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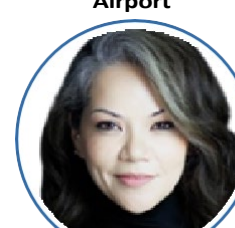
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AGENDA

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Day 1: Setting the Stage for Transformation

Tuesday, December 16

- **Lanyards – Sponsored by Chicago (Ill.) Department of Aviation**
- **Delegate Conference Bags – Sponsored by San Francisco (Calif.) Intl Airport**

8:30-9:30a.m. Networking Breakfast

9:30-10 a.m. Welcome and Overview

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

Kevin Bumen, A.A.E., C.A.E. IAAE Chair/AAAE Secretary/Treasurer
Chief Financial and Commercial Officer | Finance & Commercial
San Francisco International Airport

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

10- 10:30 a.m. Overview of Global Aviation Trends, Industry Outlook

10-10 :15 a.m. **Keynote Speaker**

Aiman Arab
Chairman
Egyptian Holding Company Aviation and Air Navigation (EHCAAN)
Overview of Egyptian Airports Development Program

10:15-10:30 a.m. **Keynote Speaker**

Dr. Bader Al Aydi
Chairman, Aviation Department
Prince Sultan University
PSU Strategic Direction in Enabling the Saudi Aviation Strategy

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10:30-11:30 a.m.

Session 1: AI and Automation in Smart Airports

Exploring the role of AI, automation, and digital transformation in airport operations. Industry leaders will discuss innovations driving smarter airports and the future of automated systems.

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10:30-10:40 am

Introduction Presentation (10 minutes)

Ashish Gupta
Chief Marketing Office - Kloudspot
Shaheen AI

Moderator:

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

Speakers:

Ashish Gupta
Chief Marketing Office - Kloudspot
AI Shaheen

Sukhvir Mavi
Director, Commercial Pilot, Aviation & Aerospace
King Salman International Airport

Abdul Razzak Mikati
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Head of Process Excellence
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VP-GM, Honeywell Building Automation
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Honeywell

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11:30-12pm

Networking Break (official opening of the Global Airports Forum (formerly the Saudi Airport Exhibition))

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12-1pm

Session 2: Attracting the Next Generation – AI and Workforce Innovation

This session will explore the challenges the aviation industry faces in attracting future leaders and younger generations to pursue careers in aviation. With aviation programs struggling to appeal to high school students, panelists will discuss strategies to make the industry more attractive. Topics will include the role of regulators, airlines, airports, and universities in promoting aviation careers, successful workforce development initiatives, and international best practices that can be adapted across regions. Additionally, the session will examine how AI and emerging technologies can support workforce innovation and skills development.

Moderator:

Bader Al Aydi
Chairman, Aviation Department
Prince Sultan University

Speakers:

Julius Norkunas
CEO, Aeroclass.org

Azmat Aulakh, CCM (TBC)
NY/NJ Area Manager
Jenkins, Gales & Martinez, Inc (JGM)

Captain Ismail Koshi
CEO
Saudi Academy

Moayed Al Suwaid
VP Human Capital
King Salman International Airport

Asaad AlJomoai (invited)
President
Boeing Saudi Arabia

1- 2 pm.

Session 3: Innovations in Aviation Security - address Emerging Safety Technologies and Risk Management and Strategic Approaches to Aviation Security - such as aviation cybersecurity, screening innovations, regulatory frameworks and international regulatory coordination

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Airport Management Advisor & Past Chair, AAAE

Speakers: Aksam Aboasali
Global Aviation Subject Matter Expert
Genetec

Adnan Al Ghamdi
Advisor to the VP – Security
GACA

2-3:30 p.m. **Networking Lunch and Visit with Global Airports Forum Exhibitors**

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3:30-4:30 p.m. **Session 4: Airline Industry Trends and Regional Growth**

Post-pandemic recovery, fleet modernization, air cargo expansion, ground handling innovations, and sustainability efforts. How airlines are adapting to the changing aviation landscape.

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3:30-3:40 p.m. **Keynote Speaker** (10 minutes)
Solomon Wong
CEO
InterVISTAS Consulting, Colorado

Moderator: Kevin Bumen, A.A.E., C.A.E. IAAE Chair/AAAE Secretary/Treasurer
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4:30-5:45 p.m.

Session 5: Enhancing Passenger Experience and Operational Readiness

This session will focus on innovations and strategies to elevate the passenger experience, including biometric technology, contactless solutions, and future terminal redesigns. Additionally, it will address operational readiness, risk management, and contingency planning for smooth airport operations.

