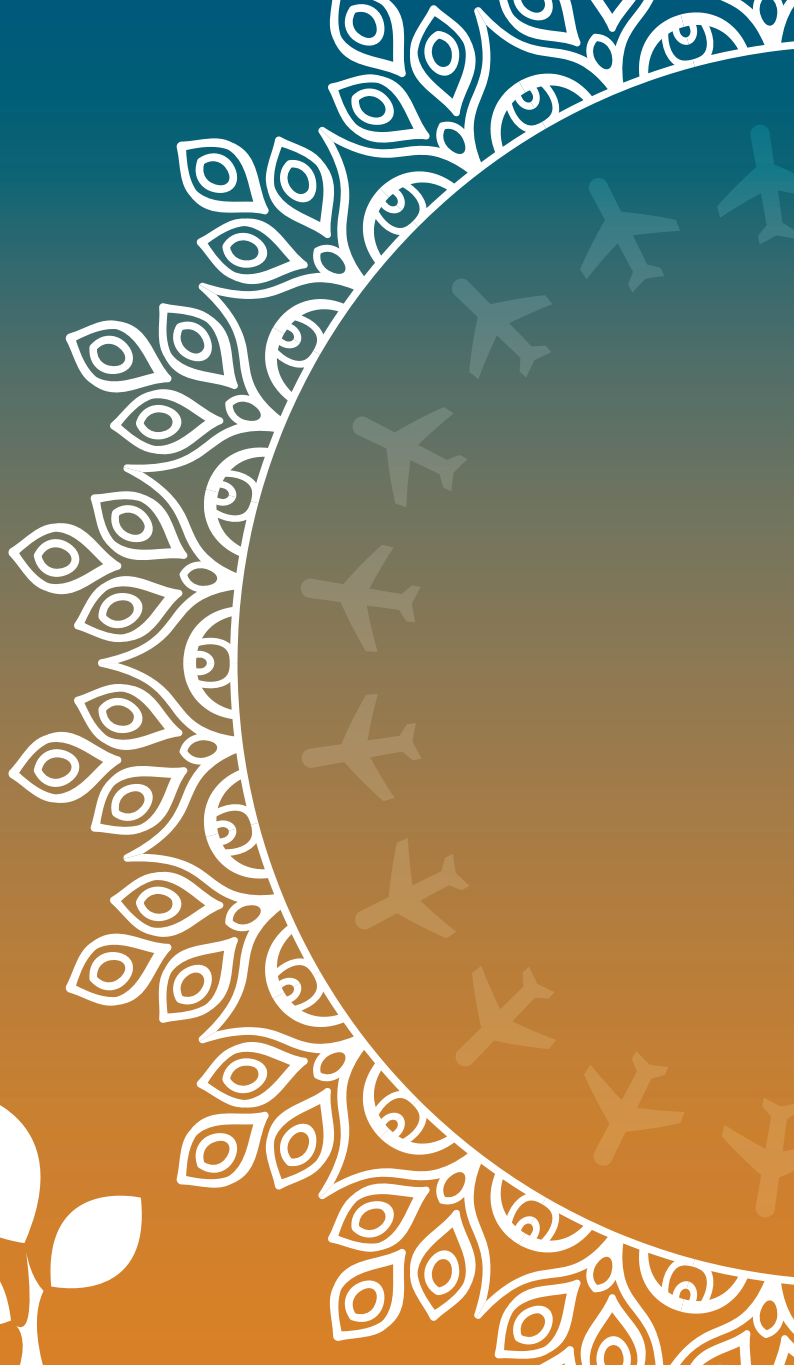


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19 April 2023, Wednesday

18:00 On-site registration

19:30 Evening cocktail and light dinner

DAY 1 – 20 April 2023, Thursday

09:00 – 09:55 Registration and welcome coffee

09:55 – 10:00 Opening of the inaugural ceremony and lighting of the lamp

10:00 – 11:00 Introductory remarks and inauguration

The inauguration of the EU-India Aviation Summit will set the scene for the summit and offer a high-level overview of the EU-India aviation relations state of play. The dignitaries will touch upon the most pertinent issues, including decarbonisation, fostering innovation and EU-India connectivity, aviation safety, and the prospects for promoting further cooperation.

- Welcome remarks by Mr Rajiv Bansal, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation
- Address by H.E. Andreas Carlson, Minister of Infrastructure and Housing, Sweden
- Address by H.E. Adina Vălean, European Commissioner for Transport *(via video message)*
- Address by H.E. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Minister for Civil Aviation, Government of India *(via video message)*

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break sponsored by Indra and visit of the B2B exhibition space

11:30 – 12:45 **Session 1:**
EU-India connectivity: trends, challenges and opportunities

Leading airlines and airport figures will share their vision of EU-India air connectivity and the potential for developing the market further. Panellists will share insights on the latest trends for passenger and cargo markets, including the low-cost segment. They will discuss key challenges and opportunities for closer air transport links between India and the European Union.

