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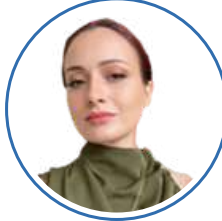
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AGENDA

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Day 1: Setting the Stage for Transformation

Tuesday, December 16

8:30-9 a.m. Networking Breakfast

9-9:15 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
CEO
MATARAT

9:15- 10:15 **Overview of Global Aviation Trends, Industry Outlook**

9:15-9:35 a.m. **Keynote Speaker**
Dr. Bader Al Aydi
Chairman, Aviation Department
Prince Sultan University
PSU Strategic Direction in Enabling the Saudi Aviation Strategy.

9:35-9:55 a.m.	Keynote Speaker Aiman Arab Chairman Egyptian Holding Company Aviation and Air Navigation (EHCAAN) <i>Overview of the launch of Terminal 4 at Cairo International Airport as a benchmark airport terminal - Operational Technology vs. Operational Systems</i>
9:55-10:15 a.m.	Keynote Speaker Ali Rashed Chief, Airport Operations Bahrain Airport <i>ORAT case study for Bahrain Airport</i>
10:15-11:30 a.m.	Session 1: AI and Automation in Smart Airports <i>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.</i>
10 Minutes	Introduction Presentation Ashish Gupta, Chief Marketing Office- Kloudspot Al Shaheen
Moderator:	Iyad Hindiye (TBC) Chief Digital Transformation Officer SFO
Speaker:	Jihad Boueri Vice President, Strategy & Transformation - Middle East & Africa SITA Ashish Gupta Chief Marketing Office- Kloudspot Al Shaheen Oliver Weiss Chief Operating Officer Fraport - Saudi Arabia Khaled Hashem President Middle East & Africa Honeywell

Andrija Brstina
Head of Process Excellence
Abu Dhabi Airports

Evgeny Reklings
Global Industry Manager – Airports
SICK Sensor Intelligence

11:30-12pm

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

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

Mashael Al Qahtani
Nationalization Director
GACA

David Studden
Global Sales & Partnership Manager
Etihad Aviation Training, Abu- Dhabi Airport

Majid Khan
CEO
Air Connectivity Program Saudi Arabia

Yolanta Strikitsa (TBC)
Managing Director
Strikitsa

1-1:30 p.m.

Session 3:

Moderator:

Jeanne Olivier, A.A.E., IACE
Airport Management Advisor & Past Chair, AAAE

(a)- U.S. TSA briefing - Current Issues and Initiatives

Speaker:

Anthony Q. Monreal (Tony) **(TBC)**
Assistant Administrator Department of Homeland Security
Security Operations/International Operations
TSA

Session 3

1:30- 2 pm.

(b)- The Rise of Space ports in Aviation – Bridging Aerospace and Commercial Airports -

Exploring the integration of spaceports into commercial aviation, addressing regulatory, operational, and business opportunities for airports in the growing space industry.

Speakers:

David Buczek
Senior Representative
U.S. FAA, Abu Dhabi

Jeff Kloska, A.A.E **(TBC)**
Director
Colorado Air and Space Port

Berta Fernandez **(TBC)**
Executive Vice President
Landrum & Brown

Carole Aramouni **(TBC)**

Project Manager- Head of Architectural Design Unit
Dar Al Handasah

2-3 p.m.

Networking Lunch and Visit with Global Airports Forum Exhibitors

3-4 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.

Moderator:

Kevin Bumen, A.A.E., C.A.E. *IAAE Chair/AAAE Secretary/Treasurer*
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David Fiore, JD, C.M.
Airport Affairs, Operations & Planning
FedEx Express

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4-5 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.*

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

Speakers: Susan Warner Dooley, A.A.E., IAP
Aviation Chief Commercial Officer
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7-9 p.m. **Official 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: Fahad ibne Masood, MRAeS
Strategic Aviation Leader | Pioneering Regulatory Frameworks for
UAS, AAM and eVTOL |
Airport Management
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Khurram Qureshi
Head of Portfolio & Stakeholder Management
Dubai Air Navigation Services (dans)
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 (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

Speaker: 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

Emillio Cambeiro **(TBC)**
Vice President, Sustainability
King Salman International Airport

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: Rick Duncan. C.M. (TBC)
Director Aviation Business and Air Service Development
Port of Seattle

Speakers: Mohsin Abdul Jawad
Head of Brand & Communication
Air Connectivity Program Saudi Arabia

Khalid Al Harthi
Advisor Vice President of Strategy
GACA

Aftab Gilani
Chief Operator Officer (COO)
Islamabad International Airport

Raffi Kasparian
Managing Director
Alton Aviation Consultancy (Dubai)

Ashwag Alghamdi
Senior Director, Business Unit Aviation Relations
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
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Marcos Costilla
President & CEO, MCACG.US

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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Join us at the annual **Global Aviation Issues Conference, December 16-17, 2025, in Riyadh, KSA**, where we will delve into the future of aviation and tackle crucial topics ranging from emerging technologies and air cargo to security and workforce issues.

- 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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