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Works on strategy and delivery of projects in support of IAG's zero net carbon pathway, including work on both CO2 and non-CO2 impacts of aviation. Currently IAG lead on sustainability policy development with respect to sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) and other climate related policy. An expert in SAF development, climate policy and carbon accounting. Part of the group Sustainability Strategy team at International Airlines Group (owner of British Airways, Aer Lingus, Iberia, Level, Vueling). Leads carbon credits procurement for the group alongside and sustainable fuels/carbon/energy/non-CO2 policy development, at EU and at international level via the UN body the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

- Leads work within IAG on Taxonomy, corporate reporting standards relating to climate/sustainable energy, sustainable finance.
- Leads IAG government affairs work on sustainable fuels and climate nationally at UK, EU and globally, representing IATA the airline trade body at the International Civil Aviation Organisation Fuels Task Group (responsible for developing climate regulations under the CORSIA.)
- Co-ordination of group policy for non-CO2 mitigation and participant in a number of existing/emerging working groups including UK Jet Zero, RMI, Sustainable Markets Initiative, IATA, EASA.
- Stakeholder management – via industry stakeholders, investors, government and internal corporate strategy to align around net zero ambitions.
- Responsible for project development of IAG/BA's sustainable fuels and carbon investment/partnership programmes including man management experience and budgetary responsibility.
- Carbon removals policy and project development for nature based and engineered removals and leads work on future carbon strategy with respect to carbon offsetting.
- Non-CO2 group policy development and mitigation.
- Technical and policy advisor to IAG's venture capital arm which has worked with a number of non-CO2 modellers.
- Holds Honours Degree in Chemistry with extensive industrial experience, Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, familiar with complex technical issues with an MSc in Corporate Environmental Management.

## **CAREER HISTORY**

### **International Airlines Group**

June '23 – present

Senior climate and SAF manager responsible for work on climate policy UK, EU and UK, innovation investment (technical and policy lead). Non-CO2 policy lead. Sustainable finance, taxonomy, budgetary responsibility, contracts and delegated authority. Responsible for identifying and developing strategic partnerships for climate mitigation.

Sept '11 - June '23 Sustainable Fuels and Carbon Strategy Manager

Led the customer carbon mitigation work to meet the group's objectives on zero net carbon. Strategic role that focused on global and state level regulations as well as influencing at an industry level. Policy formulation for national and international levels and represents airlines on the ICAO fuels taskforce drafting new global legislation on the introduction of new fuels. Programme management responsibility included: sustainable fuels, carbon offsetting, carbon investment programmes, renewables investment (ground energy), community programmes.

### **BA Corporate Team**

July '06 – Sept '11 Environmental Affairs Manager

Responsible for carbon management and fuels portfolio with carbon efficiency targets embedded within British Airways' business plan objectives. Was responsible for overseeing the management of BA's carbon programmes, including carbon accounting B2B and B2C, statutory reporting both internally and externally in support of this key objective, with an emphasis on innovation and investment. Produced BA's ESG reports. Responsible for BA carbon offset and other

mitigation via the BA Carbon Fund which drives investment into community projects in the UK and Africa since 2006. The other area of activity includes BA's involvement in finding sustainable energy solutions for its global ground and air transport operations.

## **BA Engineering**

Mar '95 – July '06 - Environment Manager

Led the environmental management programme within global Engineering function, including compliance requirements, programmes for continuous improvement. Introduced a full environmental management system to ISO 14001 standard for key sites. Technical expertise in the field of environmental technology, chemistry and pollution impact and abatement.

## **British Telecommunications plc Mar '88 - Mar '95**

Environmental Manager (Jan 1990 - Mar 1995)

Technical advisory support to procurement function, advising on the environmental impact of products and services procured by BT. Environmental risk management systems.

Technical Manager (Mar '88 - Jan '90)

Provision of chemical expertise to procurement. Trouble shooting on supply chain technical issues.

## **TRAINING**

Has held Chartered status within the Royal Society of Chemistry since 1992 and became a full Fellow of the RSC in 2012. Auditor training. Quality/environmental systems and lean programme trained. Experienced contracts manager.

## **EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS**

2012	Fellow of Royal Society of Chemistry
2005 - 2010	MSc Corporate Environmental Management - Distinction
1991 - 1993	Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Management - Distinction
1986 - 1990	BSc (Hons) Applied Chemistry 2 (i)