



## DRAFT AGENDA

*(Subject to change – all speakers listed are confirmed unless otherwise noted)*

*Location: The Diplomat Hotel*

### Sunday, May 31

- 3:30-6 p.m. Registration
- 4-5 p.m. IAAE Leadership Meeting *(closed session)*
- 5:30 p.m. Welcome Reception  
Conference Hotel

### Monday, June 1

- 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Registration
- 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. All-Day Beverage Break  
*Sponsored by McFarland Johnson*
- 7:45-8:45 a.m. Breakfast  
*Sponsored by Michael Baker International*
- 8:45-9:15 a.m. Welcome and Opening Ceremony
- Ms. Holly Ackerman  
Associate Vice President, Global Operations  
IAAE/AAAE
- Honor Guard, Bagpipe Troupe and National Anthem*
- Mr. Jorge Hernández  
Chair, International Association of Airport Executives (IAAE)  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Aerostar Airport Holdings, LLC (Luis Muñoz Marín  
International Airport) *Puerto Rico*
- Mr. Jeff Mulder, A.A.E., *Conference Committee Chair*  
Airports Director  
OKC Will Rogers International Airport

Mr. Michael Udine  
Commissioner  
Broward County

Mr. Mark Gale, A.A.E.  
CEO/Director of Aviation  
Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport

9:15-10 a.m.

Session 1: Airport and Airline Executive Roundtable  
*The roundtable will bring together senior aviation leaders for a candid, forward-looking discussion on the most pressing issues shaping airports across the Americas. Through an interactive and informal format, participants will share insights on strategic priorities, emerging challenges, and opportunities for collaboration across the region. Topics may include airport modernization, financial sustainability, workforce development, policy and regulatory trends, and the evolving role of airports in a rapidly changing global environment.*

Moderator:

Mr. Mark Gale, A.A.E.  
CEO/Director of Aviation  
Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport

Speakers:

Mr. Mike McMurray  
Commissioner  
Chicago Department of Aviation

Dr. Kenneth Romer  
Deputy Director General of Tourism / Director of Aviation  
Office of the Deputy Director General / Aviation  
The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation

Mr. Ricardo Hernández (*invited*)  
CEO  
Aeris Holding Costa Rica

Mr. Ronce Almond  
Managing Director, Head of International Government Affairs  
American Airlines

10-10:50 a.m.

Session 2: Regulatory Engagement Across the Americas  
*Strengthening participation from national and regional regulatory bodies, including opportunities for collaboration with U.S., Caribbean, Latin American, and Canadian authorities.*

Moderator:

Mr. Jeff Mulder, A.A.E.  
Director of Airports  
Oklahoma City/OKC Trust

Speakers: Mr. Oracio Marquez  
Regional Director, External Affairs & Sustainability, Latin America & Caribbean  
IATA

Mr. Andrew Bonaby  
Manager, Aviation Security & Facilitation Oversight Department  
Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas

Mr. Ronce Almond  
Managing Director, Head of International Government Affairs  
American Airlines

10:50-11:10 a.m. Networking Break  
*Sponsored by Aerostar Airport Holdings*

11:10 a.m.-12 p.m. Session 3: Safety, Standards, and International Coordination  
*Exploring the role of global and regional aviation organizations in supporting safety, infrastructure oversight, and harmonized implementation of standards.*

Moderator: Mr. Todd A. Curry, A.A.E., IAP  
Chief Municipal Affairs Officer  
Houston Airports

Speakers: Mr. Chris Zanardi  
Vice President, Commercial Operations  
PASSUR

12-1:15 p.m. Networking Lunch  
*Sponsored by Ricondo*

1:15-2:05 p.m. Session 4: When Airport Events Go Viral  
*We all know the good, bad, and ugly of social media when it comes to passengers posting about the airport. During this session, you will hear about best-practice examples of social media use during an emergency, crisis, and other airport events.*

Moderator: Ms. Celina Saucedo, A.A.E.  
Aviation Chief Administrative Officer  
Broward County Aviation Department

Speakers: Ms. Arlene Satchell  
Public Information Officer  
Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport

Ms. Joy Oglesby  
Public Information Officer  
Port Everglades

Ms. Cristina Armand  
Digital Marketing Manager  
Miami International Airport

2:05-2:55 p.m.      Session 5: Power Reliability, Energy Transition and SAF Readiness  
*Energy resilience, grid vulnerabilities, electrification, and preparing the airport ecosystem for sustainable aviation fuel expansion.*

