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ACP Co-chair (Industry) &
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Speaker's Profile



Mr. Vishal S. Amin,
Senior Regional Representative, South Asia,
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Vishal S. Amin, brings over 20 years of diverse experience in civil and military aviation. Prior to returning to government service, Vishal was the Chief Executive Officer of Aertron, Inc., a veteran-owned business providing innovative transportation solutions. Vishal was also appointed by the Governor of Maryland to serve as a Commissioner on the Maryland Aviation Commission overseeing Baltimore/Washington Thurgood Marshall Airport. Prior to founding Aertron, Vishal was Chief of Staff to the Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) where he led engagements with key international stakeholders such as the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the Transportation Safety Board of Canada, the Japan Transport Safety Board, and the United Kingdom Air Accidents Branch.

As the first Indian-American diplomat serving as the Senior Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regional representative for South Asia, based out of the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, Vishal is responsible for building strong partnerships with counterparts in the civil aviation authorities in India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Maldives. Vishal is responsible for being the top FAA authority in South Asia on U.S. civil aviation, policies, practices and procedures. He is responsible for coordinating and managing aviation related activities with other U.S. Government agencies, foreign civil aviation authorities and international aviation organizations. Vishal is passionate about aviation safety and will also promote international aviation safety and efficiency, solicit support for U.S. standards, policies, and procedures that promote safety and efficiency in the global air transportation system.

Vishal began his Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) career as an air traffic controller and worked in numerous leadership roles within the FAA. Vishal is also a FAA certified Commercial Pilot and Single and Multi-engine Flight Instructor. Vishal has a Professional Certificate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Bachelor's of Science in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Vishal served four years in the United States Air Force and was also appointed to the U.S. Air Force Academy. Vishal is also multi-lingual and fluent in both Hindi and Gujarati. Vishal is happily married and is a proud father of two boys.



Mr. Thomas R. Hardy,
Director for Program Management,
U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA)

Thomas R. Hardy was appointed on August 4, 2020 as the Director for Program Management of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, a U.S. government agency that helps U.S. businesses create jobs through the export of their goods and services for priority development projects in emerging economies. USTDA links U.S. companies to global export opportunities by providing early project preparation assistance that matches U.S. technological expertise with overseas infrastructure development needs – creating lasting business partnerships between the U.S. companies and emerging market economies.

Previously, Mr. Hardy led USTDA as the Director (Acting) from 2017-2020 where he helped to transform the Agency to take on the challenges presented in an ever-changing global landscape. He has also served as the Chief of Staff and as a Country Manager in the East Asia and sub-Saharan Africa regions.

Prior to joining USTDA, Mr. Hardy served as an advisor to Commissioner Thelma J. Askey at the U.S. International Trade Commission and as a staff member of the Committee on Ways and Means in the U.S. House of Representatives.



Mr. Rajiv Bansal,
Chairman & Managing Director,
Air India

Senior IAS officer Shri Rajiv Bansal had taken over as the Chairman and Managing Director of Air India on 17th February, 2020. On 27th April, 2020 he has been appointed in the rank and pay of Secretary to the Government of India. Prior to his current assignment, Shri Bansal had been serving as the Additional Secretary, Ministry of petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India. Shri Bansal had held the additional charge of Chairman & Managing Director, Air India earlier in 2017.

A 1988-batch IAS officer of the Nagaland cadre, Shri Rajiv Bansal is a Civil Engineer by profession, having graduated from IIT, Delhi in 1986. He is also qualified with a Diploma in Finance from ICFAI, Hyderabad as well as an Executive Masters in International Business from IIFT, New Delhi.

In his long and distinguished career spanning over three decades, Shri Bansal has been CEO of National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) during 2016-17 and CEO of Investor Education Protection Fund Authority (IEPF) in 2019. Shri Bansal has served as Secretary, Central Electricity Regulator Commission, Joint Secretary in the Department of Heavy Industries and as Director in the Ministry of Civil Aviation. He has been Director on the Board of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), which are listed at ranking 190 and 309 respectively in Fortune 500 Global list of 2020. Apart from this, he has also been on the Board of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL)-(earlier name of Air India) and Alliance Air and other organizations. He also held key assignments in the State Government of Nagaland during his stint in the state.



