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

09h45  CEO Roundtable
- Robert Isom, CEO, American Airlines
- Annette Mann, CEO, Austrian Airlines
- Yvonne Manzi Makolo, CEO, RwandAir
- Enrique Beltranena, CEO, Volaris
- Willie Walsh, Director General, IATA

10h45  NETWORKING BREAK

11h15  Keynote address - Oil producers, Aviation and the Sustainability Transition
- Vicki Hollub, President and CEO, Occidental

11h50  Keynote address - Global Finance; Enabling the Industry’s Net Zero Ambitions?

12h25  Keynote address - Aviation and the Need for Climate Adaptation
- Paul Williams, Professor of Atmospheric Science, University of Reading

13h00  LUNCH BREAK
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14h15 Achieving Air Transport Sustainability – Part 1
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

Can airlines control their destiny?
What are airlines doing in terms of buying and investing in SAF? Showcasing one airline’s innovative venture.

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?

15h45 NETWORKING BREAK

16h15 Achieving Air Transport Sustainability – Part 2
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 the most urgent gaps that need addressing?
- Louise Burke, VP and Global Head of Aviation, Argus Media
- Sergey Paltsev, Director Energy at Scale Center, MIT
- Moderator: Jonathon Counsell, Group Head of Sustainability, IAG

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 policymakers and other stakeholders to support this solution going forward?
- Myles Allen, Professor of Geosystem Science, University of Oxford
- Moderated by Myrka Manzo, Director Environmental Compliance, Air Canada

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

17h45 End of Day 1 Sessions

20h00 NETWORKING DINNER
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Wednesday, 25 September  (showing confirmed speakers only)

09h00  TRANSPRANCY & FINANCE TRACK
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
- Allison 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

09h00  POLICY & REGULATION TRACK
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

10h00  NETWORKING BREAK

10h45  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.
- Val Miftakhov, CEO, Zeroavia
- Moderated by Sophie Lane, Chief Relationships Officer, ATI

10h45  POLICY & REGULATION TRACK
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 Souto, VP of Sustainability for Commercial Aviation, Embraer
- Nancy Young, CSO, Gevo
- Anna Stukas, VP Business Development, Carbon Engineering

10h45  IMPLEMENTING INNOVATION: PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

i) Practical Considerations for Energy Transition
- Marion Chivot, Director, ESG Strategy, Edmonton Airport
- Emma Whittlesea, Head of Partnerships, Stralis
- Moderated by Naomi Allen, Head of Research, Royal Aeronautical Society

ii) Practical Considerations for Contrail Management

Levers for Financing the Transition
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
- Nic Lawson, Head of Low Carbon Strategy, Mercuria

Implementing Innovation: Practical Considerations

- Practical Considerations for Energy Transition
- Practical Considerations for Contrail Management
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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  
- Dr. Marie Owens Thomsen, SVP Sustainability and Chief Economist, IATA

13h00  LUNCH BREAK

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