

MRO AFRICA & AFRICAN AVIATION TRAINING CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION 2023

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Lieutenant General Mohamed Abbas Helmy *Minister of Civil Aviation of Egypt*

Lieutenant General Mohamed Abbas Helmy has a long experience in the military aviation field; he joined the Egyptian Air Forces in 1982 after graduation from the Air Force Academy. He took over several leading positions through his career in the Egyptian Armed Forces. HELMY started his career as a fighter pilot, then Assistant to the Defense Attaché at Rome, Air Squadron Commander, Air Brigade Commander, Assistant Chief of the Air Operations Division for Planning, Deputy Chief of the Air Operations Division, Chief of Staff of the Southern Air Region, Commander of the Southern Air Region, Assistant Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces, Head of the Air Operations Division, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and Air Force Commander.

HELMY acquired numerous training courses over his 40-year career path in the Air Force. He has the Masters Degree of Military Sciences from the College of Command and Staff, Fellowship of the Higher War College from Nasser Military Academy and Higher Course for Senior Leaders from Nasser Military Academy.

His successful career was crowned by many awards such as First-Class Medal of the Republic, Excellent Service Medal, First Class Medal of Military Duty, 25 April 1982 Medal, Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, Air Force 50th Anniversary Medal, Silver Jubilee Medal of October 1973 Victory, Golden Jubilee Medal of the 23rd of July 1952 Revolution, Silver Jubilee Medal for the Liberation of Sinai, Air Force Diamond Jubilee Medal, January 25 Medal and June 30 Medal.

HELMY was selected to assume the position of Minister of Civil Aviation in 14 August 2022.



Captain Amr El Sharkawy *President, Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority*

Captain Amr El Sharkawy joined EGYPTAIR as a pilot in 1994. His distinguished capabilities and unique character resulted in further promotions in his career path to be Senior Commander for the B737 with high experience and excellent management skills along with being Senior Commander of the Airbus 330 since 2015.

EL SHARKAWY has been an outstanding Instructor and Examiner on the B737-800 starting 2005 till 2015. Along with his 28-year Career in aviation, his wide scope of knowledge and experience led to several achievements in the automotive industry and tourism sectors, of which he has assumed senior positions in both areas.

EL SHARKAWY is the chairman and board member of many automotive companies and enjoys executive management experience in the field of transportation and hotel management.

EL SHARKAWY was selected to assume the position of President of the Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority on the 18th of December, 2022



Eng Yehia ZAKARIA *Chairman & CEO, EGYPTAIR Holding Company*

Eng Yehia ZAKARIA has around 38 years of extensive practical experience in aircraft engineering and leadership; having joined the Egyptian Air Forces in 1984 after graduating from Military Technical College.

During his time in the Egyptian Air Force, Eng ZAKARIA assumed many senior positions ranging from aircraft engineer to chief engineer for all aircraft types until he concluded his service in the Air Force as Head of Aircraft Engineers Division culminating in the position of Assistant to the Air Force Commander.

He gained extensive practical experience throughout his career, in addition to completing many training courses in the field of aircraft maintenance, such as aircraft structure and engine repair and aircraft maintenance legislation. Eng ZAKARIA is a part-time board member of a number of subsidiary companies, factories and centers of the Arab Organization for Industrialization.

He joined EGYPTAIR Maintenance & Engineering in 2021 as Chairman and CEO. During his tenure, the company successfully passed several inspections and expanded the scope of technical cooperation with a number of client airlines.

Throughout his career, Eng ZAKARIA has been known for his leadership skills, problem-solving skills, accurate planning and ability to work under pressure.

Having recently been made Chairman & CEO of EGYPTAIR Holding Company, he is now working on utilizing his depth of experience to serve the national aviation organizations to increase their performance by internalizing modern strategies in management, developing the products and improving the economic performance.

Eng ZAKARIA is married with two children and enjoys reading, travelling, and playing sports.

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Eng Walid EL-KHAFIF

Chairman & CEO, EGYPTAIR Maintenance & Engineering

Engineer Walid EL-KHAFIF joined EGYPTAIR in 1989 as an Airframe System Engineer in the Engineering Department. In 2007, he was elected as Airframe System Supervisor at EGYPTAIR Maintenance & Engineering until 2010 when he was promoted to the position of Technical Services Director.

