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**PROGRAM**



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Day 1

## Tuesday, 13 October

- 09h00**      **Welcome and opening**  
- Marie Owens Thomsen, SVP Sustainability and Chief Economist, IATA
- 09h10**      **Keynote Address: The importance of sustainable aviation to communities – an MEP perspective**  
A view on how sustainable aviation supports regional cohesion, economic opportunity and social connectivity, from the perspective of European Parliament policymaking.
- 09h30**      **Keynote Address: Air transport and the sustainability imperative – a view from Brussels**  
An examination of the aviation sector's sustainability challenge in the context of wider EU policy agenda, highlighting priorities, trade-offs and the path forward.
- 09h50**      **In Conversation with...**  
- IATA's Director General and guests
- 10h30**      **NETWORKING BREAK**
- 11h15**      **Ten years of CORSIA; a policy stocktake and view to the future**  
2026 marks the 10th anniversary of CORSIA, the global market-based measure for international aviation. This panel reviews its performance to date and looks ahead to the next phase.
- 12h00**      **Mobilizing climate finance through carbon markets**  
Based on recent case studies, this discussion highlights the opportunity presented by CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units (EEUs) for project developers, country finances and wider economic and social development by mobilizing climate finance through the carbon markets.
- 12h45**      **LUNCH BREAK**
- 14h00**      **SAF supply; scaling for success**  
SAF is a fundamental part of the solution to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050. We take a critical look at the current SAF supply and demand dynamics, the key challenges to increasing volumes, what needs to be done and by whom to increase production volumes?
- 14h45**      **LCAF & Co-processing – accelerating sustainability outcomes**  
We investigate the practical considerations relating to Low Carbon Aviation Fuels (LCAF) and Co-processing and their potential contribution to air transport's sustainability transition.
- 15h30**      **NETWORKING BREAK**
- 16h15**      **Investing in air transport sustainability; understanding the risk/ return conundrum**  
Why are we not seeing more capital flow into aviation sustainability projects? What are the impediments and what needs to be done to address them? How can risk be better shared? Who is best placed to bear which type of risk? Is there a role for public policy?
- 17h00**      **Wrap up and End of Day 1**

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Day 2

## Wednesday, 14 October

- 09h00**      **Welcome – Day 2**
- 09h05**      **Aviation policy at a crossroads; preserving competitiveness and minimizing risks of fragmentation**  
From a global perspective, do current policies strike the right balance between achieving sustainability goals and preserving a level playing field, without undermining competitiveness or triggering retaliatory measures? Are there factors which risk limiting their effectiveness? What recalibrations might need to be made?
- 09h50**      **Contrails and Non-CO2; towards a better understanding of the operational and scientific challenges**  
This panel brings together various experts to discuss the latest trials and developments in the evolving understanding of contrails and non-CO2 effects. What do we know, what are we still figuring out, and what does it all mean for policy and the industry?
- 10h35**      **NETWORKING BREAK**
- 11h15**      **From production to part-out; investigating sustainability across the aircraft lifecycle**  
With around 25,000 aircraft in the current global fleet, what initiatives are being developed to enhance air transport's sustainability performance over the entire lifecycle of the fleet?
- 12h00**      **Ecosystem initiatives – driving sustainability outcomes via radical collaboration**  
Delivering aviation's ambitious sustainability goals requires collaboration across the entire value chain. We take a closer look at some practical examples of best practice initiatives from around the world.
- 12h45**      **LUNCH BREAK**
- 14h00**      **A view to the future...**  
Air transport is a dynamic and constantly evolving industry. This panel takes a closer look at how anticipated future developments can contribute to the achievement of the sustainability transition.
- 14h45**      **The cutting edge; showcasing new tech start-ups**  
Engaging, interactive and inspiring presentations from new, innovative providers of potential system solutions.
- 15h30**      **NETWORKING BREAK**
- 16h15**      **Concluding Plenary**
- 17h00**      **Closing remarks**  
- Marie Owens Thomsen, SVP Sustainability and Chief Economist, IATA
- End of Day 2, End of WSS**