

IATA WORLD CARGO SYMPOSIUM

Lima, Peru
10 – 12 March 2026

FUTURE AIR CARGO EXECUTIVES SUMMIT AGENDA

Host Airline



Monday, 9 March

- 14h00 – 14h10** **Opening Remarks**
Janet Wallace, Managing Director Cargo Operations & Transformation Air Canada
- 14h10 – 14h25** **Keynote: Career pathway exploration**
Jonathan Mellink, VP Head of Sales & Marketing, Rotate
How to determine the path that aligns best with your interests, skills, values and goals
- 14h25 – 14h40** **Keeping Humans in the Loop While Enhancing Autonomous Air Cargo Ground Operations**
Air cargo ground operations are increasingly digitalized and automated, yet fully autonomous visions in brownfield environments are rarely feasible. During the transition period, the focus is on developing human-centered solutions that integrate with ongoing operations.
Manuel Wehner, Fraunhofer IML
- 14h40 – 14h50** **Youth, Technology & The Future of Air Cargo Talent**
Adriana Canseco, Commercial Director, Terminal Logistics
How young professionals entering the industry can shape its future
- 14h50 – 15h00** **Beyond the runway: Building a purposeful career in air cargo**
Paula Aguilar, CEO , Ravmar Freight
This presentation shares a personal journey into air cargo, highlighting why this dynamic industry plays a vital role in connecting economies, supporting humanitarian efforts, and powering global trade. It also delivers a forward-looking message to the next generation on the skills, mindset, and adaptability needed to build a successful and impactful career in air cargo.
- 15h00 – 15h30** **Fireside Chat & Open Forum: Navigating AI in Air Cargo**
Vitaly Smilianets, Founder & CEO, Awery
Guillermo Ochovo, Director, Cargo Facts Consulting
How Artificial Intelligence is reshaping the air cargo industry?
We'll start with a fireside chat exploring the impact of AI on roles, the skills needed to stay relevant in an AI-driven environment, and the opportunities and risks that come with this transformation. Then, the discussion opens to the floor—your chance to share perspectives, ask questions, and collaborate on ideas for the future of cargo in the age of AI.
- 15h30 – 16h00** **NETWORKING BREAK**
- 16h00 – 16h10** **FACE Ambassador program update**
Hira Tahseen, Cargo Manager, Heathrow Airport
Recap of activities of the past 12 month & opportunities to explore
- 16h10 – 17h20** **Workshop: Turning Air Cargo Challenges into Actionable Solutions**
Laura Soto, Cargo Operations Manager, Avianca
Soufiane Daher, Expert, McKinsey & Company
Participants will work in groups to tackle specific air cargo challenges. Together, we'll identify innovative solutions, explore practical steps to overcome barriers, and set the foundation for continued collaboration beyond the summit. Each group will carry forward their work after the event, refining ideas and detailing implementation plans. The outcomes will culminate in a published whitepaper, showcasing actionable strategies and fostering cooperation across the FACE community
- 17h20 – 17h30** **Closing Remarks**
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