



Aviation -related events – COP29 11-22 November 2024 Baku, Azerbaijan

Please note: This will be a work in progress, as details are added (including timing and location). Some events are to be confirmed so timing may shift.

COP29: Aviation-related events and IATA's presence

Day	Time & Venue	Event description	Organizer	IATA's participation	Link
12 November World Leaders Climate Action Summit					
12 November	10:00 – 10:45	TBC	Climeworks		
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13 November World Leaders Climate Action Summit					
13 November (TBC)	TBC	Five Years to Chart a New Future for Aviation This event will provide an overview of the Aviation Impact Accelerator report on aviation decarbonization.	Aviation Impact Accelerator	IATA to follow the event, provided available resources.	
13 November	10:00 – 11:00 <i>Energy Conference Room, Green Zone</i>	Not Just Carbon: Why the world Needs Climate Action on Contrails Join us to hear about how contrail avoidance is one of the Aviation Impact Accelerator's four pivotal 2030 Sustainable Aviation Goals, and how bold policy and business changes beyond aviation can help progress to net zero CO2 emissions by 2050. Our 60-minute session with presentations and Q&A, will be moderated by CISL's Eliot Whittington and feature Prof. Steven Barrett, Dr. Paul Hodgson, Prof. Rob Miller and Matteo Mirolo.	Aviation Impact Accelerator and Reviate (Breakthrough Energy)		LINK

14 November Finance, Investment and Trade

14 November	08:30 – 10:00 <i>World Bank Pavilion</i>	Launching a New Solution to De-risk Carbon Markets With the launch the World Bank’s Letter of Authorization (LoA) template, the event will promote its widespread application. CORSIA, provides an user case of the template LoA, IATA calls Parties to swiftly authorize CORSIA EEUs and strengthen the scheme's environmental integrity, ensuring aviation's contribution to global emissions reduction efforts.	World Bank	IATA Speaker: Marie Owens Thomsen , Senior Vice President Sustainability & Chief Economist, IATA
14 November	13:30 – 15:00 <i>China Pavilion</i>	Round table discussion on carbon markets Experts will explore key trends, challenges, and opportunities in global carbon markets. This event will provide insights into carbon pricing mechanisms, market development, and the role of carbon markets in driving climate action.	China	IATA Speaker: Marie Owens Thomsen , Senior Vice President Sustainability & Chief Economist, IATA

14 November	14:30 – 16:00	Biofuels Summit	IICA	IATA Speaker: Andrew Matters , Director, Policy, IATA
	<i>Sustainable Agriculture Pavilion of the Americas (B19)</i>	The session is going to explore the questions below: what role should public policies play in promoting and accelerating the transition to renewable energy, and how can they be made more effective? What existing certifications ensure the sustainability of liquid biofuels? How has the carbon intensity of liquid biofuels evolved compared to fossil fuels, and what values are currently being managed? What are the most successful experiences of biofuels replacing fossil fuels? How is sustainable aviation fuel consumption expected to evolve in the short and medium term, and what role does the region play in sustainably supplying raw materials? How can biofuel production and food co-products complement agri-food systems?		
14 November	16:00 – 16:45	Destination Net Zero: The Urgent Need for a Global Carbon Tax on Aviation and Shipping	IMF	IATA Speaker: Marie Owens Thomsen , Senior Vice President Sustainability & Chief Economist, IATA
	<i>World Bank Pavilion</i>	The need to decarbonize international transportation has long been overlooked. Aviation and shipping account for a rapidly growing share of global carbon dioxide emissions. This session will explore global mitigation policies for the sectors, notably a carbon tax and other pricing instruments like feebates, which could kick-start the sectors' transitions towards net zero while generating substantial revenue for climate finance. The event, based on IMF's recent analysis, will address practical policy options, their implementation, and the allocation of revenues from pricing to drive meaningful change in these hard-to-abate sectors.		

