

IATA AVIATION DAY CANADA

Ottawa - October 08, 2026

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October 7, 2026

18:45 - 20:00 **Joint Airport / Airline Cocktail Reception**
Sponsored by WestJet

October 8, 2026

07:30 - 09:00 **Women in Aviation Breakfast – [By invitation only](#)**
Sponsored by Turkish Airlines

Panel: Shaping the Next Generation: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Action

Moderator: Julie Mailhot, President & CEO, **ATAC**

Panelists:

- Nova Andrews, Chief Executive Officer, **Elevate Aviation**
- Stacey Jackson, Executive Vice-President Technical & Safety Standards, **IFALPA**

07:00 - 09:00 **Registration & Welcome Coffee**
Sponsored by De Havilland Aircraft of Canada

09:00 - 09:10 **Introduction: Welcome & Indigenous Land Acknowledgement**
Speaker: Jeff Morrison, President & CEO, **NACC**

09:10 - 09:25 **Keynote: IATA's Perspective - Opportunities and Challenges in Canada's Aviation Sector**
Speaker: Peter Cerdá, IATA's Regional Vice President, The Americas, **IATA**

09:25 - 09:45 **Keynote: Government of Canada's Air Transport Vision**
Speaker: The Honourable Steven MacKinnon, Minister of Transport and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, **Government of Canada**

09:45 - 10:45 **Panel: Airline Leadership Roundtable - Canada's Aviation Future**
Moderator: Hon. Lisa Raitt, Vice-Chair, CIBC Capital Markets
Panelists:

- Arielle Meloul-Wechsler, Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer and Public Affairs, **Air Canada**
- Annick Guérard, President & CEO, **Air Transat**
- Kevin Jackson, President, **Porter Airlines**
- Alexis von Hoensbroech, CEO, **WestJet**

10:45-11:15 **Coffee Break**
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11:15 - 12:00

Panel: State of the Aviation Ecosystem – Importance of Shared Accountability

Moderator: Jeff Morrison, President & CEO, **NACC**

Panelists:

- Neil Parry, President & CEO, **CATSA**
- Rob Chambers, Vice President, **Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)**
- Marie-Pier Berman, Vice President & Chief of Operations, **NAV CANADA**
- Jennifer Little, Director General Air Policy, **Transport Canada**

12:00 - 13:00

Panel: Airport CEO Roundtable - Keeping Canada Connected

Moderator: David Duval, Professor, **University of Winnipeg**

Panelists:

- Monette Pasher, President, **Canadian Airports Council**
- Reg Wright, President and CEO, **Gander International Airport Authority**
- Joyce Carter, President & CEO, **Halifax International Airport Authority**
- Susan Margles, President & CEO, **Ottawa International Airport Authority**

13:00 - 14:15

Networking Lunch

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14:15 - 15:00

Panel: Trade, Supply Chain & Aviation as a Strategic Enabler for Canada

Moderator: Marc Rioux, Adjunct Research Professor, **Carleton University**

Panelists:

- Catherine Guillemart, Head of Public Affairs Canada and Airbus Representative for ICAO, **Airbus**
- Sven List, Senior Vice President, Canadian Corporate Business, Export Development Canada (**EDC**)
- Derrick Hynes, President & CEO, **FETCO Inc.**
- Dylan Bartlett, President & CEO, **Supply Chain Canada**

15:00 - 15:45

Panel: The Passenger Experience – What Do Passengers Want?

Moderator: Robert Kokonis, President & Managing Director, **AirTrav Inc.**

Panelists:

- Julien Carron, Senior Director, **Intervistas**
- Jeff Morrison, President & CEO, **NACC**
- Jennifer Henwood, Vice President, **Nanos Research**
- Jared Mikoch-Gerke, Director, Alliances & Airport Affairs, **WestJet**

15:45 - 16:15

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16:15 - 16:45

Fireside Chat: Accessibility in Aviation - What's Next?

Moderator: Tom Stevens, Vice President, Customer Experience and Service Operations, **Air Canada**

- **Speaker:** Stephanie Cadieux, Chief Accessibility Officer, **Government of Canada**

16:45 - 17:30

Panel: International Comparison – How Does Canada's Aviation Market Compare to Others?

Moderator: Howard Liebman, Chair, **NACC**

Panelists:

- Tim Alderslade, Chief Executive, **Airlines UK**
- Ronce Almond, Managing Director, Head International Government Affairs, **American Airlines**
- James Wiltshire, Global Lead, Competitiveness & Economic Policy, **IATA**

17:30-17:45

Closing Remarks & Key-Takeaways

Speakers:

- Doug Lavin, Vice President, External Affairs, North America, **IATA**
- Jeff Morrison, President & CEO, **NACC**

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