

IATA WORLD MAINTENANCE & ENGINEERING SYMPOSIUM

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PROGRAM



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Reviving the Aircraft Supply Chain

The **IATA World Maintenance & Engineering Symposium (WMES)** is a newly launched IATA event dedicated to addressing supply chain challenges, advancing innovation, safety, and efficiency across the aviation maintenance supply chain and engineering ecosystem. This symposium will bring together global aviation technical operations professionals and industry leaders to address current challenges, explore emerging technologies, regulatory developments, and best practices shaping the future of aircraft maintenance.

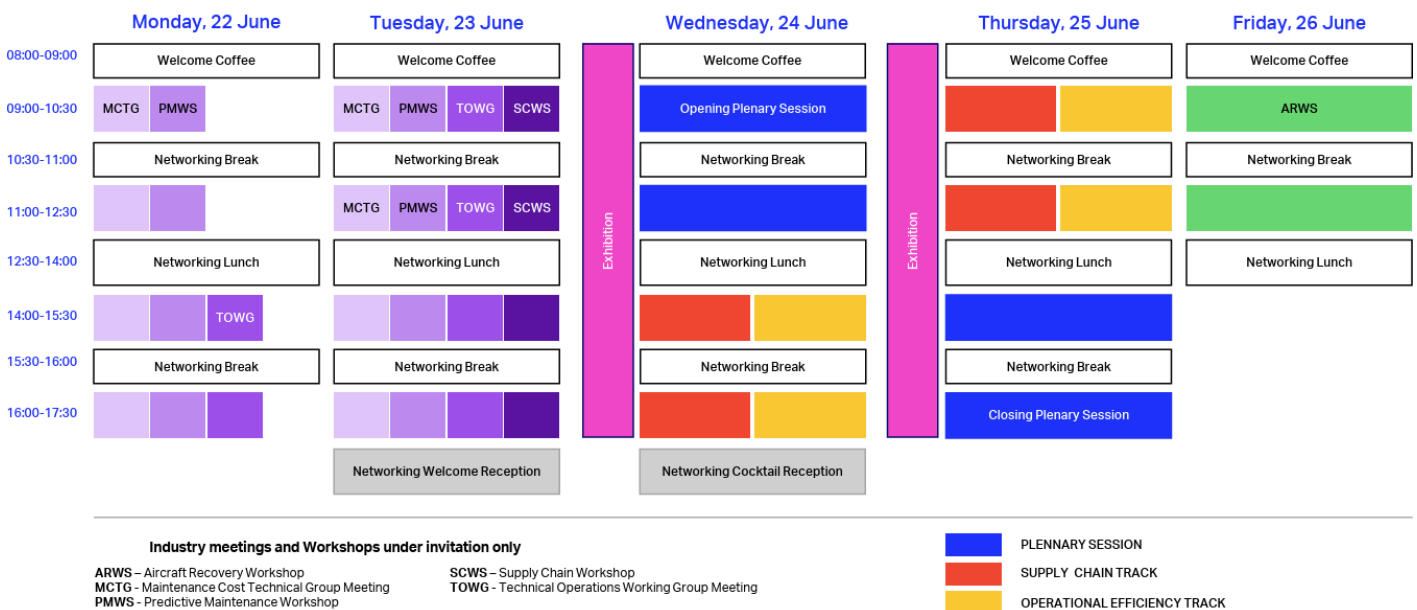
Under the theme **“Reviving the Aircraft Supply Chain”**, this event will provide insightful sessions, collaborative discussions to foster knowledge exchange and drive excellence across the aviation maintenance and engineering ecosystem.

The inaugural program features two dedicated tracks:

The Supply Chain Track will address ongoing operational and financial pressures, including aviation supply chain disruptions, the impact of delayed deliveries on fleet age, and the rising maintenance costs affecting technical performance.

The Operational Efficiency Track will examine how emerging technologies are reshaping maintenance operations, with sessions on AI for maintenance, the role of the Maintenance Information Systems, advancements such as the eTechLog, and more.

Together, these tracks provide a practical, forward looking view of the challenges and innovations shaping M&E today.



