

# GLOBAL AVIATION ISSUES

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by IAAE at the Saudi Aviation Forum

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## AGENDA

Meeting # 251111  
(Subject to change)

### 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*  
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: (TBD)**  
Prince Sultan University  
PSU Strategic Direction in Enabling the Saudi Aviation Strategy.

9:35 – 9:55 a.m.      Aiman Arab **(invited)**  
Chairman

Egyptian Holding Company, Aviation and Air Navigation ECAAN  
*Overview of the launch of Terminal 4 at Cairo International Airport as  
a benchmark airport terminal - Operational Technology vs  
Operational Systems*

9:55-10:15 a.m.

**Keynote Speaker:**

Ali Rashed **(Confirmed)**  
Chief, Airport Operations  
Bahrain Airport  
*ORAT case study for Bahrain Airport*

10:15-11:15 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.*

Moderator:

Maxim Romanenko, IAP **(Confirmed)**  
Aviation Expert, Consultant and Author, Kazakhstan

Speaker:

Jihad Boueri, Vice President – Strategy & Transformation - Middle  
East & Africa – SITA **(Confirmed)**

Oliver Weiss **(Confirmed)**  
Chief Operating Officer  
Fraport - Saudi Arabia

Lance Lyttle, IAP **(Confirmed)**  
CEO, Aviation Authority  
Orlando International Airport, USA

Khaled Hashem  
President Middle East & Africa  
Honeywell **(Confirmed)**

Andrija Brstina **(Confirmed)**  
Head of Process Excellence  
Abu Dhabi Airports

11:15 – 11:45am      **Networking Break** *(official opening of the Saudi Airport Exhibition)*

11:45 -12:45 p.m.      **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:      Dr. Bader Al Aydi **(confirmed)**  
Chairman, Aviation Department  
Prince Sultan University

Speakers:      Maxim Romanenko, IAP **(confirmed)**  
Aviation Expert, Consultant and Author  
Kazakhstan

Julius Norkunas **(confirmed)**  
CEO  
Aeroclass.org

Dr. Mashael Al Qahtani      **(confirmed)**  
Nationalization Director  
GACA

David Studden **(Confirmed)**  
Global Sales & Partnership Manager  
Etihad Aviation

Majid Khan      **(Confirmed)**  
CEO  
Air Connectivity program Saudi Arabia

12:45- 1:45 pm      **Session 3- 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.*

Moderator :      Jeanne Olivier, A.A.E., IACE's      **(confirmed)**  
Airport Management Advisor

Speakers:      Perry Millar, Mr. Perry Miller, A.A.E. **(confirmed)**  
President and CEO  
Capital Region Airport Commission (Richmond, Va., U.S.)

Mark VanLoh A.A.E. **(Confirmed)**  
CEO  
Jacksonville Aviation Authority

Chris Runde **(to be confirmed)**  
Vice President  
Introba

Jeff Kloska, A.A.E **(to be confirmed)**  
Director of Colorado Air and Space Port

Don Zoufal **(to be confirmed)**  
President/ Founder  
CrowZnest Consulting

1:45-2:45 pm      **Networking Lunch and Visit with SAE Exhibitors**

2:45-3:45 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 **(confirmed)**  
Chief Financial & Commercial Officer | Finance & Commercial

San Francisco International Airport

Speakers: Julius Norkunas **(confirmed)**  
CEO, Aeroclass.org

Hamdi Osman **(Confirmed)**  
Founder and CEO  
SolitAir Holding Ltd

Abdelilah Aleidi **(Confirmed)**  
Vice President of Global Sales  
Flynas, Dubai

Alan Lim **(Confirmed)**  
Director  
Alton Aviation Consultancy, UAE

David R. Fiore, JD, CM **(TBC)**  
Airport Affairs, Operations & Planning  
FedEx Express

Ronce Almond **(to be invited)**  
Managing Director  
International Government Affairs  
American Airline

3:45-4:45 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.*

Moderator: Lance Lyttle, IAP **(Confirmed)**  
CEO, Aviation Authority  
Orlando International Airport & Orlando Executive Airport , USA

Speakers: Susan Warner Dooley, A.A.E., IAP **(Confirmed)**  
Aviation Chief Commercial Officer

Port Authority of NY & NJ

Delip Prasad **(confirmed)**

Head of Market MENA

Munich Airport International, Munich Airport

Chris Jack **(Confirmed)**

Program Director at Neom Airports, Charity Chair/Trustee, Business Coach.

