



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)*
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Welcome Reception
Sponsored by EXP U.S. Services Inc.
- Live Music by Wilson Jean-Baptiste, Steel Pan Drummer and Vocalist
Courtesy of FLL Airport's Terminal Tunes Entertainment Program

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*
- National Anthem Performance
Taylor Babineaux, Vocalist
Courtesy of FLL Airport's Terminal Tunes Entertainment Program

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

Jerome M. Sheridan, MPA, C.M., ACE
Territorial Airport Manager
Cyril E. King and Henry E. Rohlsen Airports
Virgin Islands Port Authority

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

10-10:50 a.m. Session 2: Regulatory Engagement Across the Americas
This session will explore strategies for strengthening collaboration among aviation regulatory authorities and industry stakeholders across the Americas. Discussions will focus on enhancing regional coordination, advancing aviation security and facilitation efforts, promoting sustainable aviation growth, and fostering effective engagement between government regulators and airport and airline operators. Perspectives from the United States, Caribbean, and Latin America will highlight opportunities for increased cooperation, policy alignment, and industry partnership to support a safe, secure, and resilient aviation sector throughout the region.

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, Technology, and International Coordination
This session will examine the importance of coordinated approaches to aviation safety, operational efficiency, and infrastructure planning across the Americas. Speakers will discuss the role of technology, data-driven decision-making, and engineering expertise in supporting safe and efficient airport and airspace operations. The conversation will also explore how airports, industry partners, and technical experts can work together to strengthen operational oversight, improve situational awareness, and support the consistent implementation of aviation standards and best practices throughout the region.

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

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

Jose Garcia (*tentatively confirmed*)

Aviation Engineer

Kimley-Horn Puerto Rico

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*)

Luis Faure, C.M., P.E., MEM

Chief Infrastructure Officer

Luis Munoz Marin International Airport

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.

Live Music by Xiomy & Nick
Courtesy of FLL Airport's Terminal Tunes Entertainment Program

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.

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

Speakers: 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 Egis

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

Mr. Juan Pablo Garcia
Chief Commercial Officer, Aerostar
Commercial Director, ASUR

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

Speakers: Mr. Norbert Onkelbach
Chief Commercial Officer
Lima Airport

Mr. Peter Rutherford
Managing Director
Airport Authority, Bahamas

Airbus (confirmed, speaker TBD)

Ms. Sarah Swainson
Director of Business Development
Hoche Holding/Makers Air

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

Rohan Shah, P.E.
Transport Specialist
World Bank

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

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)