



NORTH AMERICA/CENTRAL EUROPE AIRPORT ISSUES CONFERENCE



October 19-21, 2025 | Warsaw, Poland

DRAFT AGENDA U.S / Central Europe Aviation Issues Conference Warsaw, Poland October 19-21 Tentative Venue: Sofitel Hotel -Warsaw

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:30 am-1p.m. Conference Registration

10- 11 a.m. IAAE Board Meeting

12:30 -3:30 p.m. Walking City Tour

Sponsored by Rhode Island Airport Corporation

6 -7 p.m. Welcoming Reception

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Registration

9-10 a.m. Morning Networking Coffee

10-10:30 a.m. Welcome Remarks and Conference Overview
Heba Gouda
Vice President, Global Operations
American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE)

Dr. Maciej Lasek **(to be invited)**

Secretary of State at the Ministry of Infrastructure
The Government Plenipotentiary for the Central Communication Port (CPK)

Mayor of Warsaw (TBC) **(to be invited)**

U.S. Embassy *(to be invited)*

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

Host Airport Representatives -Polish Airports (PPL S.A.) or Poznań Airport)

Polish Civil Aviation Authority **(to be invited)**

10:30 am-12pm

SESSION 1- Panel Discussion: Development of New Airport Hubs- *This panel will explore global trends in airport infrastructure, examining the strategic decision between building new greenfield airports and modernizing existing ones. Featuring a keynote by the Government Plenipotentiary for CPK, the session will include a case study on Poland's Centralny Port Komunikacyjny (CPK) as a model for 21st-century airport development, and assess the broader economic and mobility impacts of major aviation investments.*

Moderator: TBD

Speakers: Marcin Danil **(to be invited)**
CFO, PPL S.A

Filip Czeenicki, Ph.D **(to be invited)**
CEO, CPK

Anna Midera, Ph.D **(to be invited)**
President
Regional Airports Union Lodz Airport **(to be invited)**

Iftikhar Ahmad, P.E. **(Confirmed)**
President and CEO
Rhode Island Airport Corporation

Viktor Sober **(Confirmed)**
CEO
Dubrovnik Airport

Palmi Randversson **(Invited)**
Managing Director
KADECO, Airport City Development
Keflavik International Airport, Iceland

Peter de Leeuw **(Invited)**
Head of Airport City Development & preliminary Chair of
the global Airport City Developer's Network
Vienna International Airport

12-12:30 pm **Coffee/Networking Break**

12:30-1:30 pm **SESSION 2- Expert Session: Geopolitical Challenges for the Aviation.**
This expert session will address the far-reaching impact of geopolitical conflicts—particularly the war in Ukraine—on global aviation. Topics will include airspace restrictions, sanctions, and rerouting challenges, as well as the need for cohesive pan-European strategies. The discussion will also focus on lessons learned in crisis response and international cooperation within the aviation sector.

Moderator: TBD

Speakers: Florian Guillerment **(to be invited)**
Director General
EASA

Simone R. Perez **(to be invited)**
Assistant Administrator, Affairs & Environment
FAA

Majdalena Jaworska- Mackowiak **(to be invited)**
Polish Air Navigation Services Agency

Oleksiy Dubrevskyy **(to be invited)**
CEO Boryspil International

Nick Calio **(to be invited)**
CEO
Airlines for America (A4A)

1:30-3 pm

Networking Luncheon

Sponsored by Birmingham Airport Authority

3-4 p.m.

SESSION 3 —Digital Transformation in Airport Management--

This panel will examine how airports are leveraging artificial intelligence, automation, and intelligent passenger management systems to enhance operational efficiency and capacity. Experts will share practical models from both the U.S. and Europe, highlighting how digital tools are reshaping the future of airport operations and improving the overall passenger experience

Moderator: TBD

Speakers: Beder Al Aydi **(Confirmed)**
Chairman, Aviation Department at PSU, Saudi Arabia

Jim Szczesniak, Director **(to be invited)**
Houston Airport System

Perry Miller, A.A.E., I.A.P. **(Invited)**
President & CEO
Richmond International Airport

Leopold Viroles **(to be invited)**
Data4Safty Program Manager
EASA

Sherin Dawoud **(to be invited)**
Innovation Manager
Flughafen Munchen

Philipp Ahrens **(to be invited)**
Senior Vice Preseident, Center Manager
Vienna Airport

4-4:30 p.m.

