Towards a more Resilient and Sustainable African Aviation

Johannesburg, South Africa
2-3 July 2024

PROGRAM

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Tuesday, 2 July

09h00 – 10h30  OPENING PLENARY

Welcome and Opening
Keynote speeches by distinguished industry leaders, including:
• Prof. Malesela John Lamola – Chief Executive Officer, South African Airways
• Nick Careen – Senior Vice President Operations, Safety and Security, IATA
• Eric Ntagengerwa – Head, Transport and Mobility Division, African Union Commission
• Yvonne Makolo – Chief Executive Officer, RwandAir
• Lulu Rasebotsa – Chief Executive Officer, Air Botswana

IATA Economic Outlook
An overview of the Aviation Industry's economic outlook at regional and global levels, highlighting the current and forecasted trends impacting the industry’s performance.
• Dr. Marie Owens Thomsen – Senior Vice President, Sustainability & Chief Economist, IATA

10h30 – 11h15  NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

11h15 – 12h30  PLENARY SESSION

Focus Africa Program Overview
A presentation, a panel, and an interactive session lead by IATA Regional Vice President of Africa and Middle East, providing an overview of Focus Africa Program following its launch in 2023, and aligning with the industry partners and leaders on the way forward.
Moderated by Kamil Al-Awadhi – Regional Vice President AME, IATA
• Nick Careen – Senior Vice President Operations, Safety and Security, IATA
• Mesfin Tasew Bekele – Chief Executive Officer, Ethiopian Airlines
• Aaron Manutsi – Chief Executive Officer, ASAA
• Poppy Khoza – Director of Civil Aviation (DCA), South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA)

12h30 – 13h30  NETWORKING LUNCH

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13h30 – 14h45  PLENARY SESSION
Boosting Regional Traffic
A panel discussing the huge regional traffic growth opportunities and agreeing on the initiatives needed to boost Africa’s regional traffic.
Moderated by Somas Appavou – Regional Director External Affairs & Sustainability, IATA & Sandile Chipunza – Manager External Affairs & Sustainability, IATA
• Prof. Malesela John Lamola – Chief Executive Officer, South African Airways
• Lulu Rasebotsa – Chief Executive Officer, Air Botswana

Thinking like an Integrator
Airlines can expand revenue streams without significantly altering their operations by leveraging technology to create branded, end-to-end e-commerce-centric parcel services
• Craig Strickland – CSO - Chief Sales Officer, BoxC

14h45 – 15h15  NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

15h15 – 16h30  PLENARY SESSION
Modern Airline Retailing – Industry Status
A presentation providing an overview of the aviation industry's journey to Modern Airline Retailing, value creation, and the pathway to the future.
• Manal Al-Taher – Regional Manager, Financial Services, Transformation and Products, IATA

Modern Airline Retailing & Customer Centricity:
A panel discussion addressing the opportunities and the necessity of the collaboration across the supply-chain with a commonly shared customer centricity objective.
Moderated by Diala Halaseh – Regional Head of Financial Services Distribution & Payment, IATA
• Julius Thairu – Chief Commercial Officer, Kenya Airways
• Lampros Brianas – Director Sub Saharan Africa Airlines, Amadeus
• Monique Swart – Founder, African Business Travel Association
• Dr. Joseph Kithitu – Chairman, Kenya Association of Travel Agents
16h30 – 16h45  Challenges and Opportunities in Airline Retailing
Find out how the customer experience will improve and how airlines will progress from ‘selling tickets’ to become modern retailers in a rapidly changing environment.
• Hassan Aurag – Sales Partner, Hitit

18h30 – 22h00  COCKTAIL RECEPTION
GALA NETWORKING DINNER

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Wednesday, 3 July

09h00 – 10h30  PLENARY SESSON - Welcome and Opening Day 2

**Africa's Aviation Infrastructure & Economic Regulations**

A presentation followed by a panel discussion addressing the status of Africa’s aviation infrastructure and economic regulations, and sharing best practices, successful examples, and produce recommendations for development and enhancement.