14 November	17:00 – 18:30 <i>MUGHAM ROOM</i>	World Leaders Summit Roundtable Breaking the supply/demand stalemate in heavy industry and transport - the role of green demand creation policies to unlock project finance and level the playing field for buyers	The Energy and Resources Institute	IATA Speaker: Andrew Matters , Director, Policy, IATA
14 November	17:30 – 18:30 <i>"Earth" Conference Room, Green Zone</i>	Unleashing Innovation for A Sustainable Future	Global SDGs and Leadership Development Center	IATA Speaker: Marie Owens Thomsen , Senior Vice President Sustainability & Chief Economist, IATA
15 November Energy Day				
15 November	11:00 -13:00	Aviation Sustainability: a long journey towards a more sustainable Sector	Qatar	IATA Speaker: Marie Owens Thomsen , Senior Vice President

	<i>Qatar Pavilion</i>			Sustainability & Chief Economist, IATA
	E8, Blue Zone			
15 November	14:00 – 15:00	Future of low-carbon fuels: Driving decarbonization in hard-to-abate sectors	Deloitte	
	Deloitte Pavilion, Stand C2, Green Zone			
15 November	15:00 – 16:00	Collaboration to Solution: Deploying Guarantees to Facilitate CORSIA Implementation	IATA and World Bank	IATA co-hosts this event with World Bank.
	<i>World Bank Pavilion</i>	The offsetting obligation under Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) kicked off from the beginning of 2024. The demand for CORSIA in its first phase (from 2024 to 2026) is expected to lie between 107 and 161 million tonnes of eligible emissions units in accordance with the latest projection of IATA. This event will convene key stakeholders from the aviation, technology and renewable fuels sectors to explore how World Bank Group guarantees can facilitate CORSIA's successful implementation.		IATA Speaker: Marie Owens Thomsen , Senior Vice President Sustainability & Chief Economist, IATA
15 November	16:30 – 18:00	Clean Energy in transportation: Aviation, Maritime and Land transport (Link)	Greece	IATA Speaker: Marie Owens Thomsen , Senior Vice President Sustainability & Chief Economist, IATA
	<i>Greek Pavilion</i>	This event will focus on decarbonizing the transportation sectors in accordance with Fit-for-55 objectives. It will provide an overview of the progress achieved so far and explore clean energy solutions and technologies that		

support the transition to a sustainable and low-carbon transport system.

15 November	16:45 –18:15 <i>Side Event 1 Blue Zone</i>	Global Shipping Tax: Transport Decarbonization and Climate Finance for Vulnerable Countries The maritime sector is undertaxed and has so far avoided climate taxation. This event will discuss regional and global policy initiatives to incentivize shipping decarbonization and how they can be used as a source of climate finance in a manner that is just and fair for vulnerable countries.	Fondation Pur les Etudes et Recherches sur le Développement (FERDI) and Transport & Environment (T&E)	IATA to follow the event.
15 November	16:45 –18:15 <i>Side Event 7 Blue Zone</i>	Innovative sources for Loss and Damage funding: Introducing the Climate Solidarity Alliance How can countries raise funds to address adverse climate impact both at home and voluntarily work together to show solidarity with the poorest and most vulnerable.	Oxford Climate Policy, International Peace Institute	IATA to follow the event.
15 November	18:00 –19:30 <i>OECD Virtual Pavilion (virtual)</i>	Managing competing sectoral demands for renewable energy resources in the transition to sustainable transport Decarbonising the transport sector will increase demands for new energy resources, such as renewable electricity, low-carbon hydrogen, biogenic resources, and capturing CO ₂ . This demand must be balanced with available supply, which needs to be scaled up at an unprecedented speed to meet climate goals. Potential bottlenecks in supplying these energy resources could place the transport sector in direct competition with other sectors of the economy, such as buildings and industry. There may also be competition for	ITF and Potsdam Inst.	LINK

renewable energy supplies between different modes within the transport sector. To help manage such scarcity and guide markets to better prioritise and allocate scarce energy resources, governments should develop regulations following a cross-sectoral 'merit order'. The session aims to support governments in their long-term energy system planning to decarbonise the transport sector in tandem with the rest of the economy, accounting for and supply bottlenecks and facilitating international cooperation where appropriate.

