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BIOGRAPHIES





Raymond Benjamin

Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization

Mr. Benjamin has been Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization since August 2009. His extensive career in civil aviation spans more than 30 years. It includes 13 years as Executive Secretary of the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) where he was responsible for the development of policy advice and strategic options to the President and to the 42 Member States of the Conference. Prior to joining ECAC, Mr. Benjamin was Chief of the Aviation Security Branch of the Air Transport Bureau of ICAO from 1989 to 1994. Among his responsibilities was the provision of advice to the Secretary General and the President of the Council on security policy matters and the development of a worldwide airport assessment and technical assistance programme. He also served as Air Transport Officer and Deputy Secretary of ECAC from 1982 to 1989 and held various positions in the Civil Aviation Administration of France from 1973 to 1982.

Mr. Benjamin holds a Master's Degree in Public Law and Diplomas from the Institute of Political Studies and the Institute of Higher International Studies, Paris.

A French citizen, he was born on 24 November 1945, in Alexandria, Egypt.



Boubacar Djibo

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

Boubacar Djibo was appointed Director of the Air Transport Bureau of ICAO in November 2011. His current duties include the management of programmes to achieve three of the five strategic objectives of the Organization, namely security and facilitation, economic development of air transport, as well as environmental protection.

Before joining ICAO, Mr. Djibo, who has more than 30 years of experience in aviation, was Secretary General of the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC). While there, in order to execute a sustainable civil aviation system in Africa, he worked on key initiatives in the areas of implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision for the liberalization of air services, regional coordination for the implementation of the ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices, training and capacity building together with the African Union, regional economic communities in Africa, ICAO, International Air Transport Association (IATA), Airports Council International (ACI) and African Airlines Association (AFRAA).

In an aviation career beginning in 1984, he occupied a number of key positions, including Director of Civil Aviation of Niger and ICAO Project Coordinator. He also served on the Boards of Directors of Air Afrique and the Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA).



Dr. Rafael Echevarne

*Director, Economics & Programme Development
ACI World*

Rafael Echevarne is the Director of Economics and Program Development at Airports Council International (ACI World) in Montreal, Canada.

He has previously occupied positions in companies in Europe, Australasia and the Middle East including: Ferrovial, Copenhagen Airports, Abu Dhabi Airports Company, Infratil and Airways Corporation of New Zealand. He has been actively involved in air transport economic regulation, privatisation and development of aeronautical infrastructure, covering the fields of airports, airlines and air traffic control.

Rafael holds a PhD in Air Transport Economics from Cranfield University (UK) and a Masters in Transport from Westminster University (UK). Rafael also lectures in a number of postgraduate aviation programmes.



Klaus Geil

*Head of Sector "External Aviation Policy", DG MOVE
European Commission*

University degrees: Master of Science in Economic Geography, from the University of Aarhus, Denmark (1979-1985); Degree in International Trade, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark (1989-1992)

Professional experience:

1985-1992: Employed by Danish Oil and Natural Gas Ltd. (DONG) first as Manager of gas market planning for the domestic Danish gas market (1985-1987) and later as Project Manager in the Gas Purchase and Export department.

1992-1995: Adviser in EUROGAS, the Association of the European natural gas industry, Brussels.

October 1995-January 2000: Administrator in the Gas Unit of the Directorate-General for Energy (DGXVII) of the European Commission in Brussels. Among other things, involved in the negotiations on the EU Gas Directive and the implementation of it; preparations for enlargement (Central and Eastern European gas sector); trans-European gas networks; security of EU gas supply and contacts with the EU gas industry.

January 2000-June 2001: Administrator in Internal Market, Public Service, Competition and Application of Community Law Unit of the Directorate-General for Energy and Transport (DG TREN) of the European Commission. Main responsibilities relating to the implementation and follow-up of the EU Directive on the Internal Market for Gas.

