IATA WORLD SUSTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM

Monday, 23 September

WSS WORKSHOPS (11h00-18h30) – More information available here

18h30 WELCOME RECEPTION

Tuesday, 24 September  (showing confirmed speakers only)

Day 1

09h00 Welcome and opening
- Dr. Marie Owens Thomsen, SVP Sustainability and Chief Economist, IATA

09h20 Welcome address – Host Airline, American Airlines
- Robert Isom, CEO, American Airlines

09h30 Introductory remarks
- Juan Carlos Salazar, Secretary General, ICAO

09h45 Keynote address

10h00 CEO Roundtable
- Robert Isom, CEO, American Airlines
- Annette Mann, CEO, Austrian Airlines
- Enrique Beltranena, CEO, Volaris
- Willie Walsh, Director General, IATA

10h55 NETWORKING BREAK

11h25 Keynote address - Oil producers, Aviation and the Sustainability Transition
- Vicki Hollub, President and CEO, Occidental

11h55 Keynote address - Global Finance; Enabling the Industry’s Net Zero Ambitions?

12h20 Keynote address - Aviation and the Need for Climate Adaptation
- Paul Williams, Professor of Atmospheric Science, University of Reading

12h45 In conversation - CORSIA EEUs; A case study
- Kevin Hogan, Advisor to the President, Office of the President, Guyana

13h00 LUNCH BREAK

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**14h15**  **Financing Renewable Energy Projects; does it need to be this hard?**
How to bring a project to fruition? Where are the best opportunities and what are the challenges that need to be overcome? How to survive the Valley(s) of Death?
- Jimmy Samartzis, CEO, LanzaJet

**14h35**  **In conversation - Can airlines control their destiny?**
What are airlines doing in terms of buying and investing in SAF? Showcasing one airline’s innovative venture.
- Mukul Hariharan, Managing Partner, United Airlines Ventures’ (UAV) Sustainable Flight Fund

**14h55**  **Profitability and Risk -The investor dilemma**
How can investing in renewable energy and SAF production be made more profitable? How can the risk be transferred and mutualised across stakeholders? And how to ensure that no region is left behind?

**15h35**  **NETWORKING BREAK**

**16h05**  **Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Markets - Are we on track?**
Increased SAF production is critical to decarbonizing aviation – how are we progressing? What are the trends in the SAF supply chain, project development, and partnerships? What are there most urgent gaps that need addressing?
- Andreea Moyes, Aviation Global Sustainability Director, Air bp
- Louise Burke, VP and Global Head of Aviation, Argus Media
- Robert Schuetzle, Chief Executive Officer, Infinium
- Sergey Paltsev, Director Energy at Scale Center, MIT
- Moderator: Jonathon Counsell, Group Head of Sustainability, IAG

**16h45**  **Carbon Removals – gaining traction or elusive pipedream?**
A spotlight on the current trends in Carbon Dioxide Removals (CDR). How will CDR help decarbonize aviation, who are the major market participants, and what is needed from policy makers and other stakeholders to support this solution going forward?
- Julie Kitcher, Chief Sustainability Officer and Communication, Airbus
- Myles Allen, Professor of Geosystem Science, University of Oxford
- Moderated by Myrka Manzo, Director Environmental Compliance, Air Canada

**17h10**  **Non-CO2: Knowns and unknowns**
Aviation non-CO2 emissions and their climate impact are increasingly the focus of attention. What is the current state of understanding, what are the uncertainties, and what might the implications be for future aviation operations?
- Ulrike Burkhardt, Researcher, Institute for Atmospheric Physics, Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany

**17h30**  **End of Day 1 Sessions**

**19h00**  **NETWORKING DINNER**
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**Wednesday, 25 September**  
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### TRANSPARENCY & FINANCE TRACK

**09h00**

**Balancing Finance, Investor, and Airline Information Needs; Mission Impossible?**

The demand for sustainability reporting and transparency is growing. But to what end? Do the benefits outweigh the costs? And can the differing information needs of key stakeholder groups be reconciled?

- Claudia Huegel, Sr. Director, Head of ESG Rating and Reporting, Lufthansa Group
- Alison O'Connor, VP Sustainability, Avolon
- Robert Korn, President and Co-Founder, Carlyle Aviation Partners
- Joe Shanahan, Group Head of Aviation, Citibank
- Moderated by Jill Blickstein, VP Sustainability, AA

### POLICY & REGULATION TRACK

**10h45**

**Paving a Pragmatic Future; Net Zero Carbon Policy Solutions**

The global landscape of SAF policies is rapidly evolving. What are the recent policy initiatives around the world and their underlying rationale? Can we make any initial assessment of their effectiveness?

- Marcela Braga, Head of the International and Environmental Office, ANAC
- Moderated by Fred Ghatala, Director for Carbon and Sustainability, Advanced Biofuels Canada

### TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION & OPERATIONS TRACK

**NEW AIRCRAFT TECHNOLOGIES - THE FUTURE OF FLIGHT?**

Hear about - and see - some of the exciting new (and dare we say 'radical'?) developments which are revolutionizing air travel.

- Dr. Victoria Coleman, CEO, Airbus Acubed
- Ramy Mourad, Director of Engineering, Urban Air Mobility, Boeing
- Sandrine Lacorre, Product Marketing Leader, CFM
- Val Miftakhov, CEO, Zeroavia
- Moderated by Sophie Lane, Chief Relationships Officer, ATI

### NETWORKING BREAK

**10h00**

**Financing the Transition - How to Get Projects Going, and to Maturity**

How to harness the available capital, optimize risk transfer, and capture the opportunities? What innovation is needed to finance the Net Zero transition?

- Niklas Lund, CEO/ Partner, Rockton
- Nicholas Lawson, Head of Low Carbon Strategy, Mercuria

### TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION & OPERATIONS TRACK

**Implementing Innovation: Practical Considerations**

Practical Considerations for Energy Transition

- Christina Cassotis, CEO, Allegheny County Airport Authority
- Emma Whittlesea, Head of Partnerships, Stralis
- Matthieu Piron, Managing Director, Hydrogen Airport
- Marion Chivot, Director, ESG Strategy, Edmonton Airport
- Moderated by Naomi Allen, Head of Research, Royal Aeronautical Society

### A Coordinated Policy Approach; Too Much to Ask?

Policy has a key role in the successful scale-up of SAF production and deployment. Is there a way to reconcile the varied policy needs and priorities of stakeholders across the value chain, or are we doomed to fend for ourselves?

- Cesar Pereira, Advisor, Sustainability and Strategy, Embraer
- Nancy Young, CSO, Gevo
- Anna Stukas, VP Business Development, Carbon Engineering
- Moderated by Kevin Welsh, VP Environmental Affairs & Chief Sustainability Officer, A4A
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11h45  NETWORKING BREAK

12h20  Concluding Plenary
- Mafunase Malenga, Managing Director, Southern Africa Institute of Aviation Science and Technology

12h50  Closing remarks
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