16 November Science, Technology, and Innovation/Digitalisation

16 November	13:15 – 14:45	Article 6.2 Implementation for High Integrity: Updates, Lessons and Challenges	Art6IP	IATA to follow the event
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18 November Human Capital/Children and Youth/Health/Education

18 November	09:30 – 16:30 <i>JW Marriott Baku</i>	From global climate targets to local implementation: Energy and transport infrastructure at a critical juncture While the world has been successful in setting net-zero targets, infrastructure remains a critical bottleneck for decarbonization particularly in developing countries. This full-day workshop will explore how innovative approaches to sustainable infrastructure can close the implementation gap, focusing on i) decarbonization pathways for low-carbon energy sources and transport; ii) transport and urban infrastructure; and iii) the integration of financial strategies to unlock capital.	King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Centre (KAPSARC), The Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (IEEJ),
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			World Energy Council (WEC)		
18 November	13:00 – 17:45	Climate Compatible Growth – Transport Day	GIZ, SLOCAT, WRI	IATA to follow the event, provided available resources.	LINK
	Hyatt Regency Baku	<p>This event is not aviation-specific but transport-related, organized by GIZ, SLOCAT, and WRI.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">13.00–14.00: Setting the scene: Decade of Sustainable Transport, NDC enhancement and climate finance14.00–15.15: Transport Decarbonisation Pathways15.30–16.30: Tools & Research towards low carbon transport16.30–17.45: Climate Finance to accelerate a just transition			
18 November	17:00 – 20:00	Transport Community Reception	FIA Foundation, SLOCAT	IATA to follow the event, provided available resources.	
	Hyatt Regency Baku	This reception is organized by the FIA Foundation and SLOCAT.			
19 November	Food, Agriculture and Water				
19 November	09:00 – 10:30	Forward-looking priority setting for integrated challenges	UNDESA	IATA Speaker: Marie Owens Thomsen , Senior Vice President Sustainability & Chief Economist, IATA	
	SDGs Pavilion	<p>The Transport Day sessions organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA).</p> <p>This session's purpose is to define a clear global vision for ensuring that transport fulfils its potential as an enabler for</p>			

		sustainable development while reducing its negative externalities by 2035 through actions by all relevant stakeholders.		
19 November	10:30 – 12:00 <i>ICC Pavilion</i>	Overcoming Challenges in SAF Adoption and Scaling for the Future In order to highlight and inspire collaboration and innovative solutions to help advance SAF adoption, BCIU proposes to convene an interactive and action-oriented roundtable discussion during COP29 with 20-25 senior stakeholders that will include members of the private sector, multilateral development organizations and government leaders focused on achieving SAF goals.	BCIU	IATA Speaker: Andrew Matters , Director, Policy, IATA
19 November	12:00 – 13:00 <i>Green Zone</i>	Aviation's Climate Challenge: Scaling Carbon Reduction and Innovations for Global Sustainability Industry leaders will discuss strategies and innovations to reduce carbon emissions in aviation, focusing on sustainable solutions and the path to a more sustainable future for air transport.	Silk Way West Airlines	IATA Speaker: Marie Owens Thomsen , Senior Vice President Sustainability & Chief Economist, IATA
19 November	14:00 – 15:00 <i>Green Zone</i>	A panel discussion led by Silk Way West Airlines Panel dedicated to new BAKU airport project due 2026.	Silk Way West Airlines	
19 November	14:00 – 15:15 <i>Japan Pavilion</i>	The significance of "Transition" to achieve Net-Zero This event will explore innovative strategies for the energy transition toward net zero carbon emissions. Experts will discuss the latest developments, challenges, and opportunities in both demand-side and supply-side energy initiatives across various sectors. The discussions will	Japan	IATA to follow the event. Speaker: All Nippon Airways (ANA)

highlight the importance of efficiency, behavioral change, and technology adoption in driving sustainable energy solutions. The event will also provide a platform for stakeholders to share insights and collaborate on advancing their efforts in the energy transition.

