Positive Safety Culture Summit

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Session: Operational Safety Management in Airlines



Nicholas Reyes, Moderator

Nicholas Reyes is the FAA Director, Western Hemisphere, Office of International Affairs (API) with base in Panama City, Panama. As the Director, Western Hemisphere Office, he is responsible for promoting U.S. interests and advancing civil aviation safety, security and efficiency.

Previously, he served as Manager of the Southwest Certificate Management office and the Dallas Fort-Worth International Field office. Mr. Reyes is a former U.S. Airways and American Eagle airline pilot. He served in the military as a Flight Examiner/Pilot with the Puerto Rico Air National Guard and the Texas Army National Guard.



Captain Helena Cunningham

Captain Helena (Reidemar) Cunningham is currently the Central Air Safety Chair for Delta ALPA. She has held the position of Director of SMS at ALPA, prior to that she held the position of Director of Human Factors for six years in the ALPA Air Safety Organization . She was appointed as IFALPA Safety Management Working Group Chair in 2021 and in that capacity her group serves as advisor to the ICAO SMP Annex 19. She is currently a Captain of the Boeing 767-400 at Delta Air Lines.



Capt. Juan Carlos Gonzalez Curzio

For 39 years, served as AeroMexico Pilot, flying experience 24 700 flight hours, currently B787 Captain, TRI/TRE on B787 type. USC graduated on Aviation Safety and Accident Investigation. Former AM Flight Standards and Human Factors Coordinator. Currently SVP of Safety for Grupo AeroMexico (AMX and AMC operators), Chairman for SkyTeam SSQ (Safety, Security and Quality) Group.



Captain Diana Martinez

Commercial airline transport pilot with more than twenty-five (25) years of experience in passenger and cargo operations on national,

international and transatlantic routes. Since March 2014 Captain Diana Martinez, has been IFALPA Regional Vice President SAM North. Expert in leading global safety processes, strong projects management with organizational skills. Active participation in ICAO Safety Working Groups such as Regional Aviation Safety Group – Pan America (RASG-PA), Pan America — Regional Aviation Safety Team (PA-RAST), CAR/SAM Planning and Implementation Regional Group (GREPECAS), promoting safety initiatives and activities with the involvement of all civil aviation stakeholders to towards achieving the highest level of safety in the Pan American Region.



Capt. Alvaro Pereira, Copa

Álvaro Pereira, for 21 years worked in the Bolivian flag line LLoyd Aéreo Boliviano (LAB), the first 5 years as a specialist technician in engines and line operation; he later served as a pilot.

Due to the bankruptcy of LAB, he joined Copa Airlines, being active for the last 16 years. He also works as an Accident/Incident investigator.



Capt. Rick Dominguez

Capt Rick Dominguez is a 35-year Delta veteran and is currently serving as Director of Contract Administration and Pilot Support. He previously served as a Director in Alliances for Delta, promoting safety programs, and working with Delta Safety teams to assess the safety programs of many of our international partner airlines. Rick was instrumental in creating, training, and inaugurating the ASAP program for our Aeromexico partner, a project that included working with the Aeromexico management, government regulators and the pilot union. He has also served extensively in the Delta pilot union, ALPA. His service for the union focused on International Affairs and Alliances, Strategic Planning, codeshares, negotiations, and as the Administrator for the national ALPA headquarters.

Session: Operational Safety Management in Air Navigation Service Providers



Mr. Javier Vanegas- Moderator

Responsible for CANSO's initiatives in Latin America and the Caribbean, Mr. Vanegas represents the interests of CANSO and its Members to promote and facilitate the development of ATM in the region. He also represents CANSO and the ATM industry across the region with governmental and industry bodies. Mr. Vanegas is the Regional Aviation Safety Group – Pan America Industry Co-Chair. Before joining CANSO, Mr. Vanegas spent five years at Enaire's Air Navigation International Development Department, responsible for managing the financial/economic environment of projects such as SESAR, EGNOS and other projects participated by Enaire at an international level.



