

HILTON PRAGUE ATRIUM HOTEL**DRAFT AGENDA** (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4**

- *Delegate conference bags - Sponsored by San Francisco (Calif.) International Airport*
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- *Mobil App – Sponsorat by Richmond International Airport*

7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. **Conference Registration – (Ballroom Hallway)**

Special Complimentary Workshop for Attendees

8-11 a.m. **Executive AI Workshop: What Airport Executives Need to Know Now (Location: Liben 3)**
Organized by IAAE and Presented in Partnership with Aviation Strategies International (ASI)

The greatest barrier to AI in aviation isn't the technology. It's leadership.

Kick off the conference with an exclusive, high-impact workshop designed specifically for airport leaders, board members, and senior aviation executives.

While the industry fixates on the capabilities of Artificial Intelligence, the true differentiator for future-ready airports isn't the technology itself, it is the leadership, governance, and culture behind it.

This interactive session will focus on how airports can successfully prepare for AI adoption through strong leadership, workforce transformation, governance, and strategic planning — beyond the technology itself. Through expert insights and collaborative discussions, participants will explore practical approaches to building AI-ready airport organizations and preparing teams for the future of aviation.

Topics Include:

- *Why AI initiatives succeed or fail*
- *Building an AI-ready airport culture including workforce reskilling and leadership strategies*
- *Holistic incorporation of AI throughout the organization's strategies, operations and management processes*
- *Governance, regulatory issues, and implementation planning*
- *Practical AI roadmap strategies for airports*

The workshop will conclude with key insights and recommendations shared in a post-session executive summary paper. Participants will receive an Executive Workshop Certificate.

- 11:15-12:15 p.m. **IAAE Board Meeting** (closed) **(Location: Liben 3)**
- 12:25 p.m. Gathering in the Hotel Lobby
- 12:30-3:30 p.m. **City Tour** (walking)
Discover Prague's historic landmarks and vibrant culture on this guided city tour.
Sponsored by Rhode Island Airport Corporation, co-sponsored by Jacobs
- 5-6 p.m. **Welcome Reception-** **(Location: Hop House)**
Join us to mix, mingle and make lasting connections at our evening of networking
Sponsored by Jacobs
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. **Board Dinner** (closed)
Sponsored by Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

Theme: *Where aviation stands today + immediate strategic pressures*

- 8 a.m.-4 p.m. **Registration - (Ballroom Hallway)**
- 8-9 a.m. **Networking Breakfast**
Sponsored by Northeast Chapter, AAAE
- 9-9:30 a.m. **Welcome Remarks and Conference Overview**
General Sessions: Ballroom
- Heba Gouda
Vice President, Global Operations
American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE)
- Jorge Hernández, CPA., *IAAE Chair*
President & Chief Executive Officer
Aerostar/Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport, Puerto Rico
- Radomir Lasak
CEO
Prague Airport
- Mr. Ivan Bednárík (TBC)
Minister of Transport
The Czech Republic

Mr. Zdeněk Jelínek (TBC)
Director of the Civil Aviation Department
Ministry of Transport, The Czech Republic

His Excellency Nicholas Merrick
U.S Ambassador to the Czech Republic

9:30-9:40 a.m

Keynote Address

The Transatlantic Aviation Outlook: Growth, Risk, and Strategic Opportunity

A high-level strategic outlook on the future of transatlantic aviation, examining how geopolitical dynamics, economic uncertainty, and evolving airline strategies are reshaping connectivity between Europe and North America. The keynote will explore the implications for hub competitiveness, infrastructure investment, and long-term growth.

Speaker:

Rafael Schwartzman
Regional Vice President Europe
(IATA)

9:40 – 10:50 a.m.

