

GLOBAL AIRPORTS FORUM— GLOBAL AVIATION ISSUES CONFERENCE



Nov 30 – Dec 1, 2026 ✈️ Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



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Monday, November 30

9 –10 a.m. Networking Breakfast

10-10:15 a.m. Welcome and Overview

Speakers:

Heba Gouda
Vice President, Global Operations
American Associations of Airport Executives /

Jorge Hernandez, *IAAE Chair*
CEO, Aerostar Airports, Puerto Rico

Raed bin Hassan Al-Idrissi (invited)
CEO of MATARAT

H.E. Abdulaziz Al-Duailej (TBI)
President, GACA (Saudi Arabia)

10:15 – 10:25 Keynote - Opening discussion - AI-Driven Transformation of
Aviation Systems: Security, Resilience, and the Future of Seamless
Operations

Speaker : Bob Kwik (invited)
Worldwide Head of Airports and Ground Transportation Amazon
Web Services

10:25 – 11:10 a.m. SESSION 1- Strategic Transformation Aviation Through AI - *This session will explore how Artificial Intelligence is driving organizational transformation across the aviation industry, not just technology adoption. Panelists will discuss and deliver case-studies how AI is reshaping master planning, operational decision-making, and organizational strategy, while leveraging tools such as digital twins and autonomous systems. The session will also address governance risks, human oversight, and the balance between AI-driven automation and responsible management, highlighting how airports, airlines, and aviation stakeholders can transform their organizations to be more agile, efficient, and future-ready.*

Moderator: Susan Warner, A.A.E., I.A.P
SWD Strategic Advisory
Strategic Decision-Making, Business Planning & Managing
Uncertainty for Global Airports

Speaker: Dr. Bader Al Aydi
Chairman, Aviation Department
Prince Sultan University

Dr. Jihad Boueri
Vice President, Strategy & Transformation - Middle East & Africa
SITA

Marcin Marczyk (TBI)
Delivery Director
Addepto

Majdi Alamri (invite)
Risk Management Director
General Authority of Civil Aviation

11:10 – 11:55 a.m. Session 2- Global Aviation at a Crossroads: Growth collaboration and Leadership- *Global leaders set the context for aviation in 2027 based on what they experienced in 2026, discuss how they addressed known security risks and future threats, drone threats, facilitate smart borders, sustainability pressure, rapid Middle*

East growth, and Saudi Arabia's emerging global aviation leadership. IMO, you could fit your strategic transformation thought into this discussion, particularly as it relates to Saudia Arabia.

Moderator: TBD

Speakers: Jorge Hernandez
CEO
Aerostar Airports, Puerto Rico

Abdullah Al Raimi (TBC)
COO, Madina Airport

12- 1:15 pm Networking Lunch & Exhibitors

1:15 – 2:15 p.m. Session 3- Aviation Cyber Threats - Protecting Critical Infrastructure - *As aviation becomes increasingly digital and interconnected, cyber threats pose a growing risk to airports, airlines, and air traffic systems. This session will explore the latest strategies for safeguarding critical aviation infrastructure, from threat detection and incident response to regulatory compliance and collaborative defense. Panelists will share insights on emerging cyber risks, resilience best practices, and real-world case studies to help the industry stay one step ahead in protecting passengers, operations, and reputation.*

Moderator: Jeanne Olivier, A.A.E., IACE's
Past Chair AAAE & Airport Management Advisor

Speakers: Adnan Alghamdi
VP Advisor of Security Service
GACA

Hany Bark
Senior Vice President Aviation & Maritime Security
MedAire

Fatimah Alakeel (TBC)
Founder & CEO

CIAG for Cybersecurity

Rashad Karky (TBC)
Aviation Cybersecurity Officer
ICAO

Haroon Ali (TBI)
International Cybersecurity Advisor

Saud Aljohani (TBI)
Group Director
Cybersecurity, Saudi Airlines

2:15 – 3:15 p.m.. **Session 4- The Next Generation of Passenger and Baggage Screening** - *This session explores how emerging screening technologies, automation, and risk-based security approaches are transforming passenger and baggage processing. Industry leaders will discuss advancements in imaging systems, AI-enabled screening, operational efficiency, and how airports can enhance security while improving passenger flow and the overall travel experience.*

Moderator: **TBD**

Speakers: Adrien Robin
Development Manager, Aviation Manager
Airport, Airline Logistics
Saudi Business Travel (SBT)

Adrien Cremer (TBI)
Head of Ground Operations,
Air Arabia

Mohamed Rahma (TBI)
Director Air Transport Bureau
ICAO

Navaid Ahsan (TBI)
Head of Aviation Security Operations
Etihad Airways

Kashif Khalid (TBI)
Regional Director Operations, Safety & Security - Africa &
Middle East
IATA

Fahad Alabdulsalam (TBI)
Aviation Solutions Director
Riyadh Airports

3:15 – 3:45 p.m. Networking Coffee Break

3:45 – 4:45 p.m. Session 5- Next-Generation Airport Ecosystems: AAM, Digital (sponsored) -Infrastructure, and Future Connectivity- *Airports are evolving into fully connected ecosystems designed to support the next era of aviation. This session will explore how advanced air mobility (AAM), immersive technologies such as the metaverse, smart digital infrastructure, and integrated connectivity are reshaping airport design, operations, and regional transportation networks. Experts will discuss how airports can prepare for emerging technologies, align infrastructure with future demand, and build flexible, future-ready environments that enhance capacity, efficiency, and passenger movement while supporting long-term growth.*

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Moderator: TBD

Speakers: Solomon Wong
CEO, InterVISTAS Consulting
Colorado or Steven Derengowski