Eng EL-KHAFIF has been recognized over the years of his career for his strong adherence to safety, ability to work as a team member and leader, with an exceptional work ethic.

Eng EL-KHAFIF has a great deal of experience in the field of aircraft maintenance and overhaul, which he gained over 30 years of working in various engineering and administrative positions within the company. He has been a key member of many of the company's development projects, including the selection of new aircraft and aircraft engines for EGYPTAIR Holding Company, supply chain for aircraft maintenance, and implementing digital maintenance applications.



Eng Tarek Abdel Aliem

Technical Director, AirCairo, Egypt

Eng Tarek Abdel Aliem joined EGYPTAIR in 1985, with a B2 (Avionics & Electrics) Engineering for 11 Aircraft types between Boeing, Airbus.

Before that he worked as Customer Handling Service Manager and then as an Aircraft Unit Overhaul Senior Director.

He was Vice Chairman of EGYPTAIR Supplementary Industries, then Chairman & CEO EGYPTAIR Ground Handling Service, and thereafter he became EGYPTAIR Holding Chairman Advisor. Eventually he became Chairman & CEO of EGYPTAIR Maintenance & Engineering.



Mr Fred Bamwesigye

Managing Director, Uganda Civil Aviation Authority (UCAA)

Fred Bamwesigye has been the acting Director-General of Uganda Civil Aviation Authority (UCAA) since July, 2020. He was appointed as the Authority's Deputy Director-General on 5th May 2018 and he had previously served as the UCAA Director of Human Resources and Administration from February 2009.

A lawyer by training Bamwesigye, previously worked at the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) and served as Legal and Human Resource Manager with the National Water and Sewerage Corporation.

Having served for over ten years in senior managerial positions at the UCAA he is an experienced aviation management professional with competencies in Senior Civil Aviation Management, managing Aviation Policy and Regulation, Transport Economics, and managing Airport Operations and Air Navigation Services, all attained from the Singapore Aviation Academy.

Coupled with Corporate Management and Quality Assurance, his experience spanning over 25 years, he served as an Advocate of the High Court of Uganda with a Master of Arts in Development Studies specializing in Human Resources Management from The Hague School of Development Studies in the Netherlands.

Among his other many academic qualifications he has a Diploma in Business Management from the University of Manchester, a Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Centre, and a Bachelor of Laws degree from Makerere University.

Bamwesigye led UCAA teams to manage the Covid-19 pandemic - putting in place Standard Operating Procedures (SPOs) at Entebbe International Airport that allowed the airport to operate with drastically reduced traffic.

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Mr Abdérahmane Berthé

Secretary General, African Airlines Association (AFRAA), Kenya

Mr Abdérahmane Berthé is the Secretary General of AFRAA. Prior to his current role, he was the CEO of Air Burkina. He is a native citizen of Mali and has 28 years' experience in airline industry. Prior to joining Air Burkina in 2013, Mr Berthe built his career in various airlines and multicultural environment both in Europe and Africa at positions such as aircraft performance and dispatch engineering, maintenance and operations quality, ground operations and Chief Executive Officer. He has a total of 16 years' experience as an airline CEO since his first CEO appointment in 1993. During his experience he had been active in many associations including: the European Regional Airlines Association (ERA) operations committee, AFRAA Executive Committee and ECOWAS airlines' steering committee.

Mr Berthé has the following educational qualifications: Air Transport Aeronautical Technics from the French Civil Aviation School in Toulouse (1987 Master Of Science degree), Advanced Automation and Systems from French Aeronautical and Space school in Toulouse (1988 Master Of Science degree), and Business Administration from Business Institute in Toulouse (1989 Master degree). He also obtained a Private Pilot License in 1985 for Single Engine Aircraft.



Eng Noha Deyab

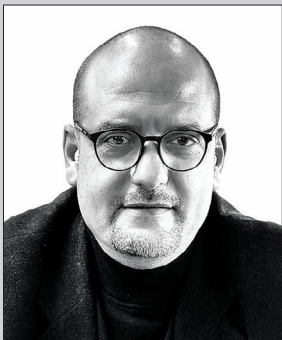
Manager, Course Development Unit, EGYPTAIR Training Academy, Egypt

Eng Noha Deyab is Manager of the Course Development Unit at EGYPTAIR Training Academy. She has the passion and the responsibility to lead a wonderful team working on the design and development of standardized training packages, this is in line with the Academy's vision to become the regional leader of aviation training and one of the best worldwide.

