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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

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Mr Jeffrey Klang, Assistant General Counsel, FAA, United States

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