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# CIVIL AVIATION LEGAL ADVISERS FORUM

*SINGAPORE AVIATION ACADEMY*

*16 - 17 MAY 2019*

## PROGRAMME

# DAY 1 - 16 MAY

**0800 - 0900 : Registration**

**0900 - 0930 : Opening and Welcome Addresses**

- *Mr Edmund Cheng, Chairman, Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS)*
- *Mr Lucien Wong, Attorney-General, Singapore*
- *Dr Huang Jiefang, Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Bureau (LEB), International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)*

**Group Photo Session**

**0930 - 1000 : Refreshments**

**1000 - 1030 : Keynote Address**

- *Ms Tan Siew Huay, Chairperson of the ICAO Legal Committee and Director (Legal), CAAS*

**1030 - 1115 : Session 1 - From Paris to Montreal: A century of treaty making in air law**

**1115 - 1245 : Session 2 - Air law and the aviation industry of the future**

**1245 - 1345 : Lunch**

**1345 - 1515 : Session 3 - The role of a civil aviation legal adviser: Supporting their organisation**

**1515 - 1530 : Refreshments**

**1530 - 1700 : Session 3 (Cont'd) - The role of a civil aviation legal adviser: Demands, challenges and contributions**

**1900 - 2100 : Welcome Dinner (*Stand-up Buffet*)**

InterContinental Singapore  
Ballrooms I & II  
80 Middle Road  
Singapore 188966

**End of Day 1**

## DAY 2 - 17 MAY

**0900 - 1030 : Session 4 - Cross-border exchanges and collaboration:  
Opportunities and means**

**1030 - 1100 : Refreshments**

**1100 - 1230 : Plan of actions - Next step from Singapore and beyond**

- *Mr Jeffrey Klang, Assistant General Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), United States*

**1230 - 1300 : Closing**

- *Dr Huang Jiefang, Director, LEB, ICAO*
- *Ms Tan Siew Huay, Chairperson of the ICAO Legal Committee and Director (Legal), CAAS*

**1300 - 1400 : Lunch**

**1400 - 1500 : SAA Simulators Tour**

**1500 - 1900 : Social Programme**

**End of Day 2**

## SESSION 1

### **FROM PARIS TO MONTREAL: A CENTURY OF TREATY MAKING IN AIR LAW**

2019 marks 100 years of progressive treaty making in international civil aviation beginning with the adoption in 1919 of the Paris Convention [Convention relating to the regulation of aerial navigation]. In 2019, the Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation turns 75 and the Montréal Convention 1999 on air carrier liability turns 20.

The speakers will share their recollections and perspectives on the key moments in the evolution of various air law treaties, 24 of which have been adopted under the auspices of ICAO, their impact and the lessons learnt and what the future holds. The challenges in the ratification and implementation of air law instruments and solutions that have worked to address these challenges will also be highlighted.

#### **MODERATOR**

*Mr Matti Tupamaki, Deputy to Director General of Civil Aviation, Finnish Transport and Communications Agency*

#### **SPEAKERS**

##### **The development of international air law under the auspices of ICAO**

*Dr Huang Jiefang, Director, LEB, ICAO*

##### **States experiences in the preparation and negotiation of an international treaty**

*Ms Kate Staples, General Counsel and Secretary, Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), United Kingdom*

##### **The road to universal acceptance and implementation of air law treaties**

*Ms Joyce Anakwa Thompson, Director, Legal and International Relations, Ghana Civil Aviation Authority*

## SESSION 2

### **AIR LAW AND THE AVIATION INDUSTRY OF THE FUTURE**

The civil aviation industry must respond and adapt to new and emerging opportunities and challenges including increases in global air transport demand and capacity, changes in technology as well as new and evolving threats to air safety. In recent times, climate change, unmanned aircraft systems and commercial aerospace transportation, cyber threats and artificial intelligence have raised major challenges.

What policies and legislation have been used to address them? How is air law evolving in response and what will the future air law look like? What else is of interest or concern to the international aviation community on the legal front? A panel of experts will highlight some of the emerging issues/challenges and identify and evaluate the air law responses to them. Participants will be invited to share their perspectives of their region in dealing with these issues, highlighting challenges and solutions to address them.

