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Ioana is an International Cooperation Officer and Project Manager at the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), where she leads EU-funded aviation cooperation programmes in Africa, notably in support of the operationalisation of the Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM).

A lawyer specialised in international air and space law, she holds an LL.M. from Leiden University and has over twenty years of professional experience spanning legal practice, public aviation administration, and international regulatory cooperation. She was admitted to the Brussels Bar, where she practised in civil, commercial and administrative law, developing litigation and advisory expertise before moving into the field of aviation governance.

She subsequently served as Head of the Legal Department of the Belgian Civil Aviation Authority, advising on national, EU and international aviation legislation, contributing to EU and national rulemaking processes, and participating in bilateral and multilateral air transport negotiations within EU and ICAO frameworks.

Her work combines doctrinal legal analysis with institutional and regulatory strategy, particularly in contexts where market integration, safety oversight and regulatory harmonisation intersect. In the African context, she has been closely involved in supporting legal and institutional convergence, strengthening continental coordination mechanisms, and accompanying the progressive implementation of SAATM.

At the workshop, she will contribute to the discussions on the international and EU legal frameworks governing aviation taxes, fees and charges, and share practical perspectives on regulatory harmonisation and institutional coordination in the context of regional integration.



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