Moderator: Mr Olivier Jankovec, Director-General, Airports Council International Europe

Participants:

- Mr Campbell Wilson, Chief Executive Officer, Air India
- Mr József Váradi, Chief Executive Officer, WizzAir
- Mr Sanjeev Kumar, Chairman, Airports Authority of India
- Mr Julian Jäger, Chief Executive Officer, Vienna International Airport
- Mr Stefan Kreuzpaintner, SVP Network & Mobility Lufthansa Group
- Mr Pieter Bootsma, Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer, Air France-KLM

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12:45 – 13:30 Fireside chat

Mr Olivier Jankovec, Director-General, Airports Council International Europe, will sit down with the top-level aviation public servants from India and the EU to get insight views on the most pressing regulatory issues in aviation today.

Participants:

- Shri Rajiv Bansal, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation
- Mr Filip Cornelis, Director for Aviation, European Commission

13.30 – 14:30 Lunch - sponsored by Airbus

14:30 – 15:45 Session 2: Environmental sustainability challenges for aviation

How can the aviation sector reach net-zero emissions? This panel will bring together industry representatives to discuss the shared objective of reducing the sector's carbon footprint. Panellists will discuss how to achieve net-zero carbon emissions and the toolbox for greening the sector, including sustainable aviation fuels and aviation industry initiatives to increase energy efficiency of aircraft and airports as part of a globally sustainable air transport network.

Moderator: Shri Sunil Kumar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas

Participants:

- Mr Shantanu Gupta, Executive Director (Alternate Energy & Sustainable Development), Indian Oil
- Mr Ross McInnes, Chairman, Safran
- Mr Shishir Joshipura, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Praj Industries
- Ms Eveliina Huurre, Senior Vice President, Sustainability, Finnair
- Mr Damien Cazé, Director General of Civil Aviation, France

15:45 – 16:15 High Tea sponsored by Indra

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16:30 – 17:45

Session 3:

Technical cooperation and innovation in the aerospace sector

Leading figures among European and Indian regulators and industry will together review the state of play and prospects for EU-India cooperation in the aerospace sector, touching on innovation as well as regulatory cooperation.

Moderator: Mr Luc Tytgat, Strategy and Safety Management Director, European Union-Aviation Safety Agency

Participants:

- Shri C. B. Ananthakrishnan, Chairman and Managing Director, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- Mr Remi Maillard, President, Airbus India and Managing Director Airbus South Asia
- Mr Arun Kumar, former Director-General of Civil Aviation, India
- Mr Ramón Tarrech, Director Air Traffic Management, Indra
- Mr Regis Lacote, Managing Director Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport, ADP and former Chief Operating Officer, GMR Airports

17:45 – 18:45

Break

18:45 – 19:30

Women in aviation (venue: Nilgiri Hall)

Work remains still to be done to close the gender gap in aviation. This session will reflect on how we can improve the gender balance in the aviation sector with more gender-responsive policies and capacity building. It will also showcase successful role models to inspire current and future generations of female aviation professionals.

Opening remarks

Special message: H.E. Adina Vălean, European Commissioner for Transport
(via video message)

H.E. Andreas Carlson, Minister of Infrastructure and Housing, Sweden

Panel discussion (Moderator: Ms Susan Ferguson, UN Women Representative in India)

- Capt. Zoya Agarwal, Pilot, UN Women Gender Equality Ally
- Mr Pieter Elbers, Chief Executive Officer, IndiGo
- Mr Ajay Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, Spicejet Ltd.
- Ms Rachel Daeschler, Certification Director, European Union Aviation Safety Agency

Special Address:

H.E. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Minister for Civil Aviation, Government of India

19.30 - onwards

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09:45 – 11:00

Session 4:

New approaches to the challenge of growth and congestion in the air and on the ground

India and the EU face common challenges in ensuring that their air transport systems are fit for purpose in order to meet growing demand and the expectations of citizens, passengers and businesses. Drawing on the experiences of SESAR in Europe and current Indian initiatives on ATM, panellists will exchange best practices for addressing challenges caused by the rapid growth in air transport, congestion in the air and on the ground as well as the need to ensure efficiency and resilience throughout the aviation value chain. The panel will also address investment needs for the sector, such as airport infrastructure, and sustainability initiatives such as the rollout of sustainable aviation fuels, intermodal transport and more fuel-efficient aircraft.

Moderator: Andrew Charlton, Managing Director, Aviation Advocacy

Participants:

- Mr Vineet Gulati, Former Member (ANS), Airports Authority of India
- Mr Kevin Chow, Vice President, Airspace Mobility Solutions, Thales
- Videh Kumar Jaipurkar, Chief Executive Officer, Delhi International Airport Ltd
- Mr Andreas Boschen, Executive Director, SESAR 3 Joint Undertaking
- Mr Zulfiqar Hasan, Director General, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security
- Ms Ann Persson Grivas, Director General, LfV Air Navigation Services of Sweden

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Coffee Break sponsored by Indra

