport Corporation and eventually accepted the position of Airport Manager where he continues to work.

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Matthew Vaughan - Moderator

Director, Aviation Security & Cyber, International Air Transport Association (IATA)

Matthew Vaughan is the Director, Aviation Security & Cyber (ACyS) for International Air Transport Association (IATA), based in Montreal, Canada. Matthew's responsibilities include leading IATA's international efforts on aviation security and cyber, whilst serving as the Secretary for Security Advisory Council (SAC), reporting into the IATA Board of Governors. Previously, Matthew worked for Etihad Airways, the National air carrier of the United Arab Emirates for over eight years of which he spent the last five years as the Head of Aviation Security.

Matthew has over 20 years security management experience drawing from law enforcement, Federal Government and private sector security roles. He has spent a large portion of his career thus far in the Middle East, both vocationally and academically developing interests in the utility of integrated risk models and continuity of civil aviation.

Drawing directly from his experiences with Etihad Airways, Matthew's instinct towards supporting executive-level risk decision-making continues to feature in view of an ever-evolving threat to civil aviation. In support of this, Matthew's role with IATA is strategically premised on the promotion of baseline compliance to Aviation Security standards and recommended practices. Moreover, leveraging an all-hazards, risk-based approach through strategic threat analysis and business continuity planning in a high threat, high reliability industry.

Previously, Matthew worked as a New South Wales Police Force Constable (Sydney, Australia) which culminated into a national security management role with the Australian Government (Canberra, Australia). The balance of his government security career led towards to a national project management role with DHL Express and a consultancy role with GHD Pty Ltd based in both Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Matthew has a Master's Degree in Science, majoring in Risk Management and Security. In addition, Matthew holds a Bachelor Degree in Policing and Justice and a Postgraduate Diploma in Criminal Intelligence, as well a number of aviation management and leadership qualifications.



Lauren Beyer

Vice President, Security and Facilitation, Airlines for America (A4A)

Lauren Beyer is the Vice President for Security and Facilitation at Airlines for America. In this role, she is responsible for security, cargo, and passenger facilitation issues. She oversees all aspects of interaction with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Customs and Border Protection, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and other federal security agencies. Beyer joined A4A with 11 years of U.S. federal government experience. She previously served as the Director for Aviation and Surface Transportation Security at the National Security Council where she was responsible for directing and coordinating national aviation security policies, including revision of the National Strategy for Aviation Security and spearheading efforts to obtain legislative authority to counter unmanned aircraft systems. Prior to the NSC, Beyer held several positions at TSA including as Europe, Africa, Middle East Bureau Chief, managing engagement with transportation security stakeholders across these regions. Prior to joining TSA, she served in various roles at DHS including as a Senior Policy Advisor in the Visa Waiver Program Office, as well as serving as the DHS Liaison to the European Union Presidency, stationed in Budapest, Hungary and Warsaw, Poland. Beyer holds a B.A. in Government from the University of Texas at Austin and an M.A. in American Government from Georgetown University.



Pete Hearing

Executive Director, International Policy and Programs Division, Transportation Security Administration, United States

Pete Hearing serves as the Executive Director for International Policy within the Transportation Security Administration. In this role, Pete leads and oversees TSA's international air carrier security programs, international capacity development, the National Cargo Screening Program, and TSA's multilateral programs. He represents TSA before foreign governments in bilateral and multilateral fora, including as the United States' Aviation Security Panel representative at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Hearing previously served in other internationally-focused positions at TSA, including as the Acting Regional Director for Asia Pacific and the Director for Analysis and Risk Mitigation.

Prior to his international work, Pete was the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Legislative Affairs from September 2011 to October 2016, where he advanced TSA's mission through collaboration with Congress. He served as the Acting Assistant Administrator for more than a year during his tenure. While in Legislative Affairs, Hearing developed and advanced TSA's legislative priorities and prepared agency officials for appearances before Congress. He also oversaw the passage of TSA's first – and many subsequent – legislative proposals into law.

Before joining TSA in 2008, Hearing worked for U.S. Representative James P. Moran (VA-08) from 2001 through 2008. He served as the Congressman's advisor on Homeland Security and Defense policy and appropriations.

Hearing is a 2001 Cum Laude graduate of Syracuse University with a degree in Political Science. Hearing is married, has two young daughters, and resides in Alexandria, Virginia.



Wolfgang Koch

Aviation Security Chairman, Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA), and SEC Committee Vice-Chair, International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA)

Captain Koch flies A320s for Delta Airlines, based in Atlanta. He is also a certified turbojet flight engineer, flight instructor, and ground instructor. In 2002 he joined the Northwest Airline ALPA Security Committee, and spent over three years as Chairman of the SEC Committee at Delta Airlines. In 2015, Captain Koch was elected Chairman of ALPA's SEC Group and joined IFALPA's SEC Committee, elected Vice-Chair in 2019.