19 November	14:30 – 16:00	GHG emissions accounting and reporting for transport	OECD	LINK
	<i>OECD Virtual Pavilion (virtual)</i>	The transport sector significantly contributes to global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, posing substantial environmental and economic risks. With the growing number of commitments to achieve net zero carbon emissions, the need for robust tracking and reporting of GHG emissions is crucial.		
20 November Transport Day				
20 November	09:00 – 10:30	Transport Implementation Lab of the Marrakech Partnership	Marrakech Partnership	IATA to follow the event, provided available resources.
	<i>Blue Zone</i>	This event, organized by the Marrakech Partnership, will focus on freight corridors and supply chain resilience.		
20 November	10:00 – 11:30	Scaling up SAF	Singapore Government	IATA Speaker: Marie Owens Thomsen , Senior Vice President Sustainability & Chief Economist, IATA
	<i>Singapore Pavilion</i>	Sustainable aviation fuels or SAF will be a key lever that is expected to contribute about two thirds of the carbon emissions reduction needed to achieve this net zero target. SAF is a cleaner drop-in fuel that can reduce CO2 emissions over lifecycle up to 80% compared to fossil jet fuel. This panel brings together ICAO, IATA, and SAF solution		

providers to explore the solution on scaling up SAF production and creating a functional market.

20 November	10:00 – 10:45 <i>WGEO Pavilion</i>	Advancing Towards Sustainable Aviation: Innovations and Strategies for Reducing Environmental Impact Experts will discuss innovations and strategies for reducing aviation's environmental impact. This event will highlight cutting-edge technologies, best practices, and transformative collaborative approaches to promote sustainability and drive the industry towards net zero carbon emissions by 2050.	World Green Economy Organization (WGEO)	IATA Speaker: Andrew Matters , Director, Policy, IATA
20 November	11:00 – 12:30 <i>Blue Zone</i>	Transport Ministerial Organized by ITF and the Azerbaijan government, this session will focus on transport and infrastructure in cities.	COP29 Presidency, ITF and the Azerbaijan Ministry of Transport	IATA to follow the event, provided available resources.
20 November	12:00 – 13:00 <i>We Mean Business Pavilion, Blue Zone</i>	Sustainable Skies: Charting the Course for Aviation Fuel in Emerging Markets SAF will play a critical role in getting the aviation industry to net zero by 2050. This was confirmed at CAAF/3 in Dubai last year, where states committed to reduce CO2 emissions from aviation by 5% by 2030 through the use of SAF. While some countries are gearing up to support SAF production, there is still little movement in non-OECD countries. The World Bank estimates that non-OECD countries will represent between 2-8% of SAF production facilities by 2025 (divided between Asia and South America). This side-event will bring together stakeholders from across the value	Topsoe	IATA to follow the event.

chain to assess SAF potential in emerging markets and explore ways to overcome existing barriers to SAF deployment in lower-income countries, including innovative financing approaches and risk-sharing models.

20 November	12:30-14:00 Blue Zone	Transport Action Event of the Marrakech Partnership This event, organized by the Marrakech Partnership, will focus on “avoid & shift” 2030 climate solutions.	Marrakech Partnership	IATA to follow the event, provided available resources.	
20 November	13:30 – 14:30 <i>Canada Pavilion Blue Zone</i>	Towards a Greener Future: Sustainable Transportation in Canada Advancement of a green transportation sector is critical to achievement of the goals of the Paris Agreement. This roundtable dialogue convenes stakeholders, innovators, and regulators to discuss what is required to attract investment to green transportation in Canada, with an emphasis on Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) production. Panelists will discuss topics such as policy support mechanisms, financial incentives, renewable energy and feedstock availability, book and claim systems, and access to jet fuel infrastructure.	SAF+ International Group		LINK
20 November	13:30 – 15:00 <i>OECD Virtual Pavilion (virtual)</i>	Decarbonising aviation: Exploring the consequences This session will discuss the consequences of decarbonising aviation and strategies to mitigate adverse effects, focusing on three key areas: • Addressing impacts on connectivity to maintain the global transport network for business, trade, and social wellbeing.	ITF / OECD		LINK

- Promoting tourism within decarbonisation priorities by supporting shorter distance destinations, longer stays, and cleaner transport modes and fuels.
- Ensuring a just transition that considers social and labour impacts.