SESSION 1 — Opening Leadership Dialogue & Vision 2035: Strategic

Leadership for Airports – *A forward-looking session for airport CEOs, examining how leaders can navigate disruption and shape the future of aviation. Panelists will discuss strategic decision-making, long-term airport planning, investment priorities, and organizational transformation. The dialogue will also touch on Europe–North America connectivity, airline partnerships, workforce development, and emerging technologies such as AI and digital transformation — providing actionable takeaways for guiding airports through uncertainty and positioning them for sustainable growth.*

Sponsored by AAAE Past Leaders

Moderator:

Balram “B” Bheodari, A.A.E, IAP
Senior Vice President & National Practice Lead – Aviation Services
Michael Baker International
(Former General Manager of Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport)

Speakers:

Michael McMurray
Commissioner, Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA)
O'Hare & Midway International Airports

David Ciceo
CEO
Cluj International Airport, Romania

Mark VanLoh, A.A.E.
CEO
Jacksonville (Fla.) Aviation Authority

Lance Lyttle
Chief Executive Officer
Greater Orlando Aviation Authority

Jiri Petrzilka
Senior Vice President, Eastern Europe
Menzies Aviation

Greg Kelly, A.A.E.
Executive Director
Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport

Esther J. Kromhout MSc
Managing Director NACO/ Director Aviation
Royal HaskoningDHV
NACO (Netherlands Airport Consultants)

10:50-11:20a.m. **Networking Break with Exhibitors - (Ballroom Hallway)**
Sponsored by Orlando International Airport (GOAA)

11:20 a.m.-12:15 p.m. **SESSION 2 — Hybrid Threats & Aviation Security: Protecting Airports in a New Risk Environment** - *This session will explore how airports in Europe and North America are adapting their security strategies to address evolving threats. Experts will discuss cyber–physical risk convergence, drone and UAS threats, supply chain vulnerabilities, insider risk management, and the role of international cooperation in protecting aviation infrastructure.*
Sponsored by Genetec

Moderator: Jeanne Olivier, A.A.E., ACE, IACE
Airport Advisor & Past Chair, AAAE

Speakers: Susanne Ebm
Senior Vice President, IT
Vienna Airport

Aksam Aboasali
Global Subject Matter Expert - Aviation
Genetec

Amy Olsen
TSA Representative
Czech Republic, Germany

Vaclav Rehor
Chief Executive Officer
URC Systems (Former ACI Europe Board Member & Former CEO, Prague Airport)

Byron Amos
Atlanta Council Member
Founder of End All Threat Security

12:15-1:15 p.m.

SESSION 3 — Passenger Experience & Borders: AI, Digital & Technology-Driven Seamless Travel- *Digital identity, biometrics, and AI-powered border management systems are revolutionizing the end-to-end passenger experience. This session explores how airports in Europe and North America are leveraging AI and advanced analytics to optimize passenger flow, automate identity verification, and enhance operational decision-making—delivering secure, efficient, and seamless journeys. Panelists will share real-world lessons from leading AI-enabled deployments, highlighting measurable improvements in efficiency, passenger satisfaction, and security. This session also provides an opportunity for technology partners and solution providers to showcase innovations shaping the future of airport operations.*

Moderator: Vinicio “Lenny” Llerena, A.A.E., ACE
Executive Director
Victoria Regional Airport

Speakers: Viktor Šober
CEO
Dubrovnik Airport

Ilias Maragkakis
Associate Partner and Head of Solution Group Infrastructure and Operations
Lufthansa Consulting

Marcel Stroop
Director of Go-To-Market & Partnership Aviation Solution
Royal Schiphol Group

Carlos Jodar
Vice President
Europe, Airports & Border Authorities
Amadeus

Sylvie Ladame
Director of Strategic, EMEA & APAC
Atrius | Acuity Intelligent Spaces Inc.

Michael Schneider
Vice President Customer Success
Xovis- Switzerland

1:15-2:30p.m.

Networking Luncheon – (Atrium Restaurant)
Sponsored by Birmingham (Ala.) Airport Authority

2:30-3:30 p.m.

SESSION 4 — Geopolitics, Airspace & Network Realignment

This session explores how global geopolitical developments are impacting airspace management, airline networks, and airport operations. Topics include the Ukraine war, Middle East route shifts, NATO corridor effects, transatlantic joint ventures, and strategies for risk diversification across European and North American hubs. Panelists will focus on the operational and network implications for airlines and airports, including airspace efficiency, connectivity planning, and collaboration between carriers and airport operators. The discussion will remain professional and industry-focused, highlighting strategies to maintain resilience, optimize networks, and ensure safe and efficient aviation operations.