Moderator:      TBD

Speakers:      Mr. Dimas Salvia, A.A.E.  
Chief Operating Officer  
Rio De Janeiro - Galeao International Airport (*Brazil*)

Mr. Omar Mendoza  
Assistant Director for Project Controls  
Houston Airport System

2:55-3:15 p.m.      Networking Break  
*Sponsored by Houston Airport System*

3:15-4:05 p.m.      Session 6: Airport Modernization: Technology, Passenger Facilitation,  
and Operations  
*This session will explore how airports are modernizing infrastructure, operations, and business models through the adoption of advanced technologies and innovative approaches to passenger facilitation. Speakers will share global and regional perspectives, including insights from the Gulf region and Latin America and the Caribbean, highlighting how modernization efforts are shaping the future of airport management.*

Moderator:      Mr. Jarin Horton, MBA, A.A.E.  
Assistant Vice President, Airfield Operations  
Dallas Fort Worth International Airport

Speakers:      Ms. Jodie Brinkerhoff  
Chief Strategy Officer  
Sotereon.AI

Mr. Doug Wycoff  
Director of Digital Technologies and Innovation  
Tampa International Airport

Mr. Antonio Clarke  
Director Aviation Security & Facilitation  
Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas

4:05-5 p.m.      Session 7: Navigating Political Uncertainty: Impacts on Airport  
Operations and Tourism Markets  
*Aviation and tourism are deeply interconnected with political and economic stability. When instability arises, airports both within the*

*affected country and in key origin markets must adapt quickly. This session will analyze how political events influence airline capacity decisions, route suspensions, insurance and security costs, passenger behavior, and broader tourism performance. Speakers will share insights on forecasting uncertainty, maintaining service, and positioning airports for recovery once stability returns.*

Moderator: Mr. Jorge Hernández  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Aerostar Airport Holdings, LLC (Luis Muñoz Marín  
International Airport) *Puerto Rico*

Speakers: Mr. Norberto Negrón  
Executive Director  
Puerto Rico Ports Authority

Mr. Andy Wilson  
Former Executive Director  
Mobile Airport Authority

Mr. William Castillo  
Capital Project Management Administrator  
Broward County Aviation Department

Mr. Paul Bevans  
Chairman  
Airport Authority of The Bahamas

6:30-8:30 p.m. Skyline Lounge Above Fort Lauderdale  
*Hosted by Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport*

*Join us for a cocktail reception at the new Omni Fort Lauderdale Hotel, where you can unwind against sweeping views of the Fort Lauderdale skyline. Enjoy a relaxed rooftop atmosphere with drinks, local flavors bites, conversation, and a fitting close to the day's sessions.*

## **Tuesday, June 2**

8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Registration

8:15-9 a.m. Breakfast  
*Sponsored by Burns & McDonnell*

9-9:50 a.m. Session 8: Air Service Development, Tourism Competitiveness and Next-Gen Aircraft Impacts  
*This session will examine how air service development and tourism strategies are increasingly interconnected in a competitive global environment. Speakers will explore how airports, airlines, and destination stakeholders can work together to strengthen market positioning, respond to evolving industry dynamics, and capitalize on new opportunities driven by changes in aircraft technology and network*

*strategy. The discussion will highlight collaborative approaches to sustaining growth and enhancing regional competitiveness.*

Moderator: Mr. Kerry Fountain  
Executive Director  
Bahamas Out Islands Promotion Board

Speakers: Mr. Lyndon Gardiner  
CEO  
Inter Caribbean Airline

Captain JP Roberts  
Founder & CEO  
Seaplane Safaris

Mr. Tracey Cooper  
Managing Director  
Bahamasair

Mr. Anthony Hunt  
Airlift and Tourism Advisor  
Belize

9:50-10:40 a.m. Session 9: From Vision to Reality: A Global Conversation on Advanced Air Mobility  
*This session will explore how advanced air mobility is moving from concept to real-world implementation, with insights from industry, infrastructure, and airport leadership. Speakers will discuss how new entrants, planners, and airport operators are working to integrate emerging technologies into existing aviation systems, with a focus on operational readiness, infrastructure considerations, and safe integration into the airspace. The conversation will highlight practical experiences and global perspectives as advanced air mobility continues to take shape.*

Speakers: Mr. Usmaan Javed (*tentatively confirmed*)  
Aerospace Engineer  
U.S. Federal Aviation Administration

Mr. Stuart Todd  
Technical Principal - Aviation Advisory  
Mott Macdonald

Mr. Michael Nonnemacher, A.A.E., IAP  
Chief Operating Officer/Deputy Director  
Fort Lauderdale Hollywood International Airport