Dr. Hazariya Mohammed
Director
Faculty PSU

Mohammed Al Bayoudh (TBC)
GACA

4:45 – 5:45 p.m. Session 6- The Aviation Workforce of Tomorrow: Talent Strategy

for a High-Growth Era – *As the Middle East and global markets pursue aggressive expansion, the availability of skilled human capital remains the single greatest risk to execution. This session examines the "war for talent" across critical functions—from pilots and ATC to digital architects and sustainability experts. Panelists will explore strategies for attracting Gen Z, nationalizing workforces (localization) effectively, and re-skilling existing teams to thrive alongside the AI and automation technologies discussed earlier in the program.*

Moderator: Maxim Romanenko, ACI & ICAO, IAP
International Airport Professional
Aviation Management Executive

Speakers: Dr. Bader Al Aydi
Chairman, Aviation Department
Prince Sultan University

Captain Ismael Koshi (TBC)
Saudia Academy

Michelle Treanor
Director, Talent & Development
DAAI Dublin Airport

Andrew Tyler-Smith (TBI)
CEO of Red Sea International Airport

Nesreen Kashgari (TBI)
Director, Talent Acquisition and Human Capital Operations
Saudia Technic
Saudi Aviation Academy (Saudia Group)

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Official Conference Dinner

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Tuesday, December 1

9:30 -10:30 a.m. **Networking Breakfast**

10:30-11:30 a.m. **Session 7- Passenger Expectation and Trust, in the Digital Age -**
As passengers increasingly rely on digital tools throughout their journeys, trust has become closely linked to data security, transparency, and reliable communication. This session will explore how airports can meet and exceed passenger expectations by delivering seamless, personalized, and accessible experiences, while maintaining operational resilience. Panelists will discuss strategies for leveraging real-time digital communication, social media, and technology-driven solutions to protect reputation, ensure data privacy, and build long-lasting passenger trust in both routine operations and during disruptions.

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Moderator: TBD

Speakers: Hesham A. Saeed (TBI)
Vice President of Operations, Ports Projects Management and
Development (PPMDC)

Sadaqat Ali (TBC)
Vice President of Strategy and innovation
Qatar Airways

11:30 – 11:45 a.m. **Keynote: The Future of Air Traffic Management: Intelligent Airspace, Advanced Aerospace Systems, and Integrated Operations-** should be delivered by one of the key leaders

Speaker: Eng. Ayman Arab (TBI)
Chairman and CEO
Egyptian Holding Company for Airports and Air Navigation (EHCAAN)

Naif Ali Al-Abri (TBI)
President
Civil Aviation Authority, Oman

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. **Session 8- Strategic ATM- Transformation (Capacity, Airspace and Operational Planning for Future Aviation Growth).** *This session will examine congestion, airspace complexity, slot reform, civil–military coordination, and collaborative decision-making as global and Middle East aviation expands. Panellists will explore how future traffic growth, including Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), can be integrated into operational planning, addressing efficient capacity management, throughput optimization, and coordination with ANSPs, regulators, and other aviation stakeholders to ensure safe, future-ready airspace.*

Moderator: **TBD**

Speakers: Ibrahim Al Jabri (TBI)
General Manager, ATM
GACA

Anne Kathrine Jensen (TBI)
CEO, Entry Point North

James Young (TBI)
CEO, Airways International

Ismael Koshy (TBC)
Managing Director
Prince Sultan Aviation Academy

Homoud Al-Zahrani (TBI)
President and Training Director, SACA

Brendan Ginn (TBI)
Head of Safety, Sharjah ATC

Basem Shawesh (TBI)
Head of ANS Training and ELP, SACA

Mona Althagafi (TBI)
Country Director
KSA, Serco

Saleh Al Zahrani (TBI)
Chief of ATM at SANS

FAA (TBD)

12:45 – 1:45 p.m. **Networking Lunch**

1:45 – 2:30 p.m. **Session 9- Intelligent Airspace: (AI, Agentic Systems and the Future of ATM - Focus: AI and advanced automation in ATM, future concepts.**

Moderator:

Speakers: Khalid Atiya (TBI)
CEO NERA

Saleh Almotireyt (TBI)
CTO, SANS

Johnson Philips (TBI)
Head of ANS Projects, GANS

Richard Ellis (TBI)
Director New Airspace Users, NATS

2:30- 3:15

Session 10- Future Airspace Integration: Interoperability, Cross-Border Coordination & New Airspace Users-. *This session explores how aviation stakeholders are advancing cross-border airspace coordination and interoperability while integrating drones, eVTOL, and advanced air mobility (AAM). Panelists will discuss key operational, regulatory, and collaboration strategies to enable a safe, efficient, and future-ready airspace ecosystem.*

Moderator: **TBD**

Speakers: Mohammad Faisal Al Dossari (TBI)
Senior Director – Air Navigation & Aerodromes Air Affairs
GCAA

Ahmed Alsaabri (TBI)
Director Aviation and Airports Safety
DCAA

3:15--4 pm

Session 11- Delivering Net-Zero Aviation: Aviation Ecosystem Commitments and the Role of Air Traffic Management” – *Achieving net-zero aviation requires coordinated action across the aviation ecosystem. This session will explore industry sustainability commitments and highlight the role of Air Traffic Management in reducing emissions through optimized flight operations, improved airspace efficiency, and operational innovation, while maintaining safety and capacity.*

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

Speakers:

Sulaiman Almuhaimeedi (TBI)

EVP

Aviation Safety & Environmental Sustainability, GACA

Essa Almalki (TBI)

Director of Transport Department

Qatar Civil Aviation Authority

Marc Vettovaglia (TBI)

Chief Air Traffic Control

Sky guide

Bob Gramham (TBI)

Key Account Director

NATS