



## Registration & Welcome Reception - 28 April, 2026

18:00 – 20:00 **Registration** 

19:00 Welcome Cocktail Reception

### Day 1 - 29 April, 2026

08:00 - 09:00 Registration & Welcome Coffee

09:00 - 09:30 Welcome & Opening

Keynote speeches by distinguished industry leaders.

09:30 - 10:00 IATA Economic Outlook

An overview of the Aviation Industry's economic outlook at regional and global levels, highlighting the current and forecast trends impacting the industry's performance.

10:00 – 10:30 Networking Coffee Break

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10:30 – 11:30 A Collaborative Ecosystem to Unlock Africa's Aviation Potential

Africa's aviation sector holds vast untapped potential, however realizing it demands a shared vision and aligned strategies across the aviation ecosystem. This panel explores how collaboration between industry leaders, government agencies, and regulatory bodies can overcome fragmentation, unlock investments, and expand connectivity. By fostering strategic partnerships, harmonizing policies, and promoting innovation, stakeholders can build a resilient aviation ecosystem that positions Africa as a dynamic force in the global air transport industry.

11:30 – 12:00 Insights of African Airlines Priorities

African aviation industry has its own unique landscape. Based on the insights obtained from three distinguished African airline CEO's, this presentation session explores African airlines priorities, challenges, and potential opportunities.

**12:00 – 12:15 Sponsor Spotlight** 

12:15 – 13:15 Networking Lunch Break

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13:15 – 14:15 Boosting Economic Growth Through Aviation Investment in Africa

Africa's aviation sector plays a pivotal role in fuelling economic development by enhancing trade, boosting tourism, and strengthening regional integration. This panel convenes influential stakeholders to explore how strategic investments in aviation can unlock a transformative growth across the continent. The discussion will focus on the aviation sector's critical development needs, persistent challenges, emerging opportunities, and the actionable roadmap to drive sustainable progress.

14:15 – 14:45 A Quantitative Analysis of Factors Stimulating African Air Traffic

A presentation session that introduces a data-driven model aimed at accelerating air traffic growth within and across Africa's Regional Economic Communities (RECs). It will also identify the most determinant factors that could enhance connectivity and traffic grow while leading the path towards a more robust policy formulation.

14:45 - 15:00 **Sponsor Spotlight** 



15:00 – 15:30 Networking Coffee Break

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15:30 – 16:30 Tourism & Aviation in Africa

A presentation followed by a panel discussion exploring the pivotal role of tourism in driving air traffic growth and its contribution to African economies. The session will highlight the unique offerings of major African destinations while benchmarking their attributes and appeal compared to other competing global destinations. It will also examine an Index measuring African destinations attractiveness, and the factors that enable or hinder their success.

16:30 – 16:45 The Journey to Modern Airline Retailing

An interview offering insights into the evolution of modern airline retailing across the aviation industry. The conversation will highlight key milestones, emerging trends, and the pivotal role of IATA and the Airline Retailing Consortium in guiding airlines through their transformation journey towards modern and customer-centric retailing.

16:45 - 17:15 Getting Ready for Offers & Orders Across the Value Chain

This panel session brings together airlines, travel sellers, and aggregators to share real-world experiences in modern airline retailing. Speakers will highlight the benefits achieved to date, explore emerging opportunities, and discuss the critical need for supply chain collaboration—anchored in a shared commitment to customer-centric innovation.

19:30 – 22:00 Gala Dinner

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### Day 2 - 30 April, 2026

## 09:00 - 09:20 An Overview of IATA Billing & Settlement Plan (BSP)

This session presents an overview of the IATA Billing and Settlement Plan (BSP), a trusted and cost-efficient system—backed by the IATA Agency Program—that streamlines financial transactions between airlines and travel agents. Attendees will gain insights into how BSP enhances operational efficiency, promotes financial transparency, and supports the aviation industry's transformation amid shifting distribution models.

## 09:20 – 10:00 Integrating Advanced and Efficient Payment Solutions

In a rapidly evolving aviation landscape, delivering seamless and efficient payment experiences is key to boosting customer satisfaction and loyalty. This panel will examine the latest innovations and cost-saving strategies in payment solutions, highlighting their influence on the end-to-end customer journey and the broader travel ecosystem.

# 10:00 - 11:00 Navigating the Future of Africa's Safety & Airspace Programs

As air traffic across Africa continues to grow, ensuring safety and effective airspace coordination becomes increasingly vital. This panel will explore innovative strategies and the role of IATA's safety and data programs in advancing these efforts. Through real-world examples, the session will highlight how collaborative decision-making among air traffic control, airlines, and airports can enhance safety, boost operational predictability, and drive efficiency across the continent's aviation ecosystem.

## 11:00 – 11:30 Networking Coffee Break

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# 11:45 – 12:15 Spotlight on IATA's Airport Ground Operations

This session shines a spotlight on IATA's Ground Operations Programs and the evolving future of the ground handling industry. It will showcase globally recognized safety initiatives like ISAGO and IGOM, while emphasizing the importance of strategic adoption across Africa to enhance operational safety, security, and efficiency in a rapidly changing aviation environment.

### 12:15 – 13:15 Networking Lunch Break

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## 13:15 – 13:30 Sponsor Spotlight

### 13:30 – 14:30 Enhancing Operational Efficiency in African Aviation

Africa faces some of the highest aviation charges, taxes, and fees in the world, posing a significant barrier to air travel demand and undermining the financial sustainability of industry stakeholders. This panel will explore how governments, airlines, airports, and air navigation service providers can work together to improve operational efficiency and make air travel more affordable across the continent. Through collaborative strategies, the session aims to identify actionable solutions that support growth, accessibility, and long-term viability for African aviation.

### 14:30 – 15:00 Networking Coffee Break

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## 15:00 – 16:00 Building Capacity – Smart Investments for Africa's Aviation Future

As Africa's aviation sector grows, the need for modern infrastructure and smart technologies becomes increasingly urgent. This panel will explore how strategic



investments, and digital innovations can empower airports to handle rising passenger volumes, alleviate capacity challenges, and unlock long-term growth opportunities across the continent.

**16:00 – 16:15** Recap & Closing Remarks