Moderator:

Grzegorz Bykowski
Chief Executive Officer
Poznań Airport

Speakers:

Mohamed Khalifa Rahma
Director, Air Transport Bureau
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Rafal Marczewski
Vice President
The Polish Air Navigation Services Agency

Irakli Karkashadze
Airport CEO
Aviation Strategy & Development

Anca Apahidean
Area Manager Eastern Europe
IATA

Sergiy Tsivkach
Senior Advisor
DGA-Albright Stonebridge Group, a founding member of DGA Group & CEO of
Capital 482, Ukraine

Matija Bračić
Assistant Professor
Head of Laboratory for Modelling and Simulation in Aviation / Air Traffic
Management
University of Zagreb

3:30-4 p.m.

Networking Break with Exhibitors – (Ballroom Hallway)
Sponsored by Aerostar Airport Holdings LLC

4-4:45 p.m.

SESSION 5 — Winning Transatlantic Growth: The New Playbook for Air Service Development - *This session explores how airports in North America and Europe are adapting their air service development strategies in a more constrained and competitive transatlantic market. Discussion will focus on the role of data-driven route analysis, closer alignment with airline network planning, and collaboration with regional partners to support sustainable route growth. How AI is reshaping route planning and demand forecasting. Including how AI and advanced analytics are reshaping demand forecasting, route planning, and airline-airport collaboration*

Moderator:

Jorge Hernández, CPA.
President & Chief Executive Officer
Aerostar/Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport, Puerto Rico

Speakers:

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

Kevin R. Bumen, A.A.E., C.A.E.
Chief Commercial Officer | Commercial
San Francisco International Airport

Perry J. Miller, Ph.D., A.A.E., I.A.P.
President and CEO
Richmond International Airport

Kam Jandu
CEO
AGS Airports

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Official Conference Gala Dinner at *Fly Vista*

An Evening of Celebration, Inspiration, Networking, and Connections

Sponsored by San Francisco (Calif.) International Airport and Aviation Security Consulting Inc.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Theme: *How airports will operate tomorrow*

8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Registration

8-9 a.m.

Networking Breakfast

Sponsored by Michael Baker International

9-10a.m.

SESSION 6—The Intelligent Airport Ecosystem: AI, Automation and Smart Infrastructure- / AI-Driven Airport Operations: From Data to Decisions -

Airports are evolving rapidly through AI-driven operations, automation, smart terminals, IoT-enabled infrastructure, and predictive maintenance. This session explores how these technologies enable smarter, faster, and more efficient decision-making across the airport ecosystem. Panelists will share lessons from real-world implementations, highlighting how airports can improve efficiency, enhance infrastructure resilience, optimize passenger experience, and build intelligent, future-ready operations. Strategic considerations will include digital transformation, investment priorities, public-private partnerships, and scaling innovation — providing a comprehensive view of how airports are preparing for the future.

Moderator:

Igor Štimac, PhD, IAP, EMBA, FRAeS

VP of Infrastructure, Technology, and Operations for Concession Supervision,
Business Consulting, and Education
Zagreb Airport

Speakers:

Martin Kučera

Board Member, Aviation Operations and Safety
Prague Airport

Mateusz Noga-Kossowski

Chief Commercial Officer

Baggage Handling Systems | Airport Automation & Infrastructure
Dimark, Europe

Darren S. Large, A.A.E, ACE

Director, Facilities & Operations

DM AIRPORTS, LTD. | Operators of Morristown (N.J.) Airport

Dominika Marzec
Deputy Director
Aerodromes Department
Polish Civil Aviation Authority

Aytan Mastaliyeva
Vice President Europe, Americas, CIS
TAV Technologies

Ross Chapman
Senior Associate Director of Digital and Data
Jacobs

10 -10:30 a.m. **Networking Break with Exhibitors - (Ballroom Hallway)**
Sponsored by Morristown (N.J.) Airport

10:30-11:30 a.m. **SESSION 7- Advanced Air Mobility & Vertiports: Defining the Airport Role-**
Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) is moving rapidly from concept to reality, creating exciting opportunities and challenges for airports. This session examines how eVTOL aircraft, vertiports, and new airspace management systems can integrate into the existing aviation ecosystem. Panelists, including emerging operators and infrastructure leaders, will share real-world insights on early deployments, operational challenges, and collaboration with airports. The discussion will also explore infrastructure requirements, regulatory frameworks in Europe and North America, and the commercial realities of scaling AAM, while assessing its potential impact on airport capacity, connectivity, and the passenger journey.