July 2001-October 2002: Administrator in the Electricity and Gas Unit of DG TREN. Main responsibilities relating to the implementation and follow-up of the EU Gas Directive on the Internal Market for Gas, further gas liberalisation measures including proposal for a new Directive, the European Gas Regulatory Forum (the "Madrid process") and European energy infrastructure and security of supply policy issues.

November 2002-October 2003: Senior Regulatory Advisor, Shell Gas & Power based in London. Responsible for providing advice on regulatory and legislative issues to Shell Gas & Power business developers world-wide in relation to integrated gas supply projects from up-stream production to down-stream marketing and to gas-fired power supply projects. Involved in projects in China, Russia, South Korea, Australia, Turkey, Mexico, Oman, Lebanon, Angola and Europe.

Since November 2003: International Affairs Unit of the Air Transport Directorate of the European Commission (Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport – DG MOVE). In October 2010 appointed Chief Negotiator and in July 2012 appointed Head of Sector "External Aviation Policy" in charge of general coordination of EU external aviation policy including EU aviation negotiations and implementation of agreements.



Mark Bosly

*Head of International Aviation Negotiations and Policy
UK Department for Transport*

Mark is the UK's Chief Air Services Negotiator and has been in post since 2008. He has led the negotiation of numerous new and updated Air Services Agreements and exchanges of traffic rights.

He is a member of ICAO's Air Transport Regulation Panel and ECAC's Medium Term Objectives Task Force (and he co-Chairs the joint EU-ECAC Working Group set up to mirror ICAO's work on market access liberalisation and fair competition). In addition, Mark is a member of various EU committees and has led for the UK on the negotiation of a number of EU dossiers relating to aviation-policy – notably on external relations and the Airports Package.

Prior to taking up his current post, Mark accumulated extensive international policy and negotiations experience in rail, road-freight and road-pricing policy. A career Civil Servant, with a background as a Human Resources professional, Mark cut his teeth as a negotiator working hands-on in public sector industrial relations.



Chaitan Jain

Assistant Director, External Affairs for IATA

Chaitan Jain is currently Assistant Director, External Affairs for IATA, based in Geneva. In this capacity he works in the areas of policy analysis and development, looking at trends in the aviation business and its regulatory environment. Before coming to External Affairs, Chaitan oversaw the internal and external communications for IATA's Simplifying the Business programme and BSP Operations. Prior to joining IATA in 2008, Chaitan undertook consulting work with the Government of Abu Dhabi in addition to the Centre for Asia Pacific Aviation in India.

Chaitan holds a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University, and is a dual citizen of the USA and Canada.



Vijay Poonoosamy

Vice President International & Public Affairs, Etihad Airways
President of the Hermes Air Transport Club

Mr Vijay Poonoosamy, a national of Mauritius, is a barrister (Middle Temple) with a law degree from the University of Nottingham, a Masters degree in International Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science, a Post Graduate Diploma in Air & Space Law from the London Institute of World Affairs and a Certificate in Company Direction from the Institute of Directors in New Zealand.

Vijay was an Aviation Lawyer in London, the Managing Director of Air Mauritius and the Executive Chairman of Airports of Mauritius before joining Etihad Airways where he is the Vice President International & Public Affairs.

Vijay was Chairman of the 1994 ICAO World-wide Air Transport Conference, ICAO Rapporteur and Chairman of the 1999 ICAO Special Group on the Modernisation of the Warsaw Convention, Vice Chairman of the 2009 ICAO Special Committee on Aviation Security Conventions and Moderator at the April 2012 ICAO Air Transport Symposium and the March 2013 ICAO Pre-Air Transport Conference Symposium.

Vijay was also Chairman of the Air Transport Committee of the African Civil Aviation Commission, Chair of IATA's Industry Affairs Committee, Chair of the IATA Legal Advisory Council and Chair of the IATA Task Force on International Aviation Issues.

Vijay is the President of the Hermes Air Transport Club and a member of the Routes Advisory Panel, the Advisory Board of the World Tourism Forum Lucerne and the World Economic Forum's Task Force on Hyper connected Travel and Transportation.