Airlines' Day: Monday, 6 May

08:30 – 09:00 WELCOME COFFEE

09:00 – 10:00 Ground Operations Working Group (GOG) (By invitation only)

10:00 – 10:30 NETWORKING BREAK

10:30 – 12:00 Ground Operations Working Group (GOG) (By invitation only)

12:00 – 13:30 LUNCH BREAK

13:00 – 17:00 Workshop: Spotlight on Airlines’ Ground Operations (Incl. Coffee Break)
This workshop aims to discuss and brainstorm the challenges and solutions of today’s complex ground handling industry.
Lead by IATA Team

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18:00 – 19:00 Ground Handling Partnership Networking Cocktail (By Invitation Only)
As the IGHC Conference kicks-off, we invite you to the GHP Networking Cocktail – an exclusive gathering for the GHP community. This event provides a unique opportunity for industry professionals to meet and greet with peers, forge valuable connections, and exchange insights. As a GHP member, you will also have the privilege of inviting two (2) of your business partners and clients to join this annual celebration.

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09:00 – 10:00  Opening Plenary

Host Airline Key Remarks
Bogi Nils Bogason, CEO, Iceland Air

State of Ground Operations
Monika Mejstrikova, Director, Ground Operations, IATA

Key industry leaders join IATA’s DG to discuss how industry ground handling initiatives drive tangible improvements in the complex ground operations environment
Bogi Nils Bogason, CEO, Iceland Air
Atilla Korkmazoğlu, President, Ground Handling & Cargo, Celebi and ASA chair
Willie Walsh, Director General, IATA
Moderator: Nick Careen, Senior Vice President Operations, Safety and Security, IATA

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10:30 – 11:15  Electric GSE – As Easy as Plug ‘n Play?
Making the transition to electric GSE hasn’t always been easy. Hear from those who have been there, done that and gain some real-world experience to smooth your way.
Jonathan Hankin, Manager Technical Services & Engineering Standards, Menzies Aviation
Rebecca Schnack, Applications Engineer, Allen Energy Inc
Moderator: Steve Savage, Senior Analyst, Ground Operations, IATA

11:15 – 12:00  Need to Taxi? Call an "Uber“ to Get you to the Runway
An update and some real-life experiences with aircraft taxiing solutions without aircraft engines running.
Pascal Hop, Chair of Sustainable Taxiing Taskforce, EUROCONTROL
Francisco Hoyas, Pilot, Aviation Sustainability, EUROCONTROL
Jeroen Jaartsveld, Project Lead, Sustainable Taxiing, KLM
Moderator: Massimo Cicetti, Head of Innovation & Efficiency, IATA

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Discover some of the latest advances in AI and autonomy in the pipeline for ground operations.  
Mathieu Cousy, Research Engineer, ACHIL Team, ENAC  
Saunon Malekshahi, Co-founder & CTO, Moonware  
Tenille Houston, VP Public Relations & Communications, Aurrigo  
Moderator: Sunny Bhatt, Manager, Ground Operations Innovation & Efficiency, IATA

14:15 – 15:00  **No More Fossils - A Look at Alternative Fuels for GSE**  
Take a dive into the world of hydrogen and HVO – how to do your bit for climate change even you can’t go all electric with your GSE.  
Benny Siu, Head of Safety, Sustainability & Quality Assurance, HACTL  
Anirudh Vyas, Future Safety Specialist, Horizon Scanning & Insight, UK CAA  
Moderator: Nadine Mücklich, Project Manager / Research Associate, Fraunhofer

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15:30 – 17:30  **Workshop: Partnering with Airports is Key for Sustainable Ground Operations**  
Join Nordic Airports and IATA in this forum where success stories will be shared and focus areas highlighted.  
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All IGHC delegates are welcome to attend.  
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17:30 – 19:30  **WELCOME COCKTAIL**
Day 2: Wednesday, 8 May

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09:00 – 10:00  Regulating for Safety
While safety is automatically a target for regulation, it is just as important to consider the vital role that industry experience, in the form of standards, recommended practices and programs. Hear how EU regulations can support industry standardization, what makes an acceptable industry standard and how industry standards can be compliant with regulations.