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Wednesday, 24 June

Opening Plenary

09:00 – 10:30

Opening and Welcome

From crisis to constraint: The new normal for the aviation supply chain

- **Stuart Fox**, Director Flight and Technical Operations, IATA

IATA Economic Outlook

- **Maciej Wardejn**, Senior Manager Industry Finance, IATA

Introduction on the global supply chain issues

Navigating the turbulence: global supply chain challenges Global aviation is flying high with passenger demand forecast to increase, yet the supply chain remains turbulent. With new aircraft backlogs at record highs, and supply chain disruptions costing airlines \$11 billion in 2025 alone. Today's panel will unpack the supply chain realities and explore what needs to be done to build a more resilient and efficient global aviation supply chain.

Moderated by **Nick Careen**, Senior Vice President Operations, Safety and Security, IATA

- **Andy Best**, Chief Technical Officer, British Airways
- **Willie Walsh**, Director General, IATA

(More panelists to be announced.)

10:30 – 11:00

NETWORKING BREAK

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11:00 – 12:30

Opening up the aftermarket

In a \$120B global commercial MRO market dominated by OEMs, this panel explores how greater competition, data sharing, increase use of alternative parts and licensing can deliver lower costs, faster innovation, and supply chain resilience for airlines.

Moderated by **Stuart Fox**, Director Flight and Technical Operations, IATA

- **John Burke**, Chief Technical Officer, AerCap
- **Essam Hanafy**, President, Custodian, International Airlines Technical Pool (IATP)
- **Aman Sandhu**, Director- Systems Service Engineering, Boeing
- **Andre Schneider**, Head of Engineering & Maintenance - SI Customer Services, Airbus

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NETWORKING LUNCH

The program will continue in two parallel tracks

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Supply Chain Track

14:00 – 15:30

IATA MRO SmartHub Advocacy

- **Alex Lan**, Head Aviation Supply Chain, IATA

Introducing the new IATA ecosystem open for all airlines - a neutral collaborative platform supporting materials operations. Followed by a panel discussion on core advocacy features, including PMA and other applications.

Panel Discussion moderated by **Karmel Shahin**, Manager Technical Operations and Supply Chain, IATA

- **Justin Lambourne**, Sr. Sales Director – Airframe Solutions Group, GA Telesis
- **Santiago Valencia**, Head of Maintenance and Supply Chain, ALTA
- **Sebastian Vock**, Director of Solutions Engineering, Opremic Trade GmbH

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16:00 – 17:30

Value of Product Support Frameworks

Product support frameworks are essential tools at the disposal of various technical and materials management stakeholders within airlines. This session will cover examples of how their deployment can mitigate disruptions of aircraft supply chain and maintenance operations.

- **Alex Lan**, Head Aviation Supply Chain, IATA
- **Katherine Rivera**, Assistant Vice President, Philippine Airlines
- **Miguel Velez Gallardo**, Senior Manager Technical Supply Chain, Etihad
- **Alec Larson**, Senior Manager - Warranty & Product Support, United Airlines

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Maintenance Cost data eXchange (MCX): Better Data. Better Insights. Better Decisions

An inside look at how the MCX program equips airlines with industry dashboards, benchmarking, and emerging AI capabilities—and why growing the community strengthens insights for everyone.

Moderated by **Chantal Berthiaume**, Director OSS Business Systems and Performance, IATA

- **Geraldine Cros**, Head of Operations BI & Analytics, IATA
- **Katherine Rivera**, Assistant Vice President, Philippine Airlines
- **Hannes Pferdekämper-Schmidt**, Head of Technical Commercial & Business Development, Eurowings Technik

(More speakers to be announced.)

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eTechLog

eTechLog and eLogBook implementations ramped up in Technical Operations for the past decade. A deeper dive into some advanced capabilities, "do-s" and "don't-s", as well as the role of connectivity will be featured in this segment.

- **Klaus Boehmer**, Head of Documentation, Archive and Configuration Management, Austrian Airlines
- **Álvaro Coromina**, IT & Innovation Director, world2fly
- **Iryna Khomenko**, Manager Operational Efficiency, IATA

(More speakers to be announced.)