Her interest and experience over the years allowed her to be recognised as an ICAO qualified courses developer for more than seven years and she is the focal point of EGYPTAIR Training Academy in the ICAO TRAINAIR PLUS program.

Eng Deyab has been working in aviation for ten years, starting her career as an electric engineer, approved and licensed on different aircraft types. In addition to being an approved instructor from the Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority and European Aviation Safety Agency.

When she is not at work, Noha has a great passion towards different kinds of Art.



Eng Ahmed EIMahmoudy

Engine Workshop Director Assistant for Projects & Improvements, EGYPTAIR Maintenance and Engineering

Eng Ahmed EIMahmoudy enjoys 31 years of experience in Aero-Engines Maintenance & overhaul business in EGYPTAIR engine shop. ELMAHMOUDY has a wide diversity of experience through those years in maintaining 9 types of engines with their technical issues, establishing worksopes for engine visits, certification, quality control/assurance, investigations, contracts, operation processes improvement, project management, and risk management. He is an instructor for safety management system, instructor for human factors and applying Lean six sigma principals.

ELMAHMOUDY was a key person in EGYPTAIR Maintenance & Engineering's Engine Maintenance Complex development project in cooperation with Rolls Royce and Lufthansa to be a world class Engine shop from 2009 till 2019 and assumed the position of technical manager from 2017 till 2019.

ELMAHMOUDY also was the production manager of the Engine Maintenance Complex for one year and the production support manager for 3 years. Now, ELMAHMOUDY is responsible for the improvement and projects of the Engine Maintenance Complex, along with certifying engineers and applying Lean six sigma in all the Engine Maintenance Complex working areas.

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Mr. Mohammed Salem Awadh Hadi

Corporate Planning Director, Head of Fleet Planning Committee, Yemenia

Mohammed Salem Awad Hadi, Corporate Planning Director – Yemenia – Yemen Airways, Has an Executive - MBA, from International Joint Program between MSM and Sana'a University, A Bachelors Degree in Engineering from Aden University, IATA Diploma in Airline Management and IATA Diploma in Airline Marketing.

He joined Yemenia in June 1988. He held many managerial positions among which; Head of reliability and maintenance, projects and research manager and Corporate Planning Director. He serves many local Yemeni companies as a scientific consultant in supply chain, forecasting and maintenance. Also he served as an active member of the both the Arabic Strategic Team and Arabic Planning Committee of AACO. Mohammed is an AGIFORS and ATRS member and has published many international papers in IATA, IFTOM, Aviation Industry, Terrapinn, Avail, AGIFORS, and ATRS Conferences.



Eng Mohamed Mostafa Hefny

Stock Control Manager, EGYPTAIR Maintenance & Engineering

With technical and engineering academic studies, **Eng Mohamed Mostafa Hefny** joined EGYPTAIR Maintenance & Engineering since 2010 as a Technical Support Engineer specialized in the components maintenance.

Over 9 years of remarkable contributions, HEFNY proved to be a distinguished asset to EGYPTAIR Maintenance & Engineering, and consequently he was promoted in 2019 to a higher level of management to head the Component Contracts Section where he had noticeable efforts in managing the components contracts for repair management, pool services providers... etc. Again, HEFNY remarkably contributed to the cost control and the enhancement of components availability.

Later in 2020, HEFNY was further promoted to be the Technical Warehouse Manager. Since 2022 and as current Stock Control Manager, HEFNY took over responsibility of EGYPTAIR fleet spares and now watches over the stock level and guarantees the availability of spare parts for aircraft under heavy and light checks.



Eng Hany Hussein

Assistance Chairman & MD, Technical Affairs, PAS, Egypt

Petroleum Air Services is an Egyptian joint stock company established under the investment law of Egypt in 1983.

The stockholders are Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation owns 75% of the shares and Bristow Group Incorporation owns 25%.

PAS provides Air Service Transportation inside and outside Egypt using helicopters and fixed wing aircraft for oil & gas companies, National Projects, economic entities, repair and maintenance for its own and third-party aircraft, washing electric Insulators and recently airborne geophysical survey by helicopter for mineral resources companies for Golden mines.