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11:30 -12:45	Session 5: Unmanned endeavors: The potential for urban air mobility and unmanned aircraft systems and the emerging regulatory framework
	<p>India and the EU are leading players in the development of regulatory approaches for drone operations as well as emerging Vertical Take-off and Landing aircraft. Highlighting the potential for deepening industrial cooperation between European and Indian firms, this panel will take stock of the approaches to regulating drones and a forward-looking view at the remaining challenges such as the development of the U-space, safe and sustainable urban air mobility and deliveries.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Ankit Mehta, Co-Founder and CEO, ideaForge Pvt Ltd.</p> <p>Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Arndt Schoenemann, CEO, DFS Deutsche Flugsicherung GmbH• Prof Satya Chakrawarthy, IIT Chennai (Indian Institute of Technology)• Mr Vikram Dev Dutt, Director-General of Civil Aviation, India• Ms Rachel Daeschler, Certification Director, European Union Aviation Safety Agency• Mr Smit Shah, President, Drone Federation of India• Mr Robert Friebe, Senior Manager Government Affairs Europe, Volocopter GmbH
12:45 – 13:15	Closing remarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Rajiv Bansal, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation• H.E. Ugo Astuto, Ambassador of the European Union to India
13:15 - onwards	Networking lunch

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Shri Rajiv Bansal is a senior officer from Indian Administrative Service (IAS). He assumed charge of Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation in October 2021. Prior to taking over charge as Secretary, Civil Aviation he had been holding the charge of Chairman and Managing Director of Air India. Shri Bansal had also served at different levels in various Ministries/Departments of Government of India, like Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, Department of Heavy Industries, to name a few. Shri Bansal has also served as Director on the Boards of ONGC, BPCL, GAIL, BHEL and other organisations. Shri Rajiv Bansal is a Civil Engineer by profession, having graduated from IIT, Delhi in 1986. He also holds a Diploma in Finance from ICFAI, Hyderabad as well as an Executive Masters in International Business from IIFT, New Delhi.



Andreas Carlson serves as Minister of Infrastructure and Housing of Sweden since October 2022. He is leading the government's work in transport, infrastructure, community planning and housing. He served as a member of Parliament from 2010-2022, where he was the group leader for the Christian Democrats from 2015-2022 and Deputy Chair of the Committee of Justice from 2018-2022. He started his public service in Mullsjö Municipality in 2006, where he represented the party on the Municipal Council and the Municipal Executive Board. Prior to being elected to Parliament, Andreas worked as press secretary in the European Parliament and as a journalist. He has an educational background in law and communications from Lund University and Jönköping University.



Adina Vălean is the European Commissioner for Transport. Before taking office on 1 December 2019, she was a Member of the European Parliament for 12 years. As an MEP she served as the Chairwoman of ITRE Committee (July-December 2019), Chairwoman of ENVI Committee (2017-2019) and as Vice-President of the European Parliament (2014-2017). She was also a Member of the Romanian Parliament between 2004-2007. Adina Vălean holds a master's degree in European Integration Studies and Security and a bachelor's degree in Mathematics.

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Minister **Jyotiraditya Scindia** is currently serving as the Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Steel, Government of India. He has also been a five-term Member of Parliament. Minister Scindia began his journey in public service in 2002. In 2008, he served as the Minister of State for Telecommunications, Posts and IT; in 2009 as the Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, and then, in 2012 as Minister of Power. Minister Scindia has also been a member of Parliamentary Committees on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports; Defence; Finance; Home and External Affairs. Besides, Minister Scindia has also worked at the United Nations, and as an investment banker at Morgan Stanley and Merrill Lynch. Apart from his political roles, Minister Scindia is passionate about education. He is currently serving as the President of the Board of Governors at the Scindia School, Madhav Institute of Technology & Sciences, Samrat Ashok Technological Institute and Patron of the Daly College. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Harvard University, USA and an MBA degree from the Graduate School of Business, Stanford University, USA.



Olivier Jankovec is Director General of the European Region of the Airports Council International (ACI EUROPE), the European region of Airports Council International (ACI). He has held the post since 2006, having initially joined in the post of Director of Strategy and Communications. Olivier steers the association with over 30 years of governmental and lobbying experience behind him, having begun his career within the European Commission's Air Transport Directorate as a Principle Expert before moving to Air France in Paris as Manager for European & Aeropolitical Affairs. This was followed by 5 years with Alitalia in Rome where he was Director of Institutional Relations in charge of governmental affairs at national, European and international levels.



Campbell Wilson is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) & Managing Director (MD) of Air India. Based in New Delhi, Wilson joined Air India in 2022 after 26 years with Singapore Airlines (SIA) working in various senior roles for both the flagship airline as well as Scoot, its wholly owned low-cost subsidiary of which he was the founding CEO. As CEO & MD, Wilson is leading Vihaan.ai, Air India's comprehensive five-year program to transform the formerly state-owned carrier, now part of the Tata Group, into a world-class global airline with an Indian heart. Wilson began his career with SIA in New Zealand in 1996 after obtaining a Master of Commerce with 1st Class Honours in Business Administration from the University of Canterbury. He worked for SIA in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong and Japan before returning to Singapore in 2011 as the founding CEO of Scoot until 2016. He then served on SIA's Management Committee as Senior Vice President, Sales & Marketing, before returning for a second stint as the CEO of Scoot in 2020.

