

# IATA WORLD SUSTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM

Miami, USA  
24 – 25 September 2024

## PROGRAM

Host airline

American Airlines 



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## Monday, 23 September

WSS WORKSHOPS (11h00-18h30) – More information available [here](#)

18h30            WELCOME RECEPTION

## Tuesday, 24 September

Day 1

09h00            **Welcome and opening**

09h20            **Welcome address – Host Airline, American Airlines**

09h30            **Introductory remarks**

09h45            **CEO Roundtable**

- Robert Isom, CEO, American Airlines
- Annette Mann, CEO, Austrian Airlines
- Yvonne Manzi Makolo, CEO, RwandAir
- Enrique Beltranena, CEO, Volaris
- Willie Walsh, Director General, IATA

10h45            **NETWORKING BREAK**

11h15            **Keynote address - Aviation and the Need for Climate Adaptation**

11h50            **Keynote address - The Role of Energy Policy in the Sustainable Transition**

12h25            **Keynote address - Global Finance; Enabling the Industry's Net Zero Ambitions?**

13h00            **LUNCH BREAK**

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### Day 1

**14h15**

#### **Achieving Air Transport Sustainability – Part 1**

**Financing Renewable Energy Projects; does it need to be this hard?**

How to bring a project to fruition? Where are the best opportunities and what are the challenges that need to be overcome? How to survive the Valley(s) of Death?

**Can Airlines Control their Destiny?**

What are airlines doing in terms of buying and investing in SAF? Showcasing one airline's innovative venture.

**Profitability and Risk -The investor dilemma**

How can investing in renewable energy and SAF production be made more profitable? How can the risk be transferred and mutualised across stakeholders? And how to ensure that no region is left behind?

**15h45**

#### **NETWORKING BREAK**

**16h15**

#### **Achieving Air Transport Sustainability – Part 2**

**Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Markets; are we on track?**

Increased SAF production is critical to decarbonizing aviation – how are we progressing? What are the trends in the SAF supply chain, project development, and partnerships? What are there most urgent gaps that need addressing?

**Carbon Removals – gaining traction or elusive pipedream?**

A spotlight on the current trends in Carbon Dioxide Removals (CDR). How will CDR help decarbonize aviation, who are the major market participants, and what is needed from policy makers and other stakeholders to support this solution going forward?

**Non-CO2; knowns and unknowns**

Aviation non-CO2 emissions and their climate impact are increasingly the focus of attention. What is the current state of understanding, what are the uncertainties, and what might the implications be for future aviation operations?

**17h45**

#### **End of Day 1 Sessions**

**20h00**

#### **NETWORKING DINNER**

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## Wednesday, 25 September

### Day 2

	<b>TRANSPARENCY &amp; FINANCE TRACK</b>	<b>POLICY &amp; REGULATION TRACK</b>	<b>TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION &amp; OPERATIONS TRACK</b>
<b>09h00</b>	<p><b>Balancing Finance, Investor, and Airline Information Needs; Mission Impossible?</b></p> <p>The demand for sustainability reporting and transparency is growing. But to what end? Do the benefits outweigh the costs? And can the differing information needs of key stakeholder groups be reconciled?</p>	<p><b>Paving a Pragmatic Future; Net Zero Policy Solutions</b></p> <p>The global landscape of SAF policies is rapidly evolving. What are the recent policy initiatives around the world and their underlying rationale? Can we make any initial assessment of their effectiveness?</p>	<p><b>New Aircraft Technologies - The Future of Flight?</b></p> <p>Hear about - and see - some of the exciting new (and dare we say 'radical'?) developments which are revolutionizing air travel.</p>
<b>10h00</b>	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b>		
<b>10h45</b>	<p><b>Levers for Financing the Transition</b></p> <p>How to harness the available capital, optimize risk transfer, and capture the opportunities? What innovation is needed to finance the Net Zero transition?</p>	<p><b>A Coordinated Policy Approach; Too Much to Ask?</b></p> <p>Policy has a key role in the successful scale-up of SAF production and deployment. Is there a way to reconcile the varied policy needs and priorities of stakeholders across the value chain, or are we doomed to fend for ourselves?</p>	<p><b>Implementing Innovation: Practical Considerations</b></p> <p>i) Discuss future flight needs – what changes are needed regarding Infrastructure, standards, and operations across the value chain?</p> <p>ii) Understand more about contrail avoidance. What is the state of play, what key risks are on the horizon, and what have we learned from recent trials?</p>

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Day 2

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| <b>11h45</b> | <b>NETWORKING BREAK</b>  |
| <b>12h20</b> | <b>Concluding plenary</b>  |
| <b>12h50</b> | <b>Closing remarks</b>   |
| <b>13h00</b> | <b>LUNCH BREAK</b>   |
| <b>14h00</b> | <b>WSS WORKSHOPS</b> – More information available <a href="#">here</a> |