Moreover, the company performs Air Taxi services, scheduled and charter flights and is member of IATA.

Leonardo helicopters have approved the company as the recognized maintenance service center for AW139 type since 20/12/2022 to serve the company and third-party helicopters.

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Mr Iván Hutter

Director, Marketing, Europe and Africa, GE Aerospace, UK

Mr Iván Hutter leads GE Aerospace Marketing for Europe and Africa based in London focusing on the strategic direction of the air transport industry. He has held several global and strategic leadership roles at GE Aerospace in the USA in commercial engines, aircraft systems and business aviation. He has also served as General Manager of GE Aerospace Czech and of GE Lighting Europe & MEA. He holds an MBA from Kettering University, USA and a M.Sc. degreed engineer. A life-long aviator, holding an FAA Airline Transport Pilot License, a current technical and instructor pilot keeping his currency in Boeing and Airbus products.



Mr Joel Kamate

English Instructor & ECGAT Coordinator, EAMAC-ASENCA, Niger

Joel Kamate is a Malian who worked as an Air Traffic Controller in Mali before joining EAMAC (Niamey-Niger) in June 2008. At EAMAC he is responsible for the English LAB, the AATO focal Point and has facilitated the membership of many ATOs to AATO, Aviation English Language Rater & Interlocutor, Coordinator of ASECNA Aviation English Testing Team (ECGAT) and he is frequently honoured to be MC during aviation events for ASECNA, AATO & ICAO regional bodies: 2018 AFI Plan week (Niger), African ANSPs Meeting (Togo 2022), CANSO Africa Conference (Senegal 2022), AATO 4th general Assembly (Niger 2022).

Mr Kamate is an Interpreter during AATO meetings and he successfully organised the 4th AATO general Assembly in Niamey 2022.

He holds an MA in English, a Master's in HRM, a Master's in Marketing and Communication, ICAO LP Rater's & test design certificates as well as TESOL & TEYL. He is married with five children, lives in Niger and enjoys football and music.



Mr Gaoussou Konate

Consulting Director, Technical & Operations, African Airlines Association (AFRAA), Kenya

Graduate Engineer in Mechanical Engineering at the French 'Institut National des Sciences Appliquées de Lyon,' **Mr Gaoussou Konate** is an aviation sector expert with over 40 years of experience. Since January 2019, Gaoussou has been the Consulting Director Technical and Operations of the African Airlines Association (AFRAA). He covers engineering, flight, ground operations, safety, and security support, including airport and air navigation tax, fees, charges, and joint projects (MRO, line maintenance, fuel procurement, consultancy services, and training) air transport.

Mr Konate consulted for the African Development Bank helping coordinate and collaborate on developing its framework and guidelines to support the African aviation sector.

He previously worked as ICAO Deputy Regional Director, Western and Central Africa (WACAF), and as Regional Director SO&I, IATA. During his time at IATA, he was responsible for the Safety, Operations, and Infrastructure Department (Africa & Indian Ocean, AFI). He participated in and led several IATA and ICAO technical missions at various airports in Africa.

Mr Konate started his career at Air Afrique in 1979; he served AFRAA as Technical Director from 1990 to 2000.



Mr Simon Knechtli

Managing Director, Aerospace, WTW, UK

Mr Simon Knechtli has a career spanning 36 years in the aviation insurance broking industry. He is a member of the Leadership Executive of WTW's Aerospace business unit.

Mr Knechtli is recognised as having a keen focus on airline risk & insurance in Africa, the Middle East and Europe, and is a French-speaker.

WTW have a partnership agreement with AviAssist, strengthening its commitment to aviation safety in Africa.

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Capt Jonathan Kordich

Executive Vice President, FlightPath International, Canada

Captain Jonathan Kordich is an accomplished Executive with over 25 years in the Airline Training Industry.

He is currently the Executive Vice President of Star Navigation, a Multi-National Flight Sciences Technology Corporation based in Toronto, Canada.

Concurrently, Jonathan serves as Executive Vice President and Director of Standards of FlightPath International, a Transport Canada and EASA ATO also based in Toronto

Prior to entering the public sector, Jonathan served as a Military Pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Jonathan holds several Post-Secondary Degrees, including: Nuclear Physics from the University of Montreal and AeroSpace Engineering from the University of Chicago.