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József Váradi was one of the founders of Wizz Air in 2003. He worked at Procter and Gamble for ten years between 1991 and 2001, and became Sales Director for Global Customers where he was responsible for major clients throughout 11 EU countries. Váradi then joined Malév Hungarian Airlines, the Hungarian state airline, as Chief Commercial Officer in 2001, before serving as its Chief Executive Officer from 2001 to 2003. He has also held board memberships with companies such as Lufthansa Technik Budapest (Supervisory Board, 2001-2003), Mandala Airlines (Board of Commissioners, 2007-2011), JetSMART (Board of Directors 2018 – to date). In 2007, Váradi won the EY Hungary “Brave Innovator” award, became the EY “Entrepreneur of the Year” in 2018, received low-cost leadership award at Flight Global Airline Strategy Awards in 2021, which recognized the dynamic leadership and clear vision of Váradi during the pandemic, and in 2022, he was by CAPA as Executive of the Year. He holds a Master’s degree in Economics from the Budapest University of Economic Sciences and a Master of Laws degree from the University of London.



Shri Sanjeev Kumar has been serving as Chairman at Airports Authority of India (AAI) since April 2021. Prior to joining AAI, he worked as State Commissioner, Government of Maharashtra. Kumar served in various ministries and departments of the Government of Maharashtra, namely Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Energy and Industries Department. He worked as Joint CEO of Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) and was also MD of Maharashtra Agro Industries Development Corporation. He also worked as Director in Ministry of Power. Kumar holds a Bachelor’s degree in Electronics & Communication Engineering from University of Roorkee and a Master’s degree in Communication Engineering from IIT, Kanpur. He also holds a Master’s degree in Financial Management from Mumbai University.



Julian Jäger has been serving as joint-CEO at Vienna International Airport since 2019. He was elected an ACI Europe Board Member, currently in his second mandate. Jäger joined the legal department of Vienna Airport in 2002. After three years, he became Head of Business Development for Airlines and Terminal Services and was inter alia responsible for airport charges. In 2007, Jäger moved to Malta to be CCO and Executive Director of Malta International Airport, where Vienna Airport is the major shareholder. He also served as the CEO of Malta Airport for nearly four years. In 2011, Jäger became Member of the Board of directors of Vienna Airport as well as joint-CEO and COO. Amongst many other areas, he is responsible for Airport Operations, Security, Ground Handling Services, Center Management and IT Systems as well as for the international subsidiaries Malta Airport and Košice Airport. Jäger studied Law at the University of Vienna.

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Stefan Kreuzpaintner serves as Senior Vice President Network-, Alliance- and Partner Management for all Lufthansa Group passenger airlines since 1 March 2023. Additionally, Kreuzpaintner became corporate group representative in Munich. Stefan Kreuzpaintner joined Lufthansa in 2003. He began his career in Frankfurt as Network Manager. Three years later he moved to Revenue Management at the Lufthansa hub in Munich, where he became Head of Division in 2010. In 2012, he took over the sales management of all Lufthansa Group airlines in Madrid for the Spanish and Portuguese markets. In 2015 he moved to Brussels Airlines in Brussels as Vice President Pricing, Revenue Management & Distribution. In May 2017, Kreuzpaintner returned to Group Headquarters as Vice President Sales Europe, Middle East & Africa of Lufthansa Group Airlines. At the beginning of 2021, he assumed responsibility for the worldwide sales activities of Lufthansa, Swiss, Austrian Airlines and Brussels Airlines. Simultaneously, Kreuzpaintner also joined the Executive Board of Lufthansa Airlines as Chief Commercial Officer. Kreuzpaintner holds a Doctorate from the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland.



Pieter Bootsma is Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer of Air France-KLM since September 2022. Bootsma joined KLM in 1995 in the area of network planning and schedule development. Then he joined Pricing & Revenue Management, of which he was appointed director for both Air France and KLM in 2008. In April 2011, he became responsible for Marketing, Revenue Management and Network (MRN) for KLM Royal Dutch Airlines. In 2013, Bootsma was Executive Vice President Commercial & Revenue for Air France KLM. Bootsma also chaired the Commercial Committee, which oversees the direction of all shared commercial activity at the Air France-KLM Group. He graduated from the Technical University of Twente and holds a PhD in Business Engineering & Management Science. He is also an alumnus of Columbia University, New York.



Filip Cornelis is Director for Aviation (DG MOVE Directorate E) in the European Commission, in charge of Aviation since October 2017. He joined the European Commission in 1994. After a posting abroad, he worked in the Task Force for Accession Negotiations. He then led the Commission team drafting the Treaties of Accession for the 12 new EU Member States. In January 2006, Filip Cornelis moved on to transport policy by joining the Office of the Director General for Energy and Transport. He was the leading member of the Office from 2008. He was then appointed Head of Unit for Aviation Security in the European Commission in September 2010. He moved on to become Head of Unit for Aviation Safety from December 2012 until October 2016. He subsequently became Head of Unit for Aviation Policy until his appointment as Director for Aviation.

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Shri Sunil Kumar is the Joint Secretary at the Indian Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. As Joint Secretary (exploration and bio-refinery), Shri Kumar is looking after matters related to Upstream (exploration and production), petrochemicals, import / export of crude oil and petroleum products, ethanol blending program and other biofuels, green hydrogen & CCUS, renewable energy and conservation, etc. Before joining MoP&NG, he worked in various capacities with the Indian Railways. He holds a Bachelor's of Technology (Petroleum Energy), a Master's in Business Administration, an Executive European MBA, a Master's diploma in Public Administration, and Logistic Simulation and Planning.