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Moderator:

Chris Rous
Head of Middle East & Africa, Airports and Border Authorities
Amadeus

Speakers:

Nagy Abu Zeid
Vice President Aviation Sector | MENA Region
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Delip Prasad
Head of Market MENA
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7-9 p.m.

VIP Conference Dinner

Hosted by General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA)/MATARAT Holding

Day Two: Shaping the Future: Innovation, Resilience, and Connectivity in Aviation

Wednesday, December, 17

8:30-9 a.m.

Networking Breakfast

9-10 a.m.

Session 6: Advanced Air Mobility - This session will examine how Advanced Air Mobility, including eVTOL technologies, is reshaping aviation in line with Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 through innovation, regulation, and sustainable urban mobility initiative.

Moderator:

Mohammed Al Bayoud
Expert of Advance Air Mobility Regulations
GACA

Speakers:

Steven Derengowski CM, IACE
Director, Innovation
InterVISTAS Consulting, Denver. Co

Fahad ibne Masood, MRAeS
Strategic Aviation Leader | Pioneering Regulatory Frameworks for UAS, AAM and eVTOL |
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Head of Portfolio & Stakeholder Management
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Dubai International Airport

Eng. Daniyar Tule
Chief Flight Inspection Engineer
Samana Special Mission

Mohammed Rabiah
Director
Saudi Public Investment Fund (PIF), Aviation

10-11 a.m.

Session 7: The Future of Aviation in a Sustainable World Industry leaders discuss global decarbonization efforts and the role of Sustainable Aviation Fuel

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(SAF), green technologies, and innovations in reducing the aviation industry's carbon footprint.

Moderator:

Dr. Mohammad Nurunnabi
Founding Director - Center for Sustainability and Climate
Aide to the President; Chair - Accounting
Prince Sultan University

Speakers:

Emad Alharbi
Mobility Decarbonizations Director, SWD

Al Waleed Al Omary
Head of Aviation Unit, National Development
Public Investment Fund, Saudi Arabia

M. P. Rajasekharan
Director, TecBharat Aviation Private Limited
Mar Projects

Abdul Rahman Al Jandali
Founding Director & Acting President
International Association of Future Aviators (IAFA)

11-11:30 a.m.

Networking Break with GAF Exhibitors

11:30 a.m.-
12:30 p.m.

Session 8: The Power of Aviation Connectivity

Exploring how airports and regions leverage connectivity to drive development. The session will discuss the role of data, international and local airport business models, and the function of hubs in fostering growth.

Moderator:

Kevin Bumen, A.A.E., C.A.E. IAAE Chair/AAAE Secretary/Treasurer
Chief Financial and Commercial Officer | Finance & Commercial
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Speakers:

Raffi Kasparian
Managing Director, Alton Aviation Consultancy (Dubai)

Mohsin Abdul Jawad
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Ahmed Abraham
Vice President Aviation
The Saudi Tourism Authority

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Session 9: Optimizing Airspace Management: Balancing Growth, Innovation, and Operational Efficiency

Focus on addressing airspace congestion, integrating new technologies, and enhancing collaboration between stakeholders to ensure efficiency and safety in high-density regions.

Moderator:

Captain Fahad ibne Masood, MRaES
Strategic Aviation Leader | Pioneering Regulatory Frameworks for UAS, AAM & eVTOL | Faculty – Aviation Management, Airport Management Business & Economics
PSU

Speakers:

Dr. Ahmed Al Zuhairi
Vice President, Safety
Riyadh Air

Joseph Alesia
Executive Director, Head of Advanced Air Mobility
NEOM

Marzouq Al Ghamdi
Senior Instructor of ATM, Air Traffic Control
SACA

1:30 p.m.

Conference Adjournment

1:30-5 p.m.

Networking Lunch and visit with Exhibitors

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- Engage with experts and thought leaders who are at the forefront of innovation and change in the aviation sector.
- Explore the pivotal role of international cooperation in promoting industry growth.
- Delve into the importance of air cargo in powering global trade and supply chain management.
- Learn how digital transformation, AI, and big data are reshaping aircraft maintenance, operations, and passenger experiences.
- Gain insights into the evolving landscape of aviation security.
- Discuss strategies for building a skilled aviation workforce and promoting diversity within the industry.
- Explore sustainability initiatives aimed at reducing the environmental footprint of aviation; and much more!

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