Networking Coffee Break

4:30-5:30 p.m.

SESSION 4- Civil Airports Supporting Military Operations- *As the conflict in Ukraine continues, many civil and dual-use airports across the region—particularly in Poland—are increasingly supporting military flight operations. This session will explore the operational, maintenance, and coordination challenges faced by civil airports serving military missions. Industry leaders and airport operators will share practical experiences and lessons learned, offering insights into effective civil-military cooperation in times of conflict.*

Moderator: Jeff Mulder **(Confirmed)**
Airports Director
Oklahoma City (OKC)

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

Rebecca Hupp, A.A.E. **(invited)**
Airport Director
Boise Airport

Rick Crider, A.A.E. **(to be invited)**
Airport Director
Prescott Regional Airport

7-9 p.m. **Hosted Gala Dinner**
Sponsored by the Host Airport

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:30 a.m. -12 p.m. Registration

9-9:30 a.m. Morning Coffee and Networking

9:30 :10:30am **SESSION 5- ESG in Aviation - A Strategy for the Future** - *This session will explore how airports are integrating Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles into long-term strategy and daily operations. Panelists will discuss decarbonization efforts at U.S. airports, emerging technologies that support sustainability, and the evolving impact of EU environmental regulations—offering a comparative transatlantic perspective on building a more resilient and responsible aviation sector.*

Moderator: Paulina Paga **(to be invited)**
ESG Team Leader and Plenipotentiary of the Management
Board of Sustainable Development

Speakers: Adam Sanock, eMBA | DBA | **(confirmed)**
Member of the Management Board
Polish Airports State Enterprise (PPL S.A.)

Jan Eklund **(Confirmed)**
Intramodality Strategist, Strategic Development and Innovation,
Swedavia

Greg Bracci **(invited)**
Vice President
Envirosuite

Greg Kelly **(invited)**
Executive Director
Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport,

Susan Warner Dooley, AAE, IAP **(invited)**
Aviation Chief Commercial Officer
Port Authority of NY & NJ

Alexandre de Joybert **(to be invited)**
Director of Sustainability
ACI

ICAO Enviromantel (TBD)

10:30- 11 am

Networking Coffee Break

11am:12:30 pm

SESSION 6- Financial Panel- *This session will explore innovative financing models for airport infrastructure, with a focus on global experiences in public-private partnerships (PPPs), access to EU funding, and the role of private capital in aviation. Speakers will also highlight forward-looking strategies for financing green infrastructure, offering U.S. and European perspectives on sustainable investment approaches in a changing regulatory and economic environment.*

Moderator: TBD

Speakers: Kevin Bumen, A.A.E., C.A.E., IAAE Chair **(Confirmed)**
Chief Finance and Commercial Officer
San Francisco International Airport

Tom Mockett **(Invited)**
Director Global Aviation Strategy
NACO (Royal HaskoningDHV) Netherlands Airport

Nicolas Notebaert **(to be invited)**
CEO, VINCI Airports

Magda Kopczyńska **(to be invited)**
Director-General for Mobility and Transport
The European Commission.

Oliver Jankovec **(to be invited)**
Director General
Airports Council International - ACI EUROPE

12:30-1:30pm

SESSION 7- The Future of Airports in a Dynamically Changing World -

This final session will reflect on the key themes and insights from the conference while addressing the evolving challenges and strategic priorities facing airports over the next decade. It will conclude with remarks from the organizers and a forward-looking discussion on how the global aviation community can adapt, innovate, and lead in a rapidly changing environment

Moderator:

Moderator: Bader Al Aydi **(Confirmed)**
Chairman of Aviation Department
Prince Sultan University, Saudi Arabia

Speakers: Ronald F. Mathieu, C.M. **(invited)**
President & CEO
Birmingham Airport Authority

Robert Kennedy **(to be invited)**
President & CEO
Denver International Airport

Augustin de Romanet **(to be invited)**
Chairman & CEO
Groupe ADP (Paris Airports)

Łukasz Chaberski **(to be invited)**
CEO, PPL S.A.

1:30 Pm Conference Adjournment and invitation to the 2026 conference

1:30-2:30 pm **Lunch and Networking**
Sponsored by Jacksonville Aviation Authority

3– 6 pm **Airport Tour - Technical Site Visits**
Warsaw Chopin Airport or CPK Development Site