Ross McInnes joined Safran in 2009 and has been Chairman of the Board since 2015. He started his career in 1977 with Kleinwort Benson. In 1980, he joined Continental Bank (now Bank of America), holding several positions in the corporate finance arm. He joined Eridania Beghin-Say in 1989, being named Chief Financial Officer in 1991, then a member of the Board of Directors in 1999. The following year, McInnes joined Thomson-CSF (now Thales) as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, assisting in the group's transformation. In 2005 he moved to PPR (now Kering) as Executive Vice President for Finance and Strategy. He was appointed to the Supervisory Board of Générale de Santé in 2006, serving as acting Chairman of the Management Board from March to June 2007. He was also Vice Chairman of Macquarie Capital Europe, specialised in infrastructure investments. McInnes was appointed Trustee of the IFRS Foundation in January 2018. In October 2018, the French Prime Minister entrusted him with the mission of promoting France to companies in the non-financial sector, established in the United Kingdom, who are considering their future outside the European Union. He holds a degree from Oxford University.



Shishir Joshipura is CEO and Managing Director of Praj Industries, India's most accomplished Industrial Biotech company, providing innovative & sustainable solutions for Energy Transition and Climate Action. With a degree in Mechanical Engineering from BITS Pilani and has also completed an Advance Management Programme (AMP) from Harvard Business School. Before joining Praj in 2018, Joshipura had worked as CEO of SKF India (2009-2017). He has also worked with Thermax for over two decades. Joshipura was named one of the 'Most Valuable CEOs' of India' by Business World Magazine in the year 2013 and listed among 'India's Top 100 CEOs in 2013' by Business Today Magazine.

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Eveliina Huurre as Finnair's SVP Sustainability concentrates on solving the issue of flight emissions to support the social and economic well-being brought by flight industry. Before her role as a sustainability leader, Huurre was responsible for Finnair's Inflight experience. In addition, she is a member of the executive board at one of Finland's biggest health care service providers Mehiläinen and a growth driven digitalisation specialist Gofore Oyj. Due to her experience as a leader in both private and public social- and healthcare, social responsibility issues are close to her heart.



Damien Cazé has served since September 2020 as Director General of Civil Aviation of France. In 1996, he joined the French Court of Auditors and was appointed Senior auditor in 1999; and then Master auditor in 2012. In 2002, he was called in as Technical Advisor to Minister of Agriculture, and the following year he became Prime Minister's Technical advisor. In 2005, he joined the Ministry of Agriculture as Director of Marine Fisheries and Aquaculture. He then became Director of Maritime Affairs at the Ministry of Ecology from 2008 to 2010. In 2010, he was appointed Chief Operating Officer of Universcience. In 2015, he came back to the French Court of Auditors and was appointed General rapporteur for an investigation into environmental taxation. In May 2017, he was appointed Head of Department in charge of ecology, transport, energy, housing and agriculture issues at the French Prime Minister Office. Cazé is a graduate of IEP Paris and a civil engineer from ParisTech, having also graduated from the ESSEC business school and is a former student from ENA.



Luc Tytgat has been Director of the Strategy and Safety Management Directorate of the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) since 1 January 2015. He is in charge of raising safety intelligence as one of EASA's key priorities and developing a better and more agile regulatory framework. His responsibilities also include the strategic challenges faced by the sector such as sustainable aviation and the emerging risks (cybersecurity, conflict zones, health). Prior to EASA, Tytgat was the Director of the Pan-European Single Sky Directorate at Eurocontrol since 2011, after having worked for 20 years in the field of air transport and space at the European Commission and in the Belgian Air Force for 10 years. Tytgat also initiated the GALILEO programme and established the EU competence in the space policy sector.

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Shri C.B. Ananthkrishnan is the Director (Finance) & CFO with Addl. Charge of Chairman and Managing Director at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. After successful stint at other companies, Ananthkrishnan joined HAL on 31 March 2004 as Chief Manager (Finance) and rose to the level of Executive Director (Finance) prior to appointment as Director (Finance) & CFO of the Company with effect from August 1, 2018. Prior to his appointment as Director (Finance), he was holding the post of Executive Director (Finance) in Corporate Office of the Company and handling overall Financial Planning and strategy, treasury management and taxation. He has over 35 years of work experience in both public and private sectors with stints in merchant banking, pharmaceuticals, fertilizers and Aerospace Industries. During his stints in Helicopter Division as Head of the Finance, he was instrumental in developing financial strategies and policies for pricing, cost control and profit planning for achieving overall goals of the company. He is a Commerce Graduate and Post Graduate in Business Administration from Madras University and is a fellow member of Institute of Cost Accountants of India. He has also received management and leadership training from Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad and Institut Aeronautique et Spatiale (IAS) in France. He is also a Board Member of Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation centre, Department of Space, Government of India (IN-Space).



Remi Maillard is President and Managing Director of Airbus India and South Asia. He joined Airbus in 2008 and has since held several leadership roles. Prior to this, he was the Head of Business Unit Services at Airbus where he was responsible for the growth of Airbus commercial aircraft services business with a focus on creating value for customers and enhancing their operational performance. He began his career at Airbus Helicopters, going on to serve as the Chief Engineer of the Tiger programme before playing a key role in the development of the H175 programme and its Entry-into-Service. He also held the position of Head of Development Chief Engineers spearheading engineering activities for major helicopter development programmes. Before Airbus, Maillard worked as an Associate Director with a consulting firm specialising in industrial strategy. He holds a degree in engineering and a Master's in business administration from Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées in Paris.