Bernard Lim

Senior Director, International Relations and Security, Ministry of Transport, Singapore

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

Bernard also served as a member of the ICAO's Secretariat Study Group (SSG) on liquids, aerosols and gels (LAGs) (2007) that developed the ICAO guidelines on the hand carriage of LAGs. He also served as the Rapporteur of various other ICAO AVSEC Panel Working Groups working on Guidance Materials; Screening of Non-Passengers; the ICAO Comprehensive Aviation Security Strategy 2011-2016, and Air Cargo Security. Since 2014, he has served as the co-chairman of the ICAO-World Customs Organization (WCO) Joint Working Group on Advance Cargo Information (ACI). Bernard was also appointed as the Chairman of the ICAO AVSEC Panel's Task Force to develop the ICAO's first Global Aviation Security Plan (2016-2017). Within the Asia Pacific region, he continues to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Aviation Security Experts Sub-Group. Bernard is a certified ICAO Aviation Security Instructor and has shared and spoken on various topics at international AVSEC conferences and seminars. He has also conducted AVSEC training sessions and courses including for Directors-General of Civil Aviation.



Sarah Nacey

Deputy Director - Aviation Security, Aviation Directorate, UK Department for Transport, United Kingdom

Prior to joining Aviation Security Strategy & policy (ASSP) in October 2020, Sarah was Deputy Director for National Security in the Department for Transport. She was responsible for working across the transport modes to respond to National Security threats including Hostile State Activity & cyber security.

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

CLOSING REMARKS



Vladimir Voronkov

Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)

Mr. Vladimir Voronkov was appointed Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism on 21 June 2017, established by General Assembly resolution 71/291.

Mr. Voronkov brings to the position more than 30 years of experience within the Foreign Service of the Russian Federation, working primarily on United Nations affairs, with responsibilities ranging from public diplomacy and social and economic development issues to intergovernmental affairs.

Prior to his appointment, he was Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the International Organizations in Vienna. Under his leadership, the Permanent Mission launched several flagship projects with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) and developed successful collaborations with the UNODC Antiterrorist Branch. Mr. Voronkov also served on the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), during which time he led several delegations of the Russian Federation to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Prior to serving in Vienna, Mr. Voronkov was Director of the Department of European Cooperation (2008-2011), during which time he served as the Head of the Russian Delegation during the Russia-European Union negotiations on the visa-free regime (2010-2011). He started his career with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1989 and has served in various capacities, among them as Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in Vienna (2005-2008), Deputy Director of the Personnel Department (2002-2005) and Minister Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission of the Russian Embassy to Poland (2000-2002).

Mr. Voronkov holds a PhD from Moscow State University. He has authored various scientific publications on international issues.



Michèle Coninsx

Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

Michèle Coninsx was appointed Assistant Secretary-General (ASG) and Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) by UN Secretary-General António Guterres in 2017.

Ms. Coninsx previously served as President of Eurojust – the European Union agency tasked with dealing with judicial cooperation in criminal matters, after having served as its Vice-President. In addition, Ms Coninsx was the National Member for Belgium at Eurojust, and Chair of Eurojust’s Counter-Terrorism Team. Before joining Eurojust, Ms Coninsx was a Federal Prosecutor (Magistrat Fédéral) in Belgium, dealing with terrorism and organised crime.

She holds a Belgian noble title of Baroness, as well as the title of Honorary Fellow of Law and Criminology at the University of Brussels (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), Visiting Professor in the School of Law at Queen Mary University of London, and in the College of Europe. Ms Coninsx has a Master’s Degree in Law, a Master’s Degree in Criminology, and is a specialist in Air Law and Aviation Security (UK-USA). She has also served as an expert in aviation security for the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).



Salvatore Sciacchitano

President of the Council, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano is the sixth President of the ICAO Council. He succeeded Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu on 1 January 2020.

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

With the merger of the aviation branch of the Ministry of Transport and RAI and the subsequent establishment of the Italian Civil Aviation Authority (ENAC), Mr. Sciacchitano assumed the position of Deputy Director General. In this position, he played an instrumental role in coordinating the core business divisions of the newly founded structure. He was also entrusted with multiple international mandates, chairing the Permanent Commission of EUROCONTROL, representing Italy in the Management Board of European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), holding the Vice-Presidency of the EUROCONTROL Provisional Council and coordinating the Italian delegation during ICAO Assemblies.

As a result of his extensive experience in aviation international affairs, Mr. Sciacchitano was appointed Executive Secretary of the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) in 2010. In February 2019, he joined the Italian Delegation on the Council of ICAO, where he served until assuming his duties as President of the Council.