



ICAO Workshop for Aviation Universities (10 - 11 April 2025)

Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain

Programme

09 April 2025	
Day 0 - Complimentary visit to the facilities of ENAIRE	
15:00 – 17:00	Meeting Point at the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM) A shuttle bus will depart from the University at 14:15 and return around 18:00 . <i>Please remember to bring your ID or passport on the day of the visit.</i>
10 April 2025	
Day 1 – From Challenges to Solutions: Crafting a Unified Approach to Aviation Education	
09:00 – 09:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee (Offered by UPM) Main Hall (Building A)
09:30 – 9:45	Opening Session – Welcome Remarks Salón de Actos (Juan de la Cierva) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Gustavo Alonso, Director, Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingeniería Aeronáutica y del Espacio, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid. Mr. David Benito Astudillo, Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) of Spain. Mr. Jorge Vargas, Director, Capacity Development and Implementation Bureau, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).
9:45 – 10:15	Session 1 – Setting the Stage: Enhancing the Quality of Aviation Education Salón de Actos (Juan de la Cierva) <p>Objective: This session will introduce the need for a global aviation education framework, emphasizing the importance of attracting, educating, and preparing the next generation of aviation professionals (NGAP). It will highlight the challenges currently faced in aviation education, the gaps between industry expectations and academic programs, and the opportunities for a more coordinated, global approach.</p> <p>Presentation by ICAO: <i>The Case for a Global Aviation Education Framework: Concept, Vision, Challenges, and Opportunities</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Laura Camastra, Chief ICAO Training, CDI Bureau Ms. Latifa Hadbi, NGAP Programme Manager, CDI Bureau
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee Break (Offered by UPM)

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10:45 – 12:45	<p>Session 2 – Understanding the Needs and Expectations Salón de Actos (Juan de la Cierva)</p> <p>Objective: This session will capture the needs, challenges, and perspectives of academic stakeholders. It will provide a platform for universities to share insights on best practices, challenges in attracting and educating NGAP, and their expectations from ICAO.</p> <p>Presentations by Participants: This segment will feature case studies or presentations from Universities, covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges and opportunities in attracting and educating NGAP. • Best practices in aviation education, including innovative teaching methods, partnerships, and industry engagement. • Expectations from ICAO – how can ICAO better support aviation education institutions? • Lessons learned and key challenges in aligning academic programmes with industry needs. <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mohamed Salem, Alternate Representative to ICAO, United Arab Emirates • Mr. Javier Cubas Cano, Deputy Director, Head of Studies, Profesor Titular, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain • Mr. Grant Taylor, Associate Director Strategic Partnerships, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia • Mr. Nicolas Cazalis, Vice President, Ecole Nationale de l'Aviation Civile, France • Ms. Francesca Pellegrino, Full Professor, Università degli Studi di Messina, Italy • Ms. Anna, Konert, Dean of the Law and Administration Faculty of Lazarski University, Professor, Lazarski University, Poland • Mr. Marco Chan, Senior Lecturer (Aviation Operations), Course Leader - Pilot Programmes, Partnerships Lead, Buckinghamshire New University, United Kingdom • Mr. Richard Curran, Professor, Head of Aviation Management, University of London, City St. George's, United Kingdom. • Mr. Robert Mayer, Director of Education (Aerospace & Aviation), Cranfield University, United Kingdom • Mr. Volodymyr Bilotkach, Associate Professor of Aviation Management, Purdue University, United States • Ms. Angela Albritton, Director, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, United States
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12:45 – 14:00	Networking Lunch (Offered by ENAIRE)
14:00 – 16:00	<p>Breakout Session 1 – Refining the Concept Aula E4 (building E)</p> <p>Objective: This session will allow participants to provide direct input on the objectives, structure, and expected outcomes of the Global Aviation Education Framework introduced in session 1. The goal is to refine the concept based on real-world experiences and ensure alignment with stakeholders' needs.</p> <p>Format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants will be divided into small groups to brainstorm and provide actionable input on key areas of the Global Aviation Education Framework introduced. A brief presentation of ICAO's vision for each topic will precede the discussions to guide participants and ensure alignment. Each group will present their key takeaways and recommendations in Day 2, which will be synthesized into actionable goals to guide the next steps in refining the concept and framework structure. <p>Running Coffee Break (Offered by UPM)</p>
16:00	Closing of the day
20:00	<p>Welcome Dinner (Offered by ICAO) Sal Gorda Restaurant</p> <p><i>Address: Calle Beatriz de Bobadilla 9, Acceso por el número 3 de la calle 28040, Madrid Tel: 915 539 506 / 630 863 217</i></p> <p>https://restaurantesalgorda.es/</p>



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11 April 2025 Day 2 – Mapping the Way Forward	
10:00 – 12:00 Running Coffee Break (Offered by UPM)	Breakout Session 1 – Continuation of the Session on Refining the concept Aula E4 (building E) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each group will have the time to finalize their group work and prepare their presentations and recommendations.
12:00 – 14:00	Networking Lunch (Offered by ICAO)
14:00 – 16:00	Plenary Session 2 – Presenting Group Outcomes Salón de Actos (Juan de la Cierva) <p>Objective: This session will summarize and validate the key takeaways from Day 1 breakout discussions, forming a shared understanding of priorities for the aviation education framework.</p> <p>Format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Rapporteurs present the recommendations from their breakout sessions. A facilitated discussion will help consolidate key points, clarify open questions, and identify any areas needing further refinement.
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee break (Offered by UPM)
16:15 – 16:45	Wrap up and Closing Remarks Salón de Actos (Juan de la Cierva) <p>Conclusions and key takeaways towards building consensus and next steps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Benito Núñez Quintanilla, Secretary General of Air and Maritime Transport, Ministry of Transport and Sustainable mobility Mr. Angel Luis Arias Serrano, ICAO Council Representative, Delegation of Spain Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar, Secretary General, International Civil Aviation Organization
17:00	Group photo