

8th EASA International Cooperation Forum

Colombo, Sri Lanka, 19-21 March 2024

Agenda

Tuesday, 19 March 2024

TIME	TITLE, SPEAKER
09:00 H – 09:30 H	CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION
09:30 H – 10:40 H	OPENING CEREMONY AND WELCOME SPEECHES
	Lighting of the lamp
	Welcome speeches – Mr Luc Tytgat, Acting Executive Director, EASA
	Air Vice Marshal Sagara Kotakadeniya (Retd.), Director General and CEO, CAA Sri Lanka
	Mr Lars Bredal, Deputy Head of the European Union Delegation to Sri Lanka and Maldives
	Group photo
10:40 H – 11:00 H	NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK
11:00 H – 12:45 H	PANEL 1 – The Future of Aviation
	In this panel high-level officials from States and international organisations will discuss the visions of the future role of aviation regulators, with focus on safety and sustainability, onboarding of new entrants, use of technology in aviation oversight, training of authority staff and the use of common or harmonised regulations.
	Moderator: Mr Luc Tytgat, Acting Executive Director, EASA
	Panellists:
	Brigadier General (Av) Leonardo Blengini, DGCA of Uruguay, President of LACAC
	Ms Paule Assoumou Koki, DG Cameroon
	Air Vice Marshal Sagara Kotakadeniya (Retd.), Director General and CEO, CAA Sri Lanka
	Mr Sarun Benjanirat, Deputy Director General, CAA Thailand
12:45 H – 14:00 H	LUNCH BREAK
14:00 H – 15:30 H	PANEL 2 – Regional Cooperation
	In this panel advantages and challenges of regional cooperation in safety oversight will be discussed, with particular focus on the follow up of the 2 nd ICAO/EASA Forum on Regional Safety Oversight Organisations (Nairobi, Kenya 19-21 October 2023).
	Moderator: Ms Maria Rueda, Strategy and Safety Management Director, EASA
	Panellists:
	Mr Nadir Dar, Deputy Director General, CAA Pakistan
	Mr Rayhan Wanniappa, Deputy Director General - Air Transport and Security Regulation, CAA Sri Lanka
	Mr Marcelo de Souza Carneiro Lima, Head of International Affairs, ANAC Brazil
	Ms Phindiwe Gwebu, Executive, Corporate Services, South African CAA
	Ms Haaba Baldeh, Acting Chief, Regional Cooperation and Technical Planning Unit, ICAO
15:30 H – 16:00 H	NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK
16:00 H – 17:00 H	EASA Corner
	Updates on the European safety and environmental rules as well as activities of EASA will be presented.
19:00 H	RECEPTION



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TIME	TITLE, SPEAKER
09:00 H – 10:30 H	PANEL 3 – Sustainability
	In this panel the regulatory approaches to sustainable aviation will be discussed with focus on aviation decarbonisation through promotion of the use of sustainable aviation fuels and implementation of CORSIA.
	Moderator: Ms Maria Rueda, Strategy and Safety Management Director, EASA
	Panellists:
	Ms Ekta Agrawal, Deputy Director Aircraft Engineering Directorate, DGCA India
	Ms Africa Abajas, Sustainable Aviation Manager, ICF
	Ms Zhanna Shek, Senior Director, Sustainability and Stakeholder Management, Aviation Administration of Kazakhstan
10:30 H – 11:00 H	NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK
11:00 H – 12:30 H	PANEL 4 – Change never happens without effective communication
	In this panel effective ways to promote aviation safety will be discussed with an extensive overview of the safety promotion activities of EASA.
	Moderator: Mr John Franklin, EASA
	Panellists:
	Ms Amanda Palmer, the Communications Branch Manager, CASA Australia
	Mr Thilina Warnasinghe, Senior Civil Aviation Inspector, CAA Sri Lanka
	Ms Suzan Akin, Ministry of Transport and Water Management, Netherlands
	Mr André Vernay, Human Risk Programme Manager, DGAC France
12:30 H – 13:30 H	LUNCH BREAK
14:00 H – 21:00 H	SOCIAL VISIT AND DINNER



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Thursday, 21 March 2024

TIME	TITLE, SPEAKER
09:00 H – 10:00 H	Partners' Corner
	Selected international partners of EASA will present their achievements.
10:00 H – 10:30 H	NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK
10:30 H – 12:00 H	Panel 5 – Lessons learned from the implementation of EU rules
	In this panel advantages and challenges of implementing EU rules by the international partners will be discussed.
	Moderator: Mr David Waller, EASA Representative in Singapore
	Panellists:
	Dr Omar Kaddouha, Director, Flight Safety, DGCA Lebanon
	Mr Levan Karanadze, Counsellor to Vice-Prime Minister, Georgia
	Capt. Alejandro Mena, Manager, ACSA
	Mr Abdulla Mohamed, Director Airworthiness Maldives Civil Aviation Authority
12:00 H – 13:30 H	LUNCH BREAK
13:30 H – 14:30 H	OPEN SESSION: Artificial Intelligence
	The EASA Artificial Intelligence Roadmap will be presented.
	Mr Guillaume Soudain, Programme Manager, Artificial Intelligence, EASA
14:30 H – 15:00 H	NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK
15:00 H – 16:30 H	Panel 6 – Innovative aerial services
	Drones are here to stay with air taxis soon to come. The EU is about to complete its regulatory framework enabling safe integration of these new entrants. This panel will take stock of upscaling innovative aerial services using uncrewed aircraft (drones) in service today, VTOL-capable aircraft (air taxis) that are undergoing certification, and regulatory approaches. Panellists will present experiences from real-life use cases from various world regions, discussing approaches and challenges of regulators to keep up with developments.
	Moderator: Mr Sascha Oliver Schott, Section Manager, Drones, EASA
	Panellists:
	Ms Andile Mtetwa-Amaeshi, Director General, CAA Eswatini
	Mr Rohan Manukulasooriya, ANS Expert, CAA Sri Lanka
	Mr Allan Menard, Project Advisor Airspace, CAA New Zealand
	Mr Patrick McKay, UAS Data Operations Manager, World Food Programme
	Mr Jonathan Tan, Deputy Director (Policy & Regulations) / Head (Emerging Technology)
	Unmanned Systems Policy, Regulations and Operations Division, CAA Singapore
16:30-17:00 H	CONCLUSIONS



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