

Sunday, 17 March 2013

## PRE-CONFERENCE SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME

0900 – 0920

▶ **Welcome** from the Master of Ceremony: **Mr. Denis Chagnon**

▶ **Opening Statements by:**

- ▶ **Mr. Raymond Benjamin**, Secretary General, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
- ▶ **Mr. Taleb Rifai**, Secretary General, World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
- ▶ **Mr. Matthias Ruete**, Director General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission (EC)

0920 – 1030

### **SESSION 1 – *Setting the Scene: CEO's Panel discussion***

Moderator: **Mr. Vijay Poonoosamy**, Vice President, International and Public Affairs, Etihad Airways

**Speakers:**

- ▶ **Ms. Angela Gittens**, Director General, Airports Council International (ACI)
- ▶ **Mr. Jeff Poole**, Director General, Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO)
- ▶ **Mr. Tony Tyler**, Director General and CEO, International Air Transport Association (IATA)
- ▶ **Mr. Oliver Evans**, Incoming Chairman, The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA)
- ▶ **Mr. David Scowsill**, President and CEO, World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC)

1030 – 1100

**COFFEE BREAK** sponsored by  
**Civil Air Navigation Services Organization**



1100 – 1215

### **SESSION 2 – *Air Transport: Freedom to do Business*** **(Panel discussion)**

Moderator: **Mr. Stephen Van Beek**, Executive Director, Policy and Strategy, LeighFisher & Former Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation, United States

**Speakers:**

- ▶ **Mr. Marthinus van Schalkwyk**, Minister of Tourism of South Africa
- ▶ **Mr. John Crichton**, President and CEO, NavCanada

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**SESSION 2 – Air Transport: Freedom to do Business (continued)**

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**Speakers:**

- ▶ **Mr. Fredrick J. Piccolo**, President and CEO, Sarasota Bradenton International Airport and Vice President, ACI World Governing Board
- ▶ **Mr. Thomas Windmuller**, Senior Vice President, Member and Government Relations, IATA
- ▶ **Mr. Steven H. Taylor**, Vice President, FedEx Express
- ▶ **Mr. Kurt Edwards**, Director General, International Business Aviation Council (IBAC)

*Air transport is an essential part of today's global economy and, as such, will play a pivotal role in its recovery. Inside the industry, however, air transport is a community struggling to cope with a fragmented system with such issues as restriction of traffic rights and airline ownership and control, as well as inadequate funding of much-needed infrastructure improvements. How can these challenges be addressed and who will champion the industry's need for change?*

1215 – 1400

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1400 – 1500

**SESSION 3 – Focus on Air Transport End Users (Panel discussion)**

Moderator: **Mr. Chris Lyle**, Representative to ICAO, World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

**Speakers:**

- ▶ **Tan Sri Bashir Ahmad Abdul Majid**, Managing Director, Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad (MAHB)
- ▶ **Mr. Gus Nezer**, Service Center Director, U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- ▶ **Dr. Regula Dettling-Ott**, Vice President EU-Affairs, Lufthansa
- ▶ **Mr. Michael Tretheway**, Executive Vice President, InterVISTAS Consulting Inc.

*Flight delays, cancellations, denied boarding, and major traffic disruptions have drawn increased public attention and further review of governments toward the rights of end users. So just what are government and industry doing? And what do they need to do in the future to improve the end users' experience as air traffic, trade and tourism grow?*

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1500 – 1545

**SESSION 4 – Taxation and Other Levies (Panel discussion)**

Moderator: **Prof. Tae Hoon Oum**,  
Chairman, Air Transport Research Society (ATRS)

**Speakers:**

- ▶ **Mr. Robert Deillon**, CEO, Geneva Airport
- ▶ **Mr. Martin Dresner**, Professor in Logistics and Transportation, University of Maryland
- ▶ **Mr. Alexandre de Gunten**, Executive Director, Latin American and Caribbean Air Transport Association (ALTA)
- ▶ **Mr. John Hanlon**, Secretary General, European Low Fare Airlines Association (ELFAA)

*The terms proliferation of taxes, charges, surcharges and fees have been heard many times. Is there a need for a better way to communicate information on taxes and charges to users? What guidance can be offered to ensure that information provided to users is clear, precise and complete?*

1545 – 1615

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**The International Air Cargo Association**



1615 – 1700

**SESSION 5 – Modernizing the Regulatory Framework: the Way Forward (Panel discussion)**

Moderator: **Dr. Paul Hooper**, Adviser, Economics and Regulations,  
Department of Transport, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

**Speakers:**

- ▶ **Mr. Stan Wraight**, Executive Director, Strategic Aviation Solutions (International) Ltd.
- ▶ **Dr. Elijah Chingosho**, Secretary General and CEO, African Airlines Association (AFRAA)
- ▶ **Mr. Nasim Zaidi**, Former Secretary of Civil Aviation, India
- ▶ **Mr. Klaus Geil**, Head of Sector for External Aviation Policy, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, EC

*This session will synthesize the views expressed in earlier sessions. What changes are necessary to modernize the policy and regulatory framework to ensure that all stakeholders of air transport may experience the best possible benefits while meeting the needs of users and society as a whole? What should ICAO do?*

1700 – 1715

**Closing Remarks:**

**Dr. Kostas Iatrou**, Managing Director, Air Transport News