20 November	14:00 – 15:00	Sustainable Solutions in Logistics	Silk Way West Airlines	Speaker: Marie Owens Thomsen , Senior Vice President Sustainability & Chief Economist, IATA
	<i>Blue Zone [TBD]</i>	Industry leaders will discuss strategies and innovations to reduce carbon emissions in aviation, focusing on sustainable solutions and the path to a more sustainable future for air transport.		
20 November	14:00 – 15:00	Carbon removals in decarbonizing aviation: policy and integrity	IATA	IATA hosts this event and opened by: LINK
	<i>WTO Trade and Investment House</i>	Carbon removals are a core part of the aviation sector's decarbonization strategy, albeit still a nascent market that needs to be scaled up. The panel discussion will center around the role of carbon removal in addressing residual emissions of aviation decarbonization; the supply side status quo and challenges; how to adopt and promote more standardized integrity standards for CDR, with recent developments in Article 6.4; and how to advance the radical collaboration of stakeholders in the supply chain to scale up the carbon removal solutions.		Andrew Matters Director, Policy, IATA The panel discussion will be moderated by IATA, speakers are from carbon removal solution providers and airlines.
20 November	15:00 – 15:45	Towards Carbon-Neutral Aviation: Aligning CORSIA with Global Carbon Market Mechanisms and SAF Adoption	World Green Economy Organization (WGEO)	Speaker: Yue Huang , Assistant Director Climate Policy, IATA
	<i>WGEO Pavilion</i>	This side event will explore strategies for aligning CORSIA with Carbon Market Mechanisms, the role of SAFs in achieving emissions reduction targets, and how national policy initiatives can support these goals.		

20 November	15:00 – 16:30 <i>Side Event 6 Blue Zone</i>	Decarbonizing Transport: Policies and Strategies for civil aviation, maritime and inland transport The side event will outline the ambitions of the 3 pillars of transport in the UN - air (ICAO), inland (UNECE) and maritime (IMO) transport - with the aim of achieving sustainable transport and mobility, including low- and zero-carbon mobility in coordination with the fuel/energy supply systems.	Economic Commission for Europe	IATA to follow the event.
20 November	15:30 – 16:30 <i>Azerbaijan Pavilion Blue Zone</i>	Airport Carbon Accreditation	ACI Europe and Baku Airport	
20 November	16:30 – 18:00 <i>Side Event 5 Blue Zone</i>	ICAO aviation side event ICAO, the Azerbaijan government, and the Saudi Arabian government will co-organize a side event on aviation.	ICAO, Azerbaijan Government, Saudi Arabian Government	Speaker: Marie Owens Thomsen , Senior Vice President Sustainability & Chief Economist, IATA
20 November	16:30 – 17:30 <i>Türkiye Pavilion</i>	Türkiye Sustainable Aviation Platform	Turkish Airlines, Istanbul Airport, Turkish CAA, Istanbul Technical University, ICF	IATA to follow the event.

21 November Nature & Biodiversity/ Indigenous People/ Gender Equality/ Oceans and Coastal Zones

21 November	15:00 – 16:30 <i>Side Event 5</i> <i>Blue Zone</i>	Implementation Zero Emission Transport Through Policy and Finance A shift to zero-emission transportation must be supported by strong policy frameworks, regulatory implementation, and the integration of financial assistance for emerging markets. This event will highlight new signatories to international commitments and priorities to ensure an equitable transition.	International Council on Clean Transportation Inc. (ICCT), Calstart Inc and, Stichting Smart Freight Centre (SFC)	IATA to follow the event, provided available resources.
21 November	15:00 – 16:30 <i>Side Event 4</i> <i>Blue Zone</i>	Decarbonization of the transport sector and the role of alternate fuels Decarbonization of the transport sector can only be achieved by fully utilizing alternate fuels such as e-fuels, hydrogen, and biofuels. This event will focus on pathways for carbon neutrality of the transport sector (land, air, and sea), the role of alternate fuels, and the financing thereof.	King Abdullah Petroleum Studies Research Centre and Institute of Energy Economics and the Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (IEEJ)	IATA Speaker: Andrew Matters , Director, Policy, IATA