Victor Arturo Martínez Serna, Operational Safety Management System Manager, CORPAC Current position Operational Safety Management System Manager at CORPAC S.A. Aeronautical Operations Manager at CORPAC S.A. From July 2011 to August 2013 Head of Standards, Procedures and Automation Area at CORPAC S.A. From October 2002 to July 2006 Air Traffic Controller, Control Tower and Control Center in Lima Area From March 1998 to October 2002 Air Traffic Controller, Aerodrome and Approach Control in Iquitos, Pucallpa and Lima. From March 1984 to October 1998



Juan Carlos Trabanino Aguirre, Executive Director, COCESNA-

Mr. Trabanino previously served as the Central American Corporation for Air Navigation Services (COCESNA) Director of Air Navigation Services (ACNA) since 2007. Prior to ACNA worked as an air traffic controller in the region for over 15 years. He is originally from Guatemala and is the Vice-president of the Air Traffic Controller Association in Guatemala.

Session: Operational Safety Management in the Civil Aviation Authorities



Moderator: Jaime Binder, Secretary General, LACAC

LACAC's Secretary (2019 – present)

Mr. Binder is a lawyer and Magister of Public Policy and Management of the University of Chile. He was an officer, for 16 years, in the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Chile where he exercised different positions, among them, the one of Counselor for the Civil Aeronautics Board, and then, after being selected through a public tendering, became the General Secretary of the same organization. Mr. Binder was a professor for Public Policy and Aeronautical Law in the University of Chile and University Adolfo Ibáñez. After a public tendering, he was designated Secretary for the Latin American Commission of Civil Aviation, assuming the role on 2 January 2019.



Fernando Naranjo, Director General, Costa Rica Civil Aviation Authority

Fernando Naranjo Elizondo currently serves as Director General of Civil Aviation Authority in Costa Rica. With more than 20 years of experience in the aviation industry, he has aeronautical licenses in aircraft maintenance, flight dispatch and air traffic control. His academic studies are in Business Administration, Master's degree in Industrial and Organizational Psychology and a Master's degree in Air Navigation Services Management.



Bernardo Castro, Operational Safety Advisor, National Civil Aviation Agency of Brazil

Bernardo Tomaz de Castro currently holds the position of Head of the Safety Office at the Brazilian National Civil Aviation Agency. He has been a career employee at the Agency, working as a specialist in civil aviation regulation since 2010. He has a degree in civil engineer and understands that to increase civil aviation safety and create a positive safety culture, it is necessary to establish and maintain a collaborative environment between authorities, industry and academy.



Kawehi Lum, Division Manager, Safety Analysis and Promotion, FAA

Kawehi Lum is the manager of Flight Standards Service's (FS) Analysis and Promotion Division (AFS-900). She is responsible for the design, development and deployment of FS' systems for certification and oversight of air operators and air agencies. In addition, she oversees FS' Compliance Program and its Safety Management System Program Office. Ms. Lum has extensive aircraft maintenance experience as an aircraft mechanic, avionics technician, accountable manager, adjunct engineer and maintenance control manager, having worked for large and regional U.S. carriers, repair stations, and air tour operators. Prior to joining the FAA in 2002, she was a supervisor with United Airlines' North Pacific Aircraft Maintenance Services.



Alejandro Mena, Manager, Central American Agency for Aviation Safety (ACSA)

Mr. Alejandro Mena is currently the Manager of the Central American Agency for Aeronautical Safety (ACSA) since 2020. Mr. Mena is a Maintenance Technician and an Air Transport Pilot, with over 25 years of aviation experience in different operational areas. He also, has experience as an Airline Transport Pilot Instructor within the industry. Mr. Mena holds an Aircraft Structural Repair Diploma, Aviation Mechanic Diploma, and is finishing his bachelor's degree on Transportation Administration with Emphasis on Aerodromes. He also holds Maintenance Technician Type 1 License, FAA

Aircraft/Powerplant A/P License, and Airplane Transport Pilot (ATP) Flight Instructor/Ground Instructor Captain A-320 / Captain B 737-200 License.

