

Ladies and Gentlemen, Esteemed Colleagues, and Distinguished Guests,

A very warm welcome to the World Bird Strike Association Forum! I stand before you as the President of this remarkable association, and it is truly an honor to address such an esteemed gathering of professionals dedicated to the vital field of wildlife strike prevention.

In the world of aviation, where the skies are both our workplace and our playground, the importance of managing the delicate balance between human progress and the natural environment cannot be overstated. Our mission at the World Bird Strike Association is not just about safeguarding air travel; it's about preserving the delicate harmony between the avian world and the soaring wonders of human engineering which take flight every moment as I speak.

As we convene here today in Bengaluru a city that resonates with innovation and growth, we are not just participants in a forum but contributors to a global conversation that spans continents, cultures, and species. The knowledge we share, the experiences we exchange, and the solutions we craft have a direct impact on the safety of air travel and the coexistence of aviation and avian life.

Our agenda over the next two days is nothing short of ambitious – exploring cutting-edge technologies, sharing best practices, and envisioning the future of wildlife strike prevention. We have with us experts, pioneers, and thought leaders who bring a treasure of knowledge to this forum, each with a unique perspective that enriches our collective understanding.

In this dynamic exchange of ideas, let us not forget the ultimate beneficiaries of our efforts – the passengers who trust in the safety of our skies, the airlines that strive for operational excellence, and the birds and wildlife whose natural habitats we strive to protect. It is a delicate dance, and as rightly we should be the stewards of aviation safety, we play a pivotal role in orchestrating this symphony of progress and preservation.

I encourage you all to fully immerse yourselves in the discussions, forge connections, and challenge each other's perspectives. The solutions we seek may emerge from the most unexpected conversations and collaborations. Together, we have the power to innovate, educate, and elevate our shared commitment to safe and sustainable skies.

So, let the conversations take flight, the ideas soar, and the collaborations reach new heights. Welcome to the World Bird Strike Association Forum – a space where our collective efforts have a lasting impact on the skies we navigate and the world we share.

Thank you, and let the forum begin!