10:30-10:40 a.m. **Keynote Speaker**
Maria Fakour
Senior Business Development Manager
Volocopter

Moderator: Barbara Zylinski
President
SecureInsights, LLC

Speakers: Lance Lyttle (TBC)
Chief Executive Officer
Greater Orlando Aviation Authority
Orlando International Airport

Damian Kysely
Head of EMEA
Skyports, United Kingdom

Horacio Rossi
Project Director Aviation
Mott MacDonald, London

Zach Shuman
Vice President National Aviation Services Practices Leader
Woolpert

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. **SESSION 8 — Workforce 2035, Talent, Leadership and Operational**

Reliability - *Labor shortages, evolving skill needs, and leadership transitions are reshaping the airport workforce. This session examines how airports are building resilient teams, adapting to automation, and developing the next generation of leaders. The impact of AI and automation on workforce transformation, decision-making, and leadership roles. Panelists will discuss talent development, organizational transformation, and strategies to attract, retain, and empower the next generation of aviation professionals.*

Moderator: Lance Lyttle
Chief Executive Officer
Greater Orlando Aviation Authority

Speakers: Ronald F. Mathieu, C.M.
President & CEO
Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport

Igor Štimac, PhD, IAP, EMBA, FRAeS
VP of Infrastructure, Technology, and Operations for Concession Supervision,
Business Consulting, and Education
Zagreb Airport

Bader Al Aydi
Chairman, Aviation Department
Prince Sultan University (PSU), Saudi Arabia

Julius Norkunas
CEO
Aeroclass.org

Claire Young, MPA
Founder and Principal
Soteria Insight Partners

12:15-1:30 p.m. **Networking Luncheon - (Atrium Restaurant)**
Sponsored by Jacksonville (Fla.) Aviation Authority

1:30-2:15 p.m. **SESSION 9— Financing the Future: Airport Investment, Capital Strategy & Infrastructure Delivery-** *As airports face growing demand alongside significant infrastructure constraints, the ability to finance and deliver expansion has become a defining competitive advantage. This session examines how airports are accessing capital, structuring investment, and delivering large-scale infrastructure programs in an increasingly complex financial environment. Panelists will explore evolving funding models, including public-private partnerships, privatization trends, and institutional investment, as well as the role of capital markets in supporting long-term growth. The discussion will focus on how airports can align financial strategy with capacity development to remain competitive in a capital-intensive industry.*

Moderator: Kevin R. Bumen, A.A.E., C.A.E.
Chief Commercial Officer | Commercial
San Francisco International Airport

Speakers: Burden, Crawford
Managing Director, Global Aviation - Europe and India
AECOM

Maria Raluca Dutulescu
Airport Economist
Bucharest Airports National Company

Eugenio Perissé
Head of Business Development
Corporación América Airports, Luxembourg

Luis Alfaro of Barclays
Managing Director/President
FirstBank Puerto Rico

2:15-2:45 p.m. **Networking Break with Exhibitors - (Ballroom Hallway)**
Sponsored by Dubrovnik Airport

2:45-3:30 p.m. **SESSION 10 —Sustainability Pathways – From Commitments to Implementation -** *A practical discussion on how airports are translating sustainability commitments into measurable action. Topics include net-zero roadmaps, airport-led decarbonization initiatives, and collaboration with airlines, regulators, and industry partners.*

Moderator: Susan Warner, A.A.E., I.A.P
Principal
SWD Strategic Advisory

Speakers: Soňa Hykyšová
Director of Environment, Sustainability, and ESG
Prague Airport

David Full, AICP
Vice President, Aviation Environmental Service Group
RS&H

Davide Bassano
Director of sustainability
Gruppo Save

5-7 p.m.

Closing Networking Reception & Conference Adjournment

Conclude the conference with an exclusive evening reception hosted by the U.S. Ambassador at the Ambassador's Residence in Prague. This special gathering offers a unique opportunity for delegates, speakers, and industry leaders from North America and Europe to continue discussions in an elegant and informal setting. Attendees will enjoy networking with aviation executives, government representatives, and key stakeholders while reflecting on the conference's insights and strengthening valuable international partnerships.

Hosted by the U.S Ambassador at his residence

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