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Programme

Day 1 – Tuesday 01.12.2026

High-level Segment and reflecting on the Call to Action from AAM 2024

Time	Event
09:00 – 09:30	**Opening Ceremony** **Mr. Toshiyuki Onuma**, President of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Council **Mr. Phiphat Ratchakitprakarn**, Minister of Transport of Thailand
09:30 – 09:45	**Opening Keynote** **Mr. Piyapong Jiwattanakulpaisarn**, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Transport of Thailand
09:45 – 09:55	**Opening of the High-level segment** **Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar**, Secretary General, ICAO
09:55 – 11:05	**High-level panel on the current status of AAM global deployment** This opening panel brings together leading stakeholders in the Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) sector to assess progress since AAM 2024. Building on the momentum of the previous symposium, the discussion offers a strategic overview of how the AAM ecosystem has evolved over the past two years - technologically, economically and operationally. Regulators, industry innovators and infrastructure developers, will examine the current state of AAM deployment worldwide. The panelists will reflect on tangible advances in aircraft certification, the development of automation and autonomy capabilities, vertiport planning, operational frameworks and early commercial service applications and demonstrations. This session sets the foundations for the conversations ahead on understanding, building and governing the AAM ecosystem. **Moderator:** **Mr. Munish Khurana,** Senior Manager – Business Development, EUROCONTROL **Panelists:** **Air Chief Marshal Manat Chavanaprayoon,** Director General, Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) **Ms. Jessica Jones,** Executive Director, Office of Advanced Aviation Technologies, Federal Aviation Administration **Mr. Simon Whalley,** Chief Regulatory & Safety Officer, Skyports Infrastructure **Dr. Mao Yinian,** President of Keeta Drone, Chair of Meituan Technology Committee and Vice President of Meituan **Mr. Jose Agustinho,** Vice President of Airworthiness and Regulatory Affairs, Eve Air Mobility **Mr. David Oord,** Head of Policy, Regulatory Affairs & Standards, Wisk Aero **Mr. Brian Davey,** Government Affairs, Policy Lead International, Joby Aviation
11:05 – 11:35	**Coffee Break**

11:35 – 12:45	**From peacekeeping to humanitarian response: AAM lessons from UN missions** The United Nations (UN) System is playing a central role in advancing the safe, responsible and socially beneficial development of AAM. Through humanitarian operations, development initiatives and peacekeeping missions, the UN has gained extensive operational experience with unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), including Beyond Visual Line-of-Sight (BVLOS) operations and emerging electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) technologies, often in some of the world's most challenging environments. This session will highlight insights gathered through the UN Unmanned Aviation Coordination Forum, demonstrating how innovation can align with international frameworks while supporting the Sustainable Development Goals and promoting inclusive access to new mobility solutions. **Moderator: Michele Merkle,** Director, Air Navigation Bureau, ICAO **Panelists:** **Ms. Maurizia Calo,** Director of the Logistics Division in the Office of Supply Chain Management (OSCM), United Nations Department of Operational Support **Mr. Miguel Lens Pardo,** DOS Category Lead for Unmanned Aviation, United Nations Department of Operational Support **Mr. Mathew Dee,** Supply Chain Director, World Food Programme **Mr. Geoffrey Mwangi,** Aviation Service Chief, World Food Programme **Mr. Frederic Malaud,** Chief Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems, ICAO
12:45 – 14:15	**Lunch Break**
14:15 – 14:30	**Afternoon Session Opening Keynote** **H.E. Saif Mohammed Al Suwaidi,** Director General, General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE)
14:30 – 15:30	**Understanding AAM** AAM as a complex and rapidly evolving ecosystem, requires close collaboration among diverse stakeholders to fully understand its opportunities and challenges. This Panel will share insights from recent developments across various domains, illustrating the complexity and interdependence of emerging capabilities and the value of research and data

	gathered from early UAS/eVTOL operations and UTM services in shaping future applications and requirements. The discussion will highlight ongoing initiatives launched in response to the 2024 Call to Action, examining key challenges, system architecture, operational frameworks, safety baselines and early deployment models. The Panel will also reflect on the ICAO's progress in shaping its AAM Vision which is not only strengthening collective understanding of AAM but also supporting the emergence of globally aligned efforts that are essential for international convergence. **Moderator: Mr. Han Kok Juan,** Director General, Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) **Panelists:** **Mr. Simon Hocquard,** President and Chief Executive Officer, CANSO **Mr. Giancarlo Buono,** Group Director of Safety and Airspace Regulation, UK Civil Aviation Authority **Mr. Nabil Sandhu,** Acting Deputy Director for Transformative Technology Office, Federal Aviation Administration **Mr. Jesse Suskin,** Director of Global Policy, Government Relations and Community Affairs, Wing **Ms. Kristen Costello,** Head of Government and Regulatory Affairs, BETA Technologies **Mr. Daan Dousi,** Head of the Innovative Air Mobility Department, EASA
15:30 – 15:50	**Q&A Session**
15:50 – 16:20	**Coffee Break**
16:20 – 17:20	**Building AAM Infrastructure** The development of AAM requires robust, integrated infrastructure capable of supporting the seamless introduction of innovative aircraft into existing aviation systems. This panel will explore the critical infrastructure enablers needed to bridge the gap between today's aviation capabilities and the operational characteristics expected of AAM. Bringing together leaders from airport and vertiport operations, infrastructure development, local and regional authorities, digital service providers and aircraft manufacturing, the panel will assess the current state of AAM infrastructure readiness worldwide. Panelists will explore how physical and digital infrastructure must evolve in parallel, from vertiport design, charging and energy systems and ground-access connectivity to data networks, flight-path

	management, cybersecurity and the integration of UAS Traffic Management (UTM) with Air Traffic Management (ATM). **Moderator: Ms. Clara Wong,** Director-General of Civil Aviation, Civil Aviation Department of Hong Kong, China **Panelists:** **Mr. Nikhil Goel,** Chief Commercial Officer, Archer Aviation **Mr. Tomohiro Fukuzawa**, Chief Executive Officer, SkyDrive **Colonel Sanpachai Huvanandana,** President, National Telecom Public Company Limited (NT) **Mr. Clem Newton-Brown,** Chief Executive Officer and founder Aeroberm (a Skyportz company) **Mr. Johan Decuyper,** Chief Executive Officer, skeyes **Eng. Aqeel Al Zarouni,** Assistant Director General – Aviation Safety Affairs Sector, United Arab Emirates
17:20 – 17:40	**Q&A Session**
17:40 – 17:55	**Presentation of the Bangkok AAM Statement** **Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar**, Secretary General, ICAO **Air Chief Marshal Manat Chavanaprayoon,** Director General, Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT)
18:00 – 21:00	**Welcome Reception hosted by CAAT (All AAM 2026 attendees)** *Venue: IMPACT Arena*
	End of Day 1

Day 2 – Wednesday, 02.12.2026

Reflecting on the Call to Action from AAM 2024 and building around consequential items to be addressed

Time	Event
09:00 – 09:10	**Daily Kick-off** **Mr. Tao Ma,** ICAO APAC Regional Director
09:10 – 09:25	**Morning Session Opening Keynote** **Lieutenant-Brigadier Sérgio Rodrigues Pereira Bastos Júnior,** Director General, Department of Airspace Control (DECEA), Brazilian Air Force
09:25 – 10:25	**