

IATA AVIATION ENERGY FORUM

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12-14 May, 2026

PROGRAM



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Monday, 11 May

18:00 – 20:00

WELCOME COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Day 1: Tuesday, 12 May

JOINT SESSIONS

09:00 – 09:20

Welcome, Admin and Anti-trust Briefing

09:20 – 09:45

Keynote Address

CEO Air France (tbc)

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

Europe's Jet Fuel Logistical Challenges in a Changing Market

This session examines how Europe's evolving fuel market, marked by declining refinery capacity and rising import dependence, is putting new pressure on jet fuel logistics. With supply increasingly arriving from outside the region, Europe's ports, pipelines, and storage networks face growing strain. The panel will discuss how these constraints are reshaping distribution strategies and what it means for maintaining a reliable jet fuel supply across the continent.

11:45 – 12:30

Why Are SAF Mandates So Expensive for Airlines?

SAF mandates were introduced to accelerate aviation's decarbonization, yet they have driven exceptional and rising costs for airlines. This session explores the underlying drivers of these costs, including mandate design, supply constraints, market immaturity, and the transfer of compliance risk through commercial structures. It will also examine whether Europe's SAF policies are delivering emissions reductions in a way that is economically efficient and sustainable for airlines.

12:30 – 14:00

LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 14:45

Streamlining Digital Fueling: The Case for Standardizing Tools and Workflows

Digital fueling is advancing steadily, but the lack of standardized processes, workflows, and devices across airlines and operators is creating unnecessary operational complexity and safety risk. This session explores how fragmented digital systems impact refueling efficiency, training requirements, data quality, and apron safety. We will discuss the case for industry-wide standardization and examine practical steps to build a unified, scalable digital fueling ecosystem that works for airlines, airports, into-plane service providers, and fuel suppliers alike.

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14:45 – 15:30

Enabling SAF Claims: Integrating the EU Union Database and National Registries

This session examines how the EU Union Database (UDB) and national SAF registries can help address current challenges around SAF claims and strengthen the implementation and credibility of book-and-claim systems. Panelists will discuss integration and interoperability challenges, data alignment across jurisdictions, and how these systems can enable transparent tracking, verification, and cross-border claims. The discussion will also consider what further development is required to support scale, consistency, and market confidence.

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 if there are 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, 13 May

COMMERCIAL SESSIONS

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	Shifting Jet Fuel Trade Flow in an Era of Refinery Rationalization and Political Change This session examines how refinery rationalization across key regions is redrawing global jet fuel trade flows, shifting traditional supply routes and creating new import-export dependencies. It will also explore how political change, geopolitical tensions, sanctions, and evolving national energy policies are influencing where jet fuel is produced, traded, and consumed, and assess what these shifts mean for market volatility, supply security, and the resilience of the global aviation fuel supply chain.
13:00 – 14:40	LUNCH BREAK
14:40 – 15:20	Inside the Jet Fuel Market: A Day in the Life of a Trader This presentation offers an inside look at how traders interpret market signals, manage disruptions, and secure jet fuel amid constant volatility. It provides a firsthand understanding of the tools, pressures, and real-time judgment calls that define a trader's day.
15:20 – 16:00	From Refining to Receiving: Understanding the Case for Terminal Conversion This session explores why more refineries are being repurposed into import terminals and what factors determine whether such a conversion makes strategic and technical sense. It will outline the key steps involved in transforming refining assets into modern receiving and storage facilities. The discussion will also highlight how these shifts reshape the logistical landscape and supply market.
16:00 – 17:15	AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS AND NETWORKING

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Day 3: Thursday, 14 May

COMMERCIAL SESSIONS

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

09:30 – 10:15 **The Global SAF Landscape: Supply, Demand, and Outlook**

This session examines where global SAF demand is emerging and how current production is distributed across regions and technology pathways. It explores how SAF is physically moved, blended, and allocated across markets to balance supply and demand. The discussion will also provide a near-term outlook on expected developments over the next 12 months, including new production start-ups, policy impacts, and implications for availability and pricing.

10:15 – 11:00 **Expanding the SAF Feedstock Universe: Unlocking Regulatory Acceptance**

This session examines how existing regulatory frameworks and sustainability criteria can exclude certain available or promising SAF feedstocks from eligibility. The panel will discuss which regulatory conditions, including land-use rules, additionality requirements, lifecycle emissions thresholds, and traceability standards, act as barriers to recognition today, and explore what is needed to responsibly expand the SAF feedstock universe

11:00 – 11:30 **MORNING BREAK**

JOINT SESSION

11:30 – 12:15 **Meeting Europe's eSAF Targets: What Will It Really Take?**

This session examines whether Europe can realistically deliver on the eSAF sub-targets set for 2030. A panel will explore the key technological, financial, and policy challenges slowing scale-up, including costs, infrastructure readiness, and investment risk. The discussion will also focus on the practical actions, cross-value-chain collaboration, and policy support required to accelerate progress and close the gap between ambition and delivery.

12:15 – 12:30 **Wrap-up and Closing**

12:30 – 14:00 **LUNCH BREAK**