Dr. Shefali Juneja,
Representative to India,
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Dr Shefali Juneja took over on was appointed on August 28, 2019 as the Representative of India on the Council of International Civil Aviation Organization in Montreal, Canada. ICAO is a specialized UN Agency, that regulates international aviation. Governed by the Chicago Convention of 1944, it provides standards and regulations to its 193 Member States and Aviation industry. Previously, Dr Shefali was Joint Secretary in Ministry of Civil Aviation dealing with International Agreements (2012-2019). She was the chief bilateral air services negotiator for India for 6 years and she helped to transform the bilateral air service negotiations by implementing Open Skies as per the National Civil Aviation Policy 2016. She has served as the Board of Director in Air India group companies namely- Air India Express and Alliance Air. She has worked as a Director in the Ministry prior to her alleviation serving in Finance, Economic Regulation, Aviation Security and Air India divisions. With an MBA in Aviation Management and Certificate Course from McGill University in Aviation law, Dr Juneja brings a rich practical and theoretical knowledge in Aviation.

Prior to joining Ministry of Civil Aviation, Dr Shefali, has served on many sensitive and challenging assignments, semi-judicial positions and administrative and financial positions in the government as a civil servant, belonging to the Indian Revenue Service, 1992 batch.



Mr. Raja Saggi,
Director, Marketing and Strategy & Operations,
Google

Raja is Director of Strategy & Ops and Ads Marketing SMB in the UK – the biggest market for Google outside the US and the world’s most advanced country in terms of e-commerce and online advertising spending.

Raja’s team is responsible for acquiring, on boarding and growing customers for products such as Ad Words and Google My Business through a variety of offline, online and partner channels. His team also manages flagship programs such as Google Partners and Think with Google. During the Covid-19 crisis, his team has supported businesses in the UK, with programs that help them get online and grow successfully, and manage and motivate their teams effectively.

Prior to this role Raja spent 15 years in marketing, business development and consulting with Hibu (Yell), SAP (Ariba) and Accenture, as well as startups in London and Silicon Valley. He has a degree from UCL and an MBA from Insead.

Raja is an advisor to tech startups and non-profits.



Mr. S. Vasudevan,

Partner and Head – Aviation in India &

Global Sector Lead – Airports

KPMG

Dr. Vasudevan heads the Aviation practice in KPMG in India. He is also the Global Sector Lead for KPMG's Airports business and advises governments, airport owners, operators and aviation stakeholders on policy, strategy, finance, operations and transaction related solutions. He has been actively engaged on various policy and regulatory matters in aviation and PPP transactions in the wider transport sector, over the last 20 years. He was part of the team that advised the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India on the National Airports Strategy and the National Civil Aviation Policy (2016).

Vasu led project teams that successfully advised the Maharashtra and Goa governments to select the Greenfield airport PPP concessionaires in Navi Mumbai and Mopa. He also led the team that Government of Andhra Pradesh in selecting a joint venture partner for developing the Bhogapuram International airport near Vizag (AP) on PPP basis. He has worked with MoCA, AAI and AERA, the airport economic regulator on a number of strategic engagements including preparing the report on corporatization of air navigation services, operationalization of GAGAN, business plans, tariff and regulatory matters and transaction related services. He has worked with all leading private airport operators in the country in various capacities. He is also a key member of the team advising a leading airport operator on the transition management for new airport concessions. He has also been actively involved in advising the Kannur International Airport on their business transformation and growth strategy.

In his global role, Vasu has worked extensively with aviation and transport sector clients in the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Bhutan, Qatar and Oman on airport development strategies, operational transformation solutions, policy reforms, feasibility studies and PPP transactions. He is a member of the US-India Aviation Co-operation Program, speaks widely on various industry matters and writes regularly for the media.