#### **MODERATOR**

*Mr Ilitrus Diemkwap Ahmadul, Assistant General Manager Legal, Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority*

#### **PANELLISTS**

*Ms Susanna Metsalampi, Second Vice-Chairperson of the ICAO Legal Committee and Head of Department, Legal Affairs, Finnish Transport and Communications Agency*

*Mr Guo Rengang, Deputy Director-General, Policy and Law Department, Civil Aviation Administration of China*

*Mr Bader Almubarak, Fourth Vice-Chairperson of the ICAO Legal Committee and Senior Legal Officer, Planning and Projects Affairs, Kuwait Directorate General of Civil Aviation*

*Ms Danielle Yeow, Deputy Director-General, International Affairs Division, Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore*

## SESSION 3

### **THE ROLE OF A CIVIL AVIATION LEGAL ADVISER: SUPPORTING THEIR ORGANISATION**

Implementation of treaties and SARPs including rule making and enforcement are some of the tasks that civil aviation legal advisers grapple with. Legal advisers are also called upon to advise urgently on issues that arise from unanticipated developments and occurrences. They perform an important role in supporting their organisations to achieve the organisational mission and objectives.

The speakers will share their experiences on how they have supported their organisations and dealt with legal issues in diverse areas, such as the development and updating of safety regulations, accident investigation, aviation security, USOAP-CMA / USAP audits, managing organizational conflicts of interest, protection of safety information and enforcement involving cross-border evidence gathering and issues.

#### **MODERATOR**

*Ms Amanda Flora Nambau, Manager-Legal Services, Civil Aviation Safety Authority of Papua New Guinea*

#### **SPEAKERS**

##### **Reconstructing a State's safety regulations - the experience of the United Kingdom in light of Brexit**

*Ms Kate Staples, General Counsel and Secretary, CAA, United Kingdom*

##### **Conducting an independent international accident investigation and protecting information - the aftermath of MH17 and lessons from German Wings**

*Ms Annemarie Schuite, Legal Officer, Dutch Safety Board*

##### **Threats from the ground - stopping laser, drones and cyberattacks**

*Mr John Thachet, Legal Counsel, Legal Services, Transport Canada*

##### **Being audited - How a legal department contributes to rule making and enforcement**

*Mr Alexander Ferguson, Legal Counsel/Board Secretary, Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority*

## SESSION 3

### **THE ROLE OF A CIVIL AVIATION LEGAL ADVISER: DEMANDS, CHALLENGES AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Participants will be invited to share how they have risen to the demands of performing a wide variety of complex as well as mundane tasks, some of which they have had little prior preparation for, especially when most come into their jobs from outside the aviation industry. They will also be invited to share a memorable day in their life as a civil aviation legal adviser and how they manage the challenges of their role. Chief legal advisers will be invited to share on how they lead their legal departments to meet the demands and challenges faced by them, and to contribute not only to their organization but also to their regions and to the international community through the various ICAO legal and non-legal fora.

#### **MODERATOR**

*Mr Andrew Opolot, Legal Officer, LEB, ICAO*

#### **CONTRIBUTORS**

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*Dr Jonathan Aleck, Executive Manager Legal and Regulatory Affairs Division, Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), Australia*

*Ms Tan Siew Huay, Chairperson of the ICAO Legal Committee and Director (Legal), CAAS*

*Ms Ellen Manga, Legal Services Manager, Gambia Civil Aviation Authority (Third Vice-Chairperson of the Legal Committee)*

## SESSION 4

### **CROSS-BORDER EXCHANGES AND COLLABORATION: OPPORTUNITIES AND MEANS**

Each region will be invited to discuss opportunities, means and tools and identify and present proposals for facilitating interactions among civil aviation legal advisers and enabling them to exchange information, keep abreast of relevant developments around the world, and collaborating to support their work and their organizations.

#### **MODERATOR**

*Dr Jonathan Aleck, Executive Manager Legal and Regulatory Affairs Division, CASA, Australia*