Shri Arun Kumar worked as Director General of Civil Aviation for about four years. He is a career civil servant, who joined the Government of India as an Indian Administrative Service Officer in 1989. He handled various aspects of civil aviation in the country during the last nine years which include areas related to Airports, Airlines, Bilateral Air Service Agreements, International Cooperation, Vigilance and has also worked as Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser in the Ministry of Civil Aviation. Prior to joining Civil Aviation, he headed organisations in the State of Haryana such as Power Distribution and Transmission Utilities, State Tax Administration, State Transport Undertaking. He also worked as Director of Industries and Mines and Director of Environment and Member Secretary in State Pollution Control Board and Deputy Commissioner.

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Ramón Tarrech is the Director of Air Traffic Management of Indra. He works for developing partnerships and new solutions in air traffic technology. He is deeply interested in collaborative-working effectiveness of enterprises, teams and individuals, and operational research. Tarrech is chairman of Indra Air Traffic Inc, Avitech GmbH and Navia AS. He is also member of the board of the SESAR JU since its inception. He chairs the ATM Committee at ASD, the voice of European Aerospace, Security and Defence industries. Tarrech holds a MSc in Transportation from MIT, Cambridge.



Régis Lacote was appointed Director of Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport on 14 November 2022. He began his career in 1998 as head of the operations centre and head of security at Roland Garros airport in Réunion. He joined the ADP Group's graduate program in June 2002 and subsequently held various positions: Head of the ground handling service at Paris-Charles de Gaulle (2005-2008), Head of the operations division of Terminals 2E/2F/2G (2008-2010), Director of airport operations at Paris-Orly (2010-2011), Director of aeronautical areas at Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport (2012-2018). In 2018, he became Director of Paris-Orly Airport, then in November 2020, Director of Operations of GMR Airports. He is a graduate of the engineering school ESIEE and the Ecole Nationale de l'Aviation Civile (Enac).



Susan Ferguson is the Country Representative for UN Women India. Ms. Ferguson has had a distinguished career in international development spanned by themes of gender equality and social justice. She joined UN Women in 2017. Having lived and worked for twelve years in South Africa, Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea, she was responsible for regional development initiatives. She has extensive experience working in grass root development agencies, establishing, and managing social services, working within Local, State and Federal Government in Australia on social policy and social programmes. Prior to joining UN Women India, Ms. Ferguson was the Country Representative in Papua New Guinea. Susan is a development practitioner and is proud to have been part of UN Women, working to achieve the mandate of equality for women and girls in different countries. Susan, a national of Australia, has a Master's degree of International and Community Development and has 4 girls. She wants them to grow up in a just world where their contributions are valued and respected.

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Captain **Zoya Agarwal** embodies the essence of female empowerment and the power of dreaming big. A pioneer in the Indian and global aviation industry, her remarkable achievements have shattered numerous glass ceilings, including being the youngest woman in the world to command a Boeing 777 aircraft. During the Covid-19 pandemic, she was part of the Vande Bharat mission and in charge of the all women crew who flew India's longest commercial flight over the North Pole. In addition to serving as a spokesperson and ally for UN Women for Generation Equality, she mentors and inspires over half a million young girls and women worldwide. Captain Agarwal's extraordinary accomplishments have garnered her numerous accolades and government honours, and she has been featured in high-profile media outlets such as BBC, CNN, and Forbes. Captain Agarwal is also the first Indian woman to receive a full scholarship at the prestigious Ivy League Columbia University in New York, where she is currently pursuing her MBA.



Pieter Elbers is the Chief Executive Officer of IndiGo and an airline business leader with over 30 years' experience in aviation. Prior to joining IndiGo in early September 2022, he was the President & Chief Executive Officer of KLM. He started his career at KLM in 1992 as Manager Aircraft loading . During his tenure at KLM, he held various key managerial positions in The Netherlands, Japan, Greece, and Italy. In 2005, he was appointed as Senior Vice President Network & Alliances, promoted to Chief Operating Officer in 2011, and to President & CEO in 2014. During this time, he was also an executive of the AIR FRANCE-KLM Group. Pieter has a Bachelor's degree in Logistics Management and a Master's degree in Business Economics, and has completed various executive programs at IMD, Lausanne and Columbia University, New York. Pieter is also a member of the Board of Governors at IATA.



Ajay Singh is the principal shareholder and Chairman and Managing Director of SpiceJet. Singh launched SpiceJet in 2005. After a successful stint, he exited the airline in 2010. Five years later, he bought back the airline at a time when it was on the verge of closing down and transformed the company into India's most popular low-cost airline. Prior to SpiceJet, Singh was responsible for the turnaround of the loss-making Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC). In 1996, he served on the Board of DTC and unveiled a strategic plan to revamp the public transport operator. Singh was also advisor to the Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Technology. Singh was awarded the global 'Low-Cost Leadership Award' at The Airline Strategy Awards 2018 in London. Singh holds a degree in engineering, and got his Master's degree in Business Administration from Cornell University in the United States. He also holds a Bachelor's degree in Law from Law Faculty, University of Delhi.