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PMA's and Part 21/ DER repairs

Explore how Alternative Solutions (PMA parts and other regulatory approved repairs) contribute to significant mitigation of supply chain challenges. This session will examine real-world strategies for Airlines and MROs seeking efficiencies and considering aircraft leasing industry practices.

- **Alexander Gorinsky**, Managing Director, Aircraft Supply Chain Operations & Material Management, Alaska Airlines
- **Pat Markham**, VP Technical Services, HEICO Aerospace
- **Chris Markou**, Head Technical Operations, IATA
- **Oscar Pérez Vázquez**, Managing Director, Globalia Maintenance

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Used Serviceable Materials Ecosystem

Used Serviceable Materials (USM) are transforming aircraft operations by addressing shortages of new parts, reducing costs, and supporting sustainability goals. This session will cover examples of operational benefits by airlines, distribution channels as well as harvesting parts from aircraft decommissioning.

- **Chris Markou**, Head Technical Operations, IATA
- **Jason Reed**, President, Digital Innovation Group, GA Telesis
- **Lionel Roques**, AFRA - Aircraft Fleet Recycling Association, AFRA - Aircraft Fleet Recycling Association
- **Wang Ying**, General Manager of Engineering Department, Aircraft Maintenance and Engineering Corporation (AMECO)

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Maintenance Information Systems

Optimizing the use of Maintenance Information Systems (MIS) is key for efficient airline supply chain operations. This session combines airlines testimonies and developments to improve materials fill rates.

Moderated by **Karmel Shahin**, Manager Technical Operations and Supply Chain, IATA

- **Chris Clements**, Senior Manager Customer Development, Swiss AviationSoftware
- **Mei Wang**, Director – Inventory Forecasting, United Airlines
- **Greg Zuikovs**, Interim General Manager, Senior Director - Sales & BD, Airinmar, an AAR company

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AI for Aircraft Maintenance

With a primary focus on predictive analytics, the session will explore other applications of the artificial intelligence. Other use cases include: AI-assisted information search in manuals, instructions, prompts, graphic analysis, etc.

- **Iryna Khomenko**, Manager Operational Efficiency, IATA
- **Takuma Koga**, Assistant Manager Planning & Administration Team Engineering, All Nippon Airways

(More speakers to be announced.)

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Cabin Innovation Certification

This session will explore cabin interior innovation as a key service differentiator for airlines, whilst anticipating design maturity for certification prior to selection decisions.

- **Dragos Budeanu**, Senior Manager Engineering and Maintenance, IATA
- **Raki Islam**, Vice President, Technical Audit, Safran Seats - Safran Group
- **Peter Koopmann**, Senior Manager, Head of Seats CoC Cabin & Cargo Engineering, Airbus
- **Urszula Szamotulska**, Senior Director Innovation & Regulation, Lufthansa Group

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Removal of Disabled Aircraft

Rapid removal of the disabled aircraft from the runway and restoring airline and airport operations is a multi-stakeholder effort. This session features real-life recovery cases as well as setting guidelines and best practices by the international organizations.

Moderated by **Iryna Khomenko**, Manager Operational Efficiency, IATA

- **Manuel Mercado**, ORD Tooling Supervisor, Aircraft Recovery Team Lead, American Airlines
- **Peter Unger**, CEO of LEOS, Aircraft Recovery Manager, Lufthansa Airlines

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Closing Plenary

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CBTA: Future Outlook and IATA's Strategic Vision

- **Yann Renier**, Head Training & Licensing, IATA

Future of Workforce

With forecasts projecting a need for hundreds of thousands of additional maintenance technicians, with estimates as high as 710, 000 by 2044. How do we train the next generation aircraft mechanics? This panel explores innovative training models and methodologies, technology integration, and strategies to build a workforce fit for future flight.

Moderated by **Stuart Fox**, Director Flight and Technical Operations, IATA

- **Diego Javier De Risio**, Head Maintenance, Vueling
- **Christine Zylawski**, Head of Engineering & Maintenance Training, Air France

(More speakers to be announced.)

Closing Remarks & Key Takeaways

- **Stuart Fox**, Director Flight and Technical Operations, IATA