Ansgar Sickert, Liaison to EASA, ACI-Europe
Adina Szönyi, GH Expert, Air Operations & Aerodromes, EASA
Ariaen Zimmerman, Head of Operations & Programs, ASA
Iva Pluhackova, Head of Operations & Standards, IATA
Moderator: Dragos Munteanu, Assistant Director, Safety & Flight Operations, IATA

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10:30 – 11:15  Making a Career in Frontline Ground Operations
Frontline staff are your scarcest and most valuable asset. Come and experience how some GHSP has learned to scale frontline hiring in a challenging environment while reducing turnover and developing frontline leaders.

Dr. Archana Arcot, Chief People Officer, Unifi

11:15 – 12:00  The Role of Training in Ground Operations Sustainability
Training plays a pivotal role in promoting sustainability within ground operations. Well-trained personnel are proficient at identifying opportunities for process optimization, cost reduction, and service enhancement, driving innovation through creative problem-solving and collaboration. IATA and the industry are striving for:
• Alignment and standardization
• Return on investment for the industry
• Building capacity for the industry with the IATA training passport

Claudius Kuhnert, Senior Manager, Ground Operations Concepts & Strategy, Lufthansa
Adam Sider, Training Quality & Curriculum Manager, SGS
Moderator: Iva Pluhackova, Head of Operations & Standards, IATA

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Join this session to discuss emerging ground operations safety issues and risks and their mitigations.  
*Darsh Chapman, Executive Manager, Global Airports, Qantas*  
*Adrian Kong, Safety & Risk Manager, Airport Operations, Emirates*  
*Daniel Tremblay, Director Ground Safety Assurance & Compliance, Air Canada*  
*Parvinder Kaur, Head – Learning TD & QMS, AISATS*  
*Moderator: Gurdeep Singh, Senior Manager, Ground Operations Safety & Standards, IATA*

14:15 – 15:00  **What is People’s Sustainability?**  
Topics like Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DE&I), Trust, Well-Being & Work-Life balance are all part of the People’s Sustainability Strategy. Learn more about how to bridge the theory with practice.  
*Santiago Frau Planas, Head of Accreditation & Program Management, IATA*

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19:00 - Late  **NETWORKING DINNER**
Day 3: Thursday, 9 May

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09:00 – 10:00  Real-time Baggage Tracking
Is there a global solution for real-time baggage tracking? Can the passengers and the airlines share the same data? How can we reduce the mishandled baggage? Those and other questions will be discussed by the baggage SMEs during this panel discussion.
Niueni Tugaga, Operations Delivery Manager - BOH | Airports, Air New Zealand
Elena Mazorra, Head of Business Development, Bob
Moderator: Monika Mejstrikova, Director, Ground Operations, IATA

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10:30 – 11:45  Turning Service Providers into Partners – A New Era of Service Level Agreements
In a real-world innovation case study, Lufthansa Group shares how digital solutions like Cosmos transform the way airlines and service providers interact, by empowering a trusted, collaborative, and data-based relationship, paving the way for a new era of SLAs.
Fabrice Diedrich, Venture Development Manager, Lufthansa innovation Hub
Maureen Fox Rogers, Head of LHG Operations Performance Management, Lufthansa Group

11:45 – 12:00  Wrap-up and Where to Next
Action items, what we learned and need to apply going forward.
IGHC 2025 – next year’s exciting venue.

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13:00 – 17:00  Workshop: ISAGO in 2025 and Beyond. What’s in it for me?
Inform GHSPs about changes to the ISAGO program and how it affects their accreditation and registration. Discuss plans and checklists and address issues.
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