Session: Operational Safety Management in accordance with Annex 19



Peter Cerda, Moderator

Peter Cerdá is the International Air Transport Association's (IATA) Regional Vice President for the Americas. Mr. Cerdá possesses a wealth of industry experience acquired over 30 years in aviation. Based in Miami, Mr. Cerdá oversees 35 countries with 48 member airlines across North and South America, and the Caribbean, driving IATA's global standards and international perspective to deliver maximum value to the safe, sustainable and profitable development of aviation across the region.



Brigadier General Marcelo Moreno, Chief of Air Force, Brazil's Aeronautical Accident Investigation and Prevention Center (CENIPA)

Head of the Center for Investigation and Prevention of Aeronautical Accidents (CENIPA) and President of the National Committee for the Prevention of Aeronautical Accidents (CNPAA).



Fabio Rabbani, Regional Director, OACI SAM

He currently heads the Office in charge of building capacities in South American countries to comply with the provisions of the International Civil Aviation Organization and develop their aviation system as a means for their socio-economic progress. He served as Head of the Airport Infrastructure Department of the National Civil Aviation Agency (ANAC) and as Chief Advisor to the Board of Directors. Previously, he held the position of Director of Airport Management at the Civil Aviation Secretariat of the Presidency of the Republic of Brazil. In addition, he assumed the position of Technical Manager of Facilitation at ANAC and also served as Manager at the Civil Aviation Directorate of the Ministry of Defense.



Christopher Barks, Regional Director, OACI NACC

Mr. Barks joined the FAA in 1997, holding different positions in International Aviation. Until July 2023, Mr. Barks was the Director of Global Strategy and Mission Support in the Federal Aviation Administration's Office of International Affairs in Washington, DC. He was responsible for leading the development of a data-informed, agency-wide strategy and measurable business plan targets for FAA global engagement. Currently he is the Regional Director for ICAO NACC.



Alfonso Arroyo, Latin-America and Caribbean Representative, EASA

Alfonso Arroyo is the representative of the European Un ion Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). Alfonso is seconded from the European Commission and joined EASA in June 2022 and is established in Panama City where EASA's LAC Regional Office is hosted. Alfonso has worked for the European Commission since 1997, having a long experience in international negotiations during his service.

Session: Operational Safety Management in Approved Maintenance Organizations



Virginio Corrieri, Moderator

Virginio Corrieri, for 31 years, served as an officer in the Brazilian Army, having reached the rank of Colonel. In the Army, he specialized as a helicopter pilot, in aeronautical accidents investigation and prevention, and took the master's course in Military Sciences. He served as an UN Military Observer in Sudan, worked at the Brazilian Army Commission in Washington, USA, and, crowning his career, commanded the Presidential Guard Battalion in Brasilia. In the corporate world, he was responsible for

flight safety at OMNI Taxi Aéreo, one of the largest offshore operators in the world, and held the position of Aviation Security Manager at Avianca Brasil airline. He is currently Director of Safety and Flight Operations at the Latin American and Caribbean Air Transport Association (ALTA).



Jorge Suarez, Safety Management System Manager, Avianca

Safety professional with over nine years of experience designing, implementing, and managing, Safety Management Systems (SMS) and Quality Assurance Programs in the Aviation industry. Experience in Operational Safety, Risk Management, Quality Management Systems (QMS) and Quality Assurance (QA). As a SMS Manager, Mr. Suarez leads the implementation, maintenance and operation of SMS within Avianca Group airlines. He also maintains regulatory relations in the area of Safety.



Homero Morales, Director General, El Salvador Civil Aviation Authority

Since 2015 he is part of the Civil Aviation Authority serving from 2015 to 2020, as Head of Organization, Methods and Regulations, in addition to being the National Coordinator of Continuous Observation for the ICAO USOAP- CMA program. In 2020 as Deputy Director of Air Navigation and 2021 as Deputy Director of Flight Safety. As of June 2022, he leads the Civil Aviation Authority of El Salvador as Executive Director.