Moderated by **Kashif Khalid** – Regional Director Operations, Safety & Security, IATA
- **Khangi Khoza** – Chief Executive Officer, Swissport
- **Tebogo Tsimane** – Chief Commercial Officer, South African Airways
- **Mpumi Mpofu** – Chief Executive Officer, Airports Company of South Africa
- **Jenifer Bamuturaki** - Chief Executive Officer, Uganda Airlines

10h30 – 11h00  NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

11h00 – 12h00  PLENARY SESSON

**Collaborative Aviation Safety Improvement Program (CASIP)**

This session will look at four connected areas of Safety, Operations, Air Traffic Management, and Skilled Staff, each of which are collectively required to deliver enhancements to achieve a safe, efficient, resilient, and sustainable African Sky.

Moderated by **Lindi-Lee Kirkman** – Regional Head flight operations, ATM & Infrastructure - AME, IATA
- **Biruk Abraham** – Senior International Representative, Federal Aviation Administration – FAA
- **Carl Bollweg** – Regional Vice President, Africa South, IFALPA
- **Capt. Paul Wilson** – Chief Technical Pilot, South African Airways
- **Blessing Kavai** – Assistant Director Safety Programs, Africa & Middle East, IATA, Secretary of CASIP

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Roadmap to Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)
Africa faces a dual challenge: supporting rapid economic growth while preparing for the impacts of climate change. Innovative financing mechanisms are crucial to address this challenge; in the aviation sector, Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) plays a critical role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This panel session outlines key considerations for financing SAF initiatives in Africa.

Moderated by Dr. Preeti Jain – Head, Net Zero Programs, IATA
- Dumisani Damane – Aviation Manager, PetroSA
- Dr. Thomas Funke – CEO, Canegrowers Association of South Africa
- Winnie Chepkemoi Mutai – Climate Change Reaccreditation and Readiness Programme Expert, African Development Bank Group
- Susan Nambusi – Sustainability Specialist, Kenya Airways

13h00 – 14h00  NETWORKING LUNCH

14h00 – 14h45  PLENARY SESSION

Innovation in Aviation Security
A presentation by the United States Transportation Security Administration (US TSA) followed by an interview discussion of the current security risks and opportunities facing the aviation industry. The session will examine the latest trends and innovation in aviation security, and the need for programs such as One Stop Security.

Moderated by Kashif Khalid – Regional Director Operations, Safety & Security, IATA
- William Grinolds – Acting Regional Director Middle East & Africa, US DHS TSA
- Dennis Nelson – Representative Attaché, U.S DHS TSA

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**Air Cargo Unlocking Africa's Trade Potential**

IATA’s Presentation on Air Cargo Economics, followed by a panel discussing how African continent is preparing for managing growth through digitalization, simplified borders, and focusing on key segments such as perishables, live animals, and pharmaceuticals. It will also examine key topics influencing Cargo Operations, Safety and Security.

Moderated by **Kashif Khalid** – Regional Director Operations, Safety & Security, IATA
- **Sanjeev Ghadia** – Chief Executive Officer, Astral Aviation
- **David King** – Head of Aviation, Wesgro
- **Dick Murianki** – Director Cargo, Kenya Airways
- **Rong Yang** – Marketing Director – Global Leasing & Freighters, Embraer
  Commercial Aviation

**Attracting the Next Generation of Aviation Professionals**

In this session we will discuss the role of innovation, diversity, flexibility and work culture in shaping the future aviation industry. We will address the evolution of the industry both past and future and most importantly, what the industry needs to do to attract, and retain, the next generation of aviation professionals.

Panel discussion moderated by **Kamil Al-Awadhi** – Regional Vice President AME, IATA
- **Sophie Ghezai** – Vice President Africa and Middle East, IAWA
- **Nozipho Mdawe** – Chief Executive Officer, ATNS
- **Mafunase Malenga** – Founder & Managing Director, SAIAST
- **Lucy Mbugua** – Regional Director, ICAO ESAF

17h15 – 17h30  Closing Remarks
- **Kamil Al-Awadhi** – Regional Vice President AME, IATA