AECOM

Christina Apatow **(Confirmed)**

CEO of FetchyFox

Ali Bora Isbulan **(Confirmed)**

Deputy CEO

Plaza Premium Group

Natalie J. Salinas **(Confirmed)**

Founder & CEO

Nth Consulting Group

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 am

Networking Breakfast

9-10 a.m.

**Session 6- Advanced Air Mobility-** *This session will explore the evolution and future of Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), with a particular focus on how innovative technologies like electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft are reshaping aviation in line with the highest global standards and Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030. The session will address challenges related to airspace integration,*

*safety, regulatory frameworks, and infrastructure, highlighting how AAM can revolutionize urban mobility, alleviate congestion, and serve as a critical component in sustainable city planning. Through discussions on key initiatives within Saudi Arabia, such as the NEOM project and national airspace development, stakeholders will share insights into sector collaboration needed to unlock the full potential of AAM in both regional and global aviation.*

Moderator: Fahad ibne Masood, MRaES **(Confirmed)**  
Strategic Aviation Leader | Pioneering Regulatory Frameworks for UAS, AAM & eVTOL |  
Airport Management, SULTANATE OF OMAN

Speakers: Khalid Al Harthi **(Confirmed)**  
Advisor VP of Strategy  
GACA

Khurram Qureshi **(Confirmed)**  
Project Manager  
Dubai Air Navigation Services (dans), Dubai International Airport

Mohammed Al Bayoud **(Confirmed)**  
Expert of Advance Air Mobility Regulations,  
GACA

Heba Al Kurdi **(Confirmed)**  
Professor, King Saud university

Eng. Daniyar Tule **(Confirmed)**  
Chief Flight Inspection Engineer  
Samana Special Mission

Joby Aviation **(TBD)**

10-11 am **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: Professor Dr. Mohammad Nurunnabi **(Confirmed)**  
Founding Director - Center for Sustainability and Climate  
Aide to the President; Chair - Accounting  
Prince Sultan University

Speaker: Emad Alharbi **(Confirmed)**  
Mobility Decarbonizations Director  
SWD

Mohamed Abubaker Farea **(invited)**  
Regional Director, Middle East Regional Office  
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

11-11:30 a.m. **Networking Break with SAE Exhibitors**

11:30- 12:30 pm **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 **(Confirmed)**  
Chief Financial & Commercial Officer | Finance & Commercial  
San Francisco International Airport

Speakers: Melissa Andretta SFO **(TBI)**  
Director of Aviation Marketing & Development  
SFO

Mohsin Abdul Jawad **(Confirmed)**  
Head of Brand & Communication  
Air Connectivity program Saudi Arabia

Mohamed Yahya **Confirmed)**  
Professor Aviation Management  
PSU



12:30-1:30 p.m.	<p><b>Session 9- Optimizing Airspace Management: Balancing Growth, Innovation, and Operational Efficiency</b></p> <p><i>Focus on addressing airspace congestion, integrating new technologies, and enhancing collaboration between stakeholders to ensure efficiency and safety in high-density regions.</i></p>
Moderator:	<p>Captain Fahad ibne Masood, MRAS <b>(Confirmed)</b>  Strategic Aviation Leader   Pioneering Regulatory Frameworks for UAS, AAM &amp; eVTOL  Faculty – Aviation Management / Airport Management  Business &amp; Economics, SULTANATE OF OMAN</p>
Speakers:	<p>Dr. Ahmed Al Zuhairi <b>(Confirmed)</b>  Vice President, Safety  Riyadh Air</p> <p>Ayman Arab <b>(invited)</b>  The Chairman and CEO of the Egyptian Holding Company – Airports and ANS</p> <p>Joseph Alesia <b>(TBC)</b>  Executive Director  Head of Advanced Air Mobility  NEOM</p> <p>Giulio de Carli <b>(invited)</b>  President, Air Tech Italy</p> <p>Air Traffic Control Association <b>(TBD)</b></p>
1:30 pm	Conference Adjournment
1:30-5 p.m.	Networking Lunch and visit with Exhibitors