His hobbies include fixing anything broken in the house.



Ms Margareth Kyarwenda

Secretary General, Association of African Aviation Training Organisations (AATO), Ethiopia

Ms Margareth Kyarwenda has spent more than 25 years in the aeronautical engineering planning and maintenance industry. She spent four years managing a training organization before joining the Association of African Aviation Training Organizations (AATO) in 2015. She brings with her a blend of experiences from Air Navigation Services operations, project management and aviation training.

Ms Kyarwenda attained a Full Technician Certificate in Electronics and Telecommunication in 1981. She then graduated with a BSc in Computer Systems and later received a Master of Business Administration. She is a certified engineer and ICAO Course Developer and Instructor. She was also the President of the Tanzania Air Traffic Electronics Safety Association and a Board Member of the Tanzania Covenant Bank for Women.

She actively participated in the establishment of AATO and became the first Secretary General of the association which is based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. She participated in the development of the African Aviation Training Roadmap and is currently serving a second term as the AATO Secretary General.



David McKenna

Managing Director, Services Sales, Boeing Global Services

As Managing Director for Commercial Services Sales for BGS, Dave leads services sales teams in Middle East, Africa, and Eurasia. In his prior assignment as 787 Customer Leader in Product Marketing,

Dave was responsible for representing the voice of the customer to 787 Program Leadership while communicating the value of Boeing airplanes to customers. Prior to joining Product Marketing, Dave was 787 Senior Deputy Fleet Chief responsible for customers in the Middle East, Africa and Central Asia. Prior to that, Dave was Senior Manager for airplane level integration responsible for systems integration and design, lean engineering and other engineering and manufacturing cost reduction initiatives on the 787 program. Between 2001 and 2009, Dave was BCA Sales Program Manager for Asia Pacific Sales for All Nippon Airways, Korean Airlines, and Jeju Air, and Business Development Leader for 787 Program including Europe, Russia, Turkey, Middle East, Africa, Central Asia, Japan, China and Korea.

Dave joined the Boeing Company in 1988 and had various Engineering and Product Development roles including Flight Simulations, 767/747 Manufacturing Liaison, Airport Technology and 777/767/747 Configurations. Dave received a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering from California Polytechnic State University.

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Mr Andreas Liagos

Corporate Key Account Manager, Lufthansa Technik, Germany

With over 25 years of working experience and an aeronautical engineering degree (TU-Berlin, Germany) **Mr Andreas Liagos** held various positions in the aviation industry. He started his career in aircraft design & production planning at Fairchild Dornier (328 Prop/Jet aircraft manufacturer) near Munich-Germany in 1998. He was leading the team for “328Jet customer options” before moving to a sales management position for aircraft base maintenance services to North of Germany. After joining Lufthansa Technik AG (LHT) in 2004, he held various roles in the Component Maintenance division and Corporate sales organization supporting projects in Europe, Asia and America. Since 2015 he took among other regions in Europe responsibility for LHT Group sales activities in South Africa. During the last 7 years LHT signed significant MRO agreements with all major airlines in South Africa, such as SAA, Mango, Comair and Safair, providing Engine-, Component-, Engineering- and Line-maintenance services in the region.



Mr Henrik Lührs

Managing Director, AIRCADEMY, Germany

Mr. Henrik Lührs started his career in aviation in 2001 as a professional pilot and ground instructor for major flight schools in Germany. In 2008, he founded AIRCADEMY, a specialist aviation publishing house, of which he is still Managing Director and Head of Product Development. Since 2014 he works regularly with EASA as external expert dealing with the development of question databases and curricula. In parallel, he obtained university degrees in history and social sciences and works as a lecturer at the University of Hagen, specialized on technical developments in Africa. Since 2015 he is senior consultant and project manager for the implementation of examination software systems at CAAs and training schools across Europe and Africa. He is question bank manager of FCL, UAS and AME question banks, which are widely used by CAAs worldwide. Most recently, he was head of Task Forces developing harmonized curricula for drones and private pilots in Europe. He published more than 20 books dealing with aviation training.



