

IATA AVIATION ENERGY FORUM

Guangzhou, China
10-12 November, 2026

PROGRAM



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Monday, 9 November

18:00 – 20:00

WELCOME COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Day 1: Tuesday, 10 November

JOINT SESSIONS

09:00 – 09:20

Welcome, Admin and Anti-trust Briefing

09:20 – 09:45

Keynote Address

09:45 – 10:10

State of the Airline Industry

A report by IATA on the airline industry's financial health, performance and outlook.

10:10 – 11:00

MORNING BREAK

11:00 – 11:45

Securing the Future: Building Resilience and Readiness for Aviation's Next Phase of Growth

As aviation prepares for its next phase of growth, the industry faces the challenge of strengthening resilience and readiness in an increasingly interconnected and evolving environment. Building on the lessons learned from navigating change and uncertainty, this discussion will bring together perspectives from across the aviation ecosystem to explore what it will take to support a resilient, adaptable and future-ready industry. The panel will reflect on lessons from recent industry experience, the factors that contribute to long-term resilience, and how stakeholders can prepare for future opportunities while supporting sustainable industry growth.

11:45 – 12:30

Jet Fuel's Invisible Borders: Are Specifications Restricting Supply?

Jet fuel is not always as fungible as it appears. Differences in regional specifications can affect where fuel can move, how quickly markets can respond to disruptions, and the cost of maintaining supply flexibility. This panel will examine whether these differences continue to serve an important purpose or have become an unnecessary constraint on global aviation fuel markets.

12:30 – 14:00

LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 14:45

CORSIA 2027: Ready for the Second Phase?

CORSIA enters its second phase in 2027, but are States, airlines, carbon markets and fuel supply chains ready? This expert panel will examine the remaining implementation gaps, the availability and cost of CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units, and whether Article 6 authorizations can unlock sufficient supply. It will also explore how CORSIA SAF and LCAF can contribute to compliance, drawing on early experience with claiming, certification and reporting. With important questions still surrounding market readiness and regulatory alignment, the session will identify what must happen now to make the next phase of CORSIA work.

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14:45 – 15:30

From Ambition to Investment: What Makes SAF Projects Bankable?

Capital is ready to support the aviation energy transition, yet too many SAF and eSAF projects remain unable to reach final investment decision. Drawing on practical experience from Europe, China, and other parts of the world, this expert panel will examine how offtake commitments, government support, industrial policy and access to finance can turn promising projects into bankable investments. Developers and financiers will reveal where critical risks sit, who is expected to carry them, and which financing models can bridge the gap between ambition and construction. The discussion will identify lessons that can accelerate successful project development at scale across different markets.

15:30 – 16:15

AFTERNOON BREAK

16:15 – 17:00

Aviation Fuel Pipelines: Managing Challenges Across Dedicated and Multi-Product Systems

This session examines the operational, safety, and fuel-quality challenges of transporting aviation fuels through both dedicated jet fuel pipelines and multi-product systems. It will address key issues such as interface management, contamination risk, fungibility, and infrastructure readiness, while also highlighting any additional considerations required to safely transport and integrate SAF.

17:00 – 17:05

Wrap up Day 1

19:00 – 22:00

NETWORKING DINNER

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Day 2: Wednesday, 11 November

COMMERCIAL SESSIONS

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| 09:00 – 11:00 | Airlines-only session |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | MORNING BREAK |
| 11:30 – 11:40 | Welcome, Admin and Anti-trust Briefing |
| 11:40 – 12:20 | Oil Market Outlook
What are the predictions and forecasts for the oil and jet fuel markets amid recent geopolitical developments and the state of the global economy? An expert on the oil market provides insights and views on these. |
| 12:20 – 13:00 | East of Suez: The New Geography of Jet Fuel Supply
As refining capacity growth increasingly shifts toward Asia and the Middle East, the global map of jet fuel production and trade is being redrawn. This panel will explore how new refining investments, changing trade flows, and the rationalization of capacity in other regions are reshaping fuel availability, pricing, and energy security. Experts will examine whether Asia is becoming the centre of gravity for global jet fuel supply, and discuss the implications for importing regions, supply resilience, and future aviation fuel markets. |
| 13:00 – 14:40 | LUNCH BREAK |
| 14:40 – 15:20 | Smart Fueling in China: Advancing Efficiency, Safety and Operational Excellence through Digitalization
Digital technologies are transforming aviation fueling operations across China. From real-time monitoring and automated workflows to integrated data platforms and AI-enabled applications, digitalization is improving efficiency, safety, transparency, and operational control throughout the fueling value chain. This session will examine the progress of digitalization in China's aviation fuel sector, highlighting practical applications, lessons learned, and future opportunities. Industry leaders will share insights on the deployment of digital and intelligent technologies across fueling infrastructure, operations, and supply chain management. |
| 15:20 – 16:00 | Beyond the Barrel: How Shipping Shapes Jet Fuel Prices and Supply
Jet fuel may be refined on land, but increasingly its economics are shaped at sea. From freight rates and vessel availability to canal congestion, maritime regulations, and geopolitical disruptions, shipping has become a critical driver of fuel prices and supply security. This panel will explore how changing tanker markets and shipping patterns are reshaping global jet fuel trade flows and examine what recent disruptions have revealed about the resilience of aviation fuel supply chains. |
| 16:00 – 17:15 | AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS AND NETWORKING |

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Day 3: Thursday, 12 November

COMMERCIAL SESSIONS

09:20 – 09:30 **Welcome, Admin and Anti-trust Briefing**

09:30 – 10:10 **Understanding the Market for SAF Environmental Attributes**

SAF does not need to be physically delivered to the buyer for its environmental value to create impact, but the associated claims must be credible, transparent, and trusted. This panel will explore how SAF Environmental Attributes (EAs) or SAF Certificates can connect SAF producers and suppliers, airlines, and aviation end users, while ensuring robust claims and market integrity. Experts will discuss what customers are actually purchasing, how environmental attributes fit into aviation end user's Scope 3 strategies, and what barriers continue to limit adoption. Ultimately, can stronger demand signals from aviation end users help accelerate SAF production and close aviation's decarbonization funding gap?

10:10 – 10:55 **Net Zero Progress: Gaps and the Road Ahead**

The aviation industry's net zero ambition has reshaped investment decisions, public policy, and fuel markets worldwide. This panel will examine whether current progress across SAF deployment, emerging technologies, market mechanisms, and infrastructure development is sufficient to meet long-term decarbonization goals, and identify the areas where acceleration remains most urgently needed.

10:55 – 11:30 **MORNING BREAK**

JOINT SESSION

11:30 – 12:15 **Scaling Sustainable Aviation Fuel: The China Experience**

China is emerging as one of the most important SAF production markets, with projects being developed at scale for both domestic use and international markets. This panel will explore the factors enabling this growth, including policy support, financing, engineering capabilities, feedstock availability, industrial scale, standardization and certification, and international collaboration. Experts will also examine the next phase of development, including e-SAF opportunities, export potential, and the energy transition experience that China may offer for accelerating SAF deployment worldwide.

12:15 – 12:30 **Wrap-up and Closing**

12:30 – 14:00 **LUNCH BREAK**