

Mr. Ángel-Luis Arias was appointed Representative of Spain on the ICAO Council on 9 June 2023.

Prior to his appointment as Representative, most recently Mr. Arias served as General Manager of ENAIRE and Chairman of CRIDA since 2015.

From January 2012 to May 2015, Mr. Arias held the positions of Director General of Civil Aviation and Chairman of the Governing Board of the Aviation Safety Agency (AESA), Vice-President of the European Agency for the Safety of Air Navigation (EUROCONTROL), and member of the ECAC Coordination Committee.

From 1991 until 2011, Mr. Arias worked at AENA occupying technical and managerial positions including Director of Strategic Planning, Deputy Director to the Presidency, Director of Planning and Management Control and Director of Strategy, Innovation and Sustainability.

Throughout his professional career, Mr. Arias has been a member of several civil aviation working groups of various organizations and entities including ICAO, EUROCONTROL, EU, ESA, among others. In 1998, the European Commission appointed him Vice-Chairman of the Expert Group for the definition of the Future European Air Transport System. Mr. Arias has also been member of the Board of Directors of EGNOS Satellite Service Provider (ESSP) and SESAR SJU, TYFSA, CLASA, ENAIRE, SENASA, INTA, INECO, and AENA.

From 1998 to 2012 he was professor of Air Navigation in the Aeronautical Management Degree at the Autonomous University of Madrid.

He belongs to the Military Corps of Aeronautical Engineers of the Air Force and to the Civil Corps of Aeronautical Engineers of Spain.

He is the recipient of various awards including: the Asociación de Líneas Aéreas de España award (2019), the Diploma de Honor del Real Aeroclub de España (2018), the Gran Cruz de Mérito Aeronáutico con distintivo blanco (2017) and the “Engineer of the Year 2016” by the Official College of Aeronautical Engineers of Spain.

Mr. Arias holds Master's degrees in Aeronautical Engineering from the Polytechnic University of Madrid and in Business Administration from the Madrid Business School.