Mr Aymeric Mechin

Vice President, Sales, ME & Africa, Air France Industries KLM E&M

Former Strategic Sales Director for Europe and General Sales Manager for GCC Region, Mr Aymeric Mechin worked in various business units within Air France Industries such as the component shop as Project Manager, the airframe hangars in heavy maintenance management position, and in the engine shop as Head of Customer Support Department.



Eng Hisham Nasser

Chairman Consultant for Quality and Safety, EGYPTAIR Maintenance & Engineering

Enjoying more than 38 years of experience in the aviation industry, **Eng Hisham Nasser** is the former Chairman and CEO of EGYPTAIR Maintenance & Engineering and the former Chairman of the MRO Collaboration Steering Board in the Arab Air Carriers Organization (AACO).

He is now the Chairman Consultant for Quality and Safety in EGYPTAIR Maintenance & Engineering and Instructor in the Aerospace Division of the Faculty of Engineering in Cairo University.

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Mr Wellington Nyuswa

Interim CEO, South African Airways Technical (SAAT), South Africa

Mr Wellington Nyuswa is the Interim CEO of South African Airways Technical. He is an Accountant by profession, with more than 20 years of experience in leading private and public organisations. He has held several senior management positions in various sectors such as auditing, banking, catering and aviation.

In the main, aviation has been his passion and he has diverse work experience gained throughout his career. His inquisitive mind, combined with the drive to create shareholder value wherever he goes, he has been instrumental in companies that he has worked for to deliver revenue maximisation, efficient spending and improved processes.

He is a Leader who believes in giving each team member a fair chance to contribute positively towards the attainment of the company strategic goals.

He has recently led a Finance Team in a restructuring project to turn a loss-making entity into a profit-making and customer centric world-class organisation. Wellington holds a BCom Accounting Honours & CTA from the University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa.



Ms Maureen Okomo

Director of Maintenance, Jambojet, Kenya

Ms Maureen Okomo is Kenya's first female licensed aeronautical engineer. She holds an MBA in Aviation Management and Operations from Moi University, and is a graduate of Radio, TV and Electronics Engineering from Jomo Kenyatta University of Science and Technology (JKUAT). She has over 34 years' experience in the aviation industry, 14 of which have been in leadership roles.

Maureen is currently the Director of Maintenance at Jambojet, a role she has held since April 2014. She has been instrumental in the setting up and leading the Maintenance Organization in Jambojet, acquisition of the airline's Air Operators Certificate (AOC) in 2015 and in 2022 gained Approved Maintenance Organization (AMO) status.

Prior to joining Jambojet, she worked at Kenya Airways from 1988 as a Technician, and worked her way up to Head of Base Maintenance and later Head of Line Maintenance. She is licensed as an aircraft engineer for various aircraft types, including B737-300/700/800, B767, B777 and Dash 8-400. Her key strengths are in Aircraft Maintenance, Airline Operations, Quality and Safety Management, Project Management, People Management and Strategy.



Mr Indran Pillay

Manager, Human Resource Development & Training, South African Airways Technical (SAAT), South Africa

Mr Indran Pillay started his career at SAAT as a Mechanical apprentice in the early 1990s. He qualified as an Aircraft Mechanic and became a Mechanical Training Instructor and is now responsible for the execution of SAAT's Training and Development Strategy.

Mr Pillay has a vast knowledge of and considerable experience in aviation maintenance training and this aligns with South Africa's National Skills Development Strategy for the aviation sector.

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Mr Dominic Raja

Vice Chairman & President, Global Engine Maintenance, USA

Mr Dominic Raja is the President and Vice Chairman of Global Engine Maintenance (GEM). He has been heading GEM for the past eight years. He has held key management positions for more than 28 years, managing different businesses globally. Dominic was involved in the development and operations of various power plants in India and has also held key management roles in business development, project execution and operations management. He was part of the M&A team of the family office and has also raised capital for various projects.

Dominic holds a Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering and a Master's in Business Administration from India. He is also part of the Global CXO program from The Wharton School.



Capt Elias Sadek

Minister Advisor for Air Transport, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Egypt

As a B777 Captain and Instructor, Check Airman, and Examiner on many aircraft types, **Capt Elias Sadek** has held a few managerial positions.

Among other Management positions, Captain ELIAS served as a chairman and CEO of the Egyptian Aviation Academy for 5 years, and earlier, he was the VP of Safety & Quality for Egypt Air Holding Company.