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Rachel Daeschler has served as Certification Director at European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) since January 2019. She joined the Agency in 2004 and has occupied several successive positions, starting as a large aeroplane project certification manager. In 2010 she took over the position of large aeroplane section manager, and in 2014 she was appointed head of the Safety Intelligence department and deputy to the Strategy and Safety Management Director. In 2018 she was seconded to ICAO Montréal as coordinator for Regional Safety Oversight Organisations. From 1996 to 2004 she served within the French National Aviation Authority (DGAC), first as part of the aircraft certification office (until 2002), then as deputy head of the Reims Area Control Center. She is a graduated engineer from Ecole Polytechnique and Ecole Nationale de l'Aviation Civile (France) and has a specialised Master's in aircraft airworthiness.



Andrew Charlton is the managing director of Aviation Advocacy, an independent strategic, government affairs and publishing company based in Switzerland. Aviation Advocacy's clients include major industry suppliers, airlines, ANSPs, regulators, service providers and airports. He is also the DG of CIVATAglobal, an association focused on the roll-out of drones and advanced aerial mobility in cities. Charlton regularly writes about and comments on aviation. Aviation Advocacy's subscription only Aviation Intelligence Reporter is an increasingly influential monthly critique of developments. Charlton has wide-ranging experience in the legal, commercial and aero-political aspects of the aviation industry. He has been involved in some of the most major developments in the industry. Previously, Charlton was the Chief Legal Officer of Qantas Airways before being responsible for Government Affairs for IATA and then SITA. Andrew is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society.



Vineet Gulati has taken over the charge of Member (Air Navigation Services) since October 2018 on the Board of the Airports Authority of India. Prior to his appointment as Member (ANS), he served at AAI in various capacities, as Executive Director (Air Traffic Management), General Manager (Air Traffic Flow Management) and Air Traffic Controller in ATC Centres at various international airports. In the span of three decades after being selected as an Aerodrome Officer in 1985, he gained wide experience in the field of Air Navigation Services, Airport operations and management. He also served as a Technical Advisor to the Representative of India in the Council of ICAO, Montreal from 2009 to 2012. He was also responsible for implementation of Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM), Management of Air Traffic Services, development of Aeronautical Survey, Aerodrome Licensing and ANS Integrated Planning Group (IPG). Gulati was in charge of the establishment of Research and Development Wing of Air Navigation Services. He also joined as a Principal Associate in DIAL for providing expert services in the areas of "Airport Operations with a focus on capacity optimization".

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Kevin Chow is the Vice President of Air Traffic Control and Digital within the Airspace Mobility Solutions Business Line of the Thales group since 1 Sep 2022. Prior to this, he was the Country Director and CEO of Thales in Singapore from February 2016 to August 2022, responsible for driving Thales' growth across all of its five markets: Aerospace, Space, Ground Transportation, Digital Identity & Security and Defence & Security through its 2000 employees there. Prior to Thales, Kevin was with Singapore Technologies (ST) Aerospace, a global aviation services company with more than S\$2 billion revenue and 8000 employees worldwide. From 2014 to 2016, Kevin was the Vice President/ General Manager of ST Aerospace Resources Pte Ltd, spearheading the company's foray into the mid-to end-of-life aircraft leasing business. He was also Vice President, Strategic Plans and Business Development from 2010 to 2014, overseeing ST Aerospace strategy, alliances, partnerships and Mergers & Acquisitions activities. Prior to ST, Kevin worked for the Singapore government from 2001 to 2010, based in the Economic Development Board's Singapore and Europe offices. Kevin holds a Master of Science in Aerospace Vehicle Design from Cranfield University, UK and a Diplome d'Ingénieur (Master's degree in Engineering) from Ecole Nationale d'Aviation Civile, Toulouse, France.



Videh Kumar Jaipuria has been the Chief Executive Officer of DIAL since December 2017. He has over 30 years of experience. Prior to joining DIAL, he served as a Managing Director of Jubilant Industries Ltd. He has also worked with other companies including Bunge India, Blow Plast Ltd. and Britannia Industries Ltd. He obtained a Bachelor's degree in Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi and Master's degree in Marketing from Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai. He has wide-ranging experience in different products and services including B2B, B2C and retail.



Andreas Boschen officially started his mandate as Executive Director of the SESAR 3 Joint Undertaking on 1 July 2022. Starting his professional career as a diplomat in Germany taking care of EU affairs, Boschen joined the European Commission's Secretariat General in 1998 to manage relations between the European Commission, Parliament, Council and other bodies. He then moved on to DG MOVE where he held several notable positions, including policy officer for the Single European Sky, policy officer for maritime safety and assistant to the Director-General of DG MOVE. Between 2014 and 2022, Boschen led the department for the Connecting Europe Facility at the Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA), where he managed EU financial support to infrastructure projects in the areas of transport and energy.