Other than airports, Vasu has led many engagements for leading transport clients including Virgin Hyperloop One (VHO), Adani Group, CIDCO, NHAI, RVNL, DMRC, Ministry of Shipping & Road Transport, GMR Group, Mitsui, Balfour Beatty, the World Bank and USTDA.

Vasu is an economist by training and holds a Ph.D. in Transport Management from the Indian Institute of Science. He is a recipient of the prestigious Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fellowship (JNMF) for doctoral studies and was invited to pursue his work as a research scholar in the National University of Singapore before he chose a career in the consulting industry.

He is currently based in Bangalore and is actively involved in building KPMG's global aviation airport portfolio with a focus on PPP transactions, operations, regulations and technology-enabled transformation solutions.



Ms. Mehnaz Ansari,
Sr. Regional Representative - South Asia, Indo- Pacific Region,
U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA)

Ms. Mehnaz Ansari heads the United States Trade and Development Agency's (USTDA) office for the South Asia Region. She is based at the US Embassy in New Delhi. She is responsible for managing USTDA's South Asia office operations and leads USTDA activities in advancing host country development priorities, US industry trade interest and US government's foreign policy objectives. India is USTDA's largest portfolio worldwide. Besides USTDA's core programs in Civil Aviation and Clean energy, Mehnaz has helped expand South Asia portfolio to include sectors such as Rail, Ports, Smart Cities, Oil and Gas, Healthcare, ICT, Executive Education, Standards and Finance. She has been working on USTDA's Global Procurement Initiative and helped experiment it first time with fostering a partnership at a subnational level with the State of Maharashtra. She has been instrumental to partner with the World Bank on working together on Digital Infrastructure and Smart Cities across South Asia. She actively works with the governments in South Asian countries such as India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Maldives, Afghanistan to develop new markets and promote US Business interests.

Mehnaz represents USTDA on its two-signature public-private partnerships in India, the US-India Aviation Cooperation Program (ACP) and the US-India Energy Cooperation Program (ECP). She is a member of the Government of India's Consultative Committee on Smart Cities for Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh. She is also a member of the Global ICT Sector Team.

Mehnaz is an avid speaker and published writer on International and Indian platforms on multiple sectors including aviation, smart cities, rail, energy, ports, and business management. A recipient of multiple U.S. Government Mission and Industry awards, Mehnaz is also a member of U.S. Mission's Gender Empowerment Committee, USTDA's Global Transportation Team and life member of Women in Aviation-India Chapter and The Rotary Wing Society of India.



Mr. Debayan Sen,
Associate Director – India,
Landrum & Brown

Debayan Sen is a PPP advisory expert, who has advised some of the largest airports in the world on strategic and master planning, market forecasting, capital expenditure assessment and operational efficiency. His experience includes integral involvement in both the sell-side and buy-side of a wide range of airport projects directed at securing private sector ownership.

Debayan has led Master Plans for London Gatwick, Delhi and Hyderabad airports and capacity optimization efforts for numerous airports across the world.

Debayan leads L&B's India practice and has bachelor of engineering from University of Mumbai and an MBA from London Business School.



Mr. Sundreysh Sarup,
ACP Co-chair (Industry) &
Managing Director,
Logistics Plus India

Sundreysh is the Managing Director of Logistics Plus India. He is an experienced professional with over 28 Years of working in the International Freight & Logistics Industry. He started the Indian arm of Logistics Plus Inc, an Erie, PA based organization in July 2013. India plays a very important role in Logistics Plus global growth and Sundreysh plays a very critical role in its growth. Today Logistics Plus serves thousands of customers ranging from General Electric to Google to Amazon to We Work, with over 500 employees operating in over 25 countries around the world. Logistics Plus India plays a pivotal role in handling complex consignments and have offered our of box solutions to multitude of customers.

Born in Patiala, Punjab Sundreysh is an individual with varied interests. Sundreysh plays Basketball, Tabla & incorporates photography and running in his personal regime. He resides in Gurgaon with his Interior Designer wife Anuradha and a 14 year old son.