10:40-11 a.m. Networking Break  
*Sponsored by Lochner*

11-11:50 a.m.                    Session 10: The Future of Airport Commercial Development: Unlocking Revenue While Enhancing the Passenger Experience  
*This session will focus on practical approaches to increasing non-aeronautical revenue at small and mid-sized airports, including commercial real estate, terminal retail strategy, use of underutilized space, and digital commerce innovations such as cashless concepts. International examples will be included.*

Moderator:                    Mr. Joe Cannon, AIA, MBA  
Associate Principal, Aviation Architecture & Engineering  
AECOM

Speakers:                    Ms. Sarah Beaver  
Airport Project Delivery Head  
Avports

Ms. Jan Knowles  
Vice President of Marketing and Commercial Development  
Nassau Airport Development Company (a Vantage Group company)

Mr. Timothy McDermott  
CEO  
Freeport Development Company/Manchester Airport Group

11:50-12:30 p.m.            Session 11: Airport Privatization and P3s in the Americas: Operator and Investor Perspectives  
*This session will bring together leading airport concessionaires, investors, and advisors to discuss the evolution of airport privatization and public-private partnership models across the Americas. Panelists will share firsthand insights from operating and investing in major airport concessions, highlighting key considerations in structuring successful P3s, including risk allocation, governance, financing, and stakeholder alignment. Drawing on real-world experience from Latin America and the Caribbean, the discussion will explore lessons learned, emerging opportunities, and how privatization models are adapting to meet future infrastructure and operational needs.*

Moderator:                    Mr. Ramón Miró  
President and CEO  
Quiport SA

Speakers:                    Mr. Curtis Grad  
Partner, President and CEO  
Modalis

Mr. Jorge Hernández  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Aerostar Airport Holdings, LLC

Mr. Ricardo Hernández  
CEO  
Aeris Holding Costa Rica

Mr. Jeremy Ebie  
Founder and Chief Executive Officer  
Phoenix Infrastructure Group

12:30-1:45 p.m.

Networking Lunch  
Sponsored by *Richmond (Va.) International Airport*

2-2:50 p.m.

Session 12: Regional Airports: Challenges and Concepts to Grow Connectivity  
*Regional airports across the Americas—including those in North America, the Caribbean, and South America—play a critical role in connecting communities to major domestic and international hubs. These connections provide essential access for tourism, leisure, and business travel, often through what are considered “thin routes,” where service frequency depends heavily on the strength of hub operations. Low-cost carriers have had notable success in developing regional city pairs, helping to expand connectivity. Looking ahead, this panel will examine the unique dynamics of the diverse regional aviation market in the Americas and explore practical approaches to strengthening connectivity and sustaining service.*

Moderator:

Mr. Norbert Onkelbach  
Chief Commercial Officer  
Lima Airport

Speakers:

Ms. Sarah Swainson  
Director of Business Development  
Hoher Holdings/Makers Air

Mr. Peter Rutherford  
Managing Director  
Airport Authority, Bahamas

Mr. Angel E. Ramos, A.A.E., P.E.  
Business Development Director  
AtkinsRealis

2:50-3:40 p.m.

Session 13: Disaster Recovery and Destination Resilience:  
*Natural disasters can severely disrupt air service and tourism-driven economies. This session will examine how airports and tourism authorities coordinate to restore connectivity, rebuild traveler confidence, and accelerate joint recovery.*

Moderator:

Mr. Shane Munroe, A.A.E.  
Chief Executive Officer  
MBJ Airports Limited (Jamaica)

Speakers: Ms. Eileen Vélez-Vega, P.E.  
Strategic Infrastructure Director  
Kimley-Horn

Stacy Ritter  
President/CEO  
Visit Lauderdale

Tatiana Riesgo  
Emergency Management Specialist, Senior  
Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport

Carla Taylor-Bennett  
Recovery Section Manager  
Broward County Emergency Management

Mr. Kerry Fountain  
Executive Director  
Bahamas Out Islands Promotion Board/Member Bahamas Tourism  
Readiness and Recovery Committee

3:40-4 p.m. Final Networking Reception  
*Sponsored by Houston Airport System*

### **Wednesday, June 3 – Airport Tour**

9-11 a.m.– Airport Tour of Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL)  
*(Transportation pickup from the hotel at 8:30 a.m.)*

Includes:

- Airfield visit
- AOCC and Fire Station
- Emergency Operations Center
- Elevated runway overview

*Participation limited (30 attendees)*