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Zulfiqar Hasan is the Director General of the Indian Bureau of Civil Aviation Security. A career police officer, he dealt with all facets of policing, including prevention and detection of crime, crowd management, investigation, recruitment, intelligence, maintenance of law and order and management of human resources. During his tenure at Kolkata Airport, he gained experience in narcotics control and anti-hijacking. Right after serving as an Inspector General of naxal-affected areas in Bengal, Hasan joined the CRPF (the largest paramilitary in the world) on deputation in 2012. He was then moved to the CRPF HQ in Delhi as IG Operations & coordinated operations and force movement in the entire country. In the present assignment, Hasan supervises the verticals of Operations, Intelligence, Administration and Communications. He also directly supervises Special Forces such as CoBRA, Rapid Action Force and VIP Security Sector.



Ann Persson Grivas serves as the Director General for the Swedish Air Navigation Service LfV since 2017. She is also Chairwoman of the board of Entry Point North AB, Vice Chairwoman of the board of Luleå Technical University, and a Board member of SOS Alarm, and the Swedish Institute of Space Physics. Prior to joining LfV, Persson Grivas was the Deputy Director-General of the Swedish Social Insurance Agency and held managerial positions at 3, Sony Ericsson and Scandinavian Airlines. She is a graduate of Uppsala University.



Ankit Mehta is the Co-founder and CEO of ideaForge, a next-generation drone systems company that manufactures advanced Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for defence, homeland security, and industrial applications. Mehta with his team has led ideaForge to become a global technology leader in VTOL Micro and Mini UAV space and is clearly the market leader in India. Apart from being listed as one of the top 35 entrepreneurs under the age of 35 in India by Entrepreneur Magazine in 2017, he was also recognized as the Young Achiever of the Year by the Ascent Foundation in 2017. Mehta and his Co-founders are also the recipients of the Young Alumni Achiever Award by IIT Bombay in 2020. As a member of the Drones Task Force, BVLOS BEAM Committee & the UTM Committee of India, Mehta is playing a prominent role in defining & standardizing UAV regulations in India and providing neutral policy suggestions to positively impact the entire industry. He is also the Co-Chair of, FICCI Committee on Drones. Mehta graduated from IIT Bombay with a Dual degree in Mechanical Engineering in 2005.

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Arndt Schoenemann joined DFS Deutsche Flugsicherung GmbH in Langen in 2021 as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Arndt Schoenemann has more than 30 years of experience in the aerospace industry working in leading positions. He currently is a Steering Committee member of the German Association of the Aviation Economy (BDL) as well as a member of several high-level consulting groups for European and national aviation authorities, such as EASA high level group on Ground Equipment Certification. Before taking over his current position as CEO of DFS Deutsche Flugsicherung, he served as Vice President of the German Aerospace Industries Association (BDLI) and Chairman of the Section Equipment and Material, Member of the Board and Chairman of the Supply Chain Commission and SME Group of the Aerospace and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD), Chairman of the Board of Directors of Liebherr-LAMC Aviation (Changsha) Co. Ltd., and Member of the Shareholders' Committee of Aerospace Transmission Technologies (ATT).



Vikram Dev Dutt took over as the Director General of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Civil Aviation on 1 March, 2023 in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary. Prior to this assignment, Dutt served as CMD in AIAHL (AI Assets Holding Limited) from January, 2022 after disinvestment of Air India. A B.Tech in Electronics and Communication, Dutt has held key positions in his career both at the Centre and in the State including Secretary to Chief Minister, Secretary Tourism and Managing Director of Goa Tourism Development Corporation under the Government of Goa, Administrator of Daman Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli, Principal Secretary Finance and Civil Aviation in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Principal Secretary Health in the Government of Delhi in June 2020 during the COVID-19 Pandemic. He also served under the Government of India as Director in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Textiles and Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Defence. Dutt holds a PG Diploma in Management.



Smit Shah is the President of Drone Federation of India and represents over 200 drone companies and 2000 drone pilots in India. He works actively with government departments and security agencies to represent the industry's voice in developing regulatory frameworks for drone and counter-drone technology in India. Smit also works with leading drone manufacturers, service providers and large private sector corporations for accelerating technology development and widespread adoption of drones in India. Smit is an I.T. Engineer by education and passionate about integrating public policy and emerging technologies to solve large-scale problems for India. Smit is also DGCA Certified Drone Instructor.

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Robert Friebe presently serves as the Senior Manager of Government Affairs at Volocopter, where he is responsible for devising policy frameworks that facilitate Volocopter's activities in its European core markets. He has over a decade of experience in government and trade relations. Prior to his current role, Friebe played a pivotal role in establishing and shaping the Advanced Air Mobility business unit at the German Aerospace Industries Association (BDLI). In addition, he handled digital and cyber security policies between the industry and the government. Friebe's career began as a Trade Officer at the Embassy of the State of Israel to Germany, where he worked towards bridging the gap between two distinct business cultures. Friebe holds a Master's degree in Security & Diplomacy from Tel Aviv University.



Ugo Astuto is the Ambassador of the European Union to India since October 2019. He entered the Italian Diplomatic Service in 1991. His career in the Italian Foreign Service spans experience in the Embassies in Nairobi and London (including as alternate Director for Italy in the EBRD (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development), in the Permanent Representation in Brussels and in the Embassy in Delhi, where he served as Deputy Head of Mission. From February 2013 until July 2016 he was seconded to the European External Action Service (EEAS) in Brussels, first as Director for South and South East Asia and then as Deputy Managing Director/Director for Asia and the Pacific. From July 2016 to September 2019 he was the Principal Director for Asia in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome.



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