Captain ELIAS'S background paved the way for his contribution and added value in his capacity to the civil aviation sector over 35 years.



Eng Hani Salaheldin

Chairman Advisor, EGYPTAIR Holding Company

Eng Hani Salaheldin, former Chairman & CEO of EGYTPTAIR Maintenance & Engineering, enjoys around 30 years of extensive practical experience in aircraft engineering. He moved through

various departments of EGYTPTAIR Maintenance & Engineering with various activities related to the MRO. He assumed several positions in EGYPTAIR Maintenance & Engineering, including Director of Materials, Director of Base Maintenance, Director of Tools, Calibration and GSE, and Director of Line Maintenance, and served as Chief Inspector at EGYPTAIR Airlines Company. Playing a major role in developing the performance of each department he joined,

Salaheldin has always been the first candidate for other development positions. Later, he was chosen to be an Advisor to the Minister of civil Aviation, then Advisor to the Chairman of EGYPTAIR Holding Company.

His experience is supported by training and qualification courses in leadership, management, and quality assurance skills. Salaheldin also worked as an aviation accident investigator, in addition to obtaining many engineering licenses for aircraft types operating in EGYPTAIR.

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Eng Mohamed Samy

Accountable Manager, EGYPTAIR Maintenance & Engineering

Eng Mohamed Samy graduated with Merit from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering at Cairo University in Egypt in 1987. In 1989 He joined EGYPTAIR as an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer.

During his career in EGYPTAIR, he assumed several positions. In 1994 he joined the Material Directorate acting as Material and Spares Planner. In 2002, he was selected to join the working group dedicated to establish EGYPTAIR Maintenance & Engineering Quality Management System to be approved from the European Aviation Safety Association (EASA) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

In 2006, he was appointed as the Manager of Quality improvement of EGYPTAIR Maintenance & Engineering. He became the Quality Assurance Director of EGYPTAIR Maintenance & Engineering in 2012. Currently and since 2015, SAMI is the Accountable Manager of EGYPTAIR Maintenance & Engineering and is also the Board Member Responsible for National and International Accreditations.

In addition to his career at EGYPTAIR, SAMI is also an Instructor at the American University in Cairo for the Post Graduate Diploma in Total Quality Management, approved instructor in the Arab Air Carrier Organization (AACO) for Aviation Safety and Quality Courses. He was appointed by the Arab Air Carrier Organization (AACO) as the Chairman of Initiative Joint Audit Program

for the Member Air Carriers vendors. He is also a Lead Auditor for ISO 9001, ISO 45001 and ISO 14001 Standard.



Mr Jason Sutcliffe

Regional Marketing Director, EMEA Rolls-Royce, UAE

Mr Jason Sutcliffe joined Rolls-Royce in 2006 as a Fleet Planner in its newly formed Operations Centre in Derby, UK. After three years and following a one-year secondment with Singapore Airlines, Jason undertook a position in East Hartford USA as Customer Fleet Director with International Aero Engines (IAE). Jason was responsible for the day-to-day management of the V2500 engine fleet in the Middle East.

In 2012, Jason returned to the UK to take up the position of Marketing Director for Rolls-Royce, playing a customer relationship role in both the Target and Sales phases. In 2017, Jason moved to the UAE as the Regional Marketing Director for Europe, Middle East, Africa and Central Asia. Prior to joining Rolls-Royce, Jason spent 19 years in the British Royal Air Force as an Aircraft Engineer.



Kassie Yimam Fetene

Acting Managing Director, Ethiopian Aviation University, Ethiopia

Mr Kassie Yimam Fetene started his career as a licensed aircraft maintenance technician some 28 years back and he progressed through the aircraft maintenance technician roles to become a Technical Instructor of the Ethiopian Airlines Pilot Training School. He then advanced to a Senior Technical Instructor position before he moved to the training development section of the academy.

Kassie Yimam is an ICAO qualified course developer. He has served the Ethiopian Aviation Academy as Manager, Curriculum Development and e-learning Solutions. He implemented e-learning solutions at Ethiopian Aviation Academy for the first time some 12 years back.

He is currently A/Managing Director of the Ethiopian Aviation Academy, which is upgraded now to the Ethiopian Aviation University.