

IATA WORLD CARGO SYMPOSIUM

Dubai, UAE
15 – 17 April 2025

OPENING PLENARY AGENDA

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Tuesday, 15 April

09:00 - 09:10	Official WCS 2025 Opening
09:10 - 09:30	Welcome to Dubai Executive keynotes H.E. Abdulla Bin Touq Al Marri, Minister of Economy, UAE Badr Abbas, Division Senior Vice President, Emirates SkyCargo Paul Griffiths , CEO, Dubai Airports
09:30 - 09:40	Cargo: Year in Review Brendan Sullivan, Global Head of Cargo, IATA
09:40 - 10:00	Sustainability & Economic Outlook Maja Marciniak, Senior Economist Policy Analysis, IATA
10:00 – 10:30	Executive Roundtable Sustainability, digitalization, safety & security are the industry priorities, but what are the projects and programs executives are focused on in this climate. Moderator: Andres Bianchi, Chief Executive Officer, LATAM Cargo Gabriela Hiitola, SVP, Finnair Cargo Clive Sauve-Hopkins, CEO Airport Operations, dnata Willie Walsh, Director General, IATA
10:30 - 11:30	Networking Break - WCS Exhibition Hall Press Conference – Room Abu Dhabi B

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11:30 – 11:35	Legal Briefing Carlos Tornero, Director Legal Services, IATA
11:35 – 11:45	Air Cargo Market Dynamics Alina Fetisova, Trade Facilitation Programme Officer, International Trade Centre
11:45 – 12:30	Air Cargo Market Factors Moderator: Maja Marciniak, Senior Economist Policy Analysis, IATA Marco Bloemen, Managing Director, Aevean Matthieu Casey, Managing Director, Commercial, Air Canada Alina Fetisova, Trade Facilitation Programme Officer, International Trade Centre
12:30 - 14:00	Networking Lunch - WCS Exhibition Hall
14:00 – 15:00	E-Commerce in Air Cargo Dr. Ludwig Hausmann, Senior Partner and Leader of the Logistics Sector in Europe, McKinsey & Company Nadeem Sultan, Senior Vice President of Cargo Planning and Freighters, Emirates SkyCargo Kendy Choi, Director, Commercial and Partnership Regional Hub Services, Cainiao Ali Faddis, Aviation Safety and Operations, Amazon Air Cargo Richard Broekman, Chief Commercial Officer & Head of Sustainability, Atlas Air
15:00 - 16:00	Networking Break - WCS Exhibition Hall

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16:00 - 16:45

Digital transformation & AI Use Cases

Moderator: Kim Macaulay, Chief Information & Data Officer, IATA
Carly Abbott, Vice President IT - Portfolio Delivery, dnata
Kerstin Strauss, VP Global Air Logistics, K&N
Tom Owen, Director Cargo, Cathay Cargo

16:45 – 17:25

Air Cargo Customs Compliance – Accelerating Processes

Moderator: James Van Epps, Managing Director for Cargo Security, Customs & Facilitation, Airlines for America
Donna Mullins, VP at Kale Logistics Solutions
Michael Duggan, Head of Cargo, Oman Air
Fatema Sultan Salem Alzaabi, Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs & Port Security.

Air cargo is crucial in global trade, but customs processes, when inadequate, can disrupt its efficiency, leading to delays, increased costs, and financial penalties. Compliance with customs regulations is therefore a key factor for our industry's competitiveness. Discover how digital technologies and agile processes can contribute to regulatory compliance and help further streamline these processes, enhance efficiency, and boost overall supply chain performance.

17:25 – 17:30

Closing Remarks

Brendan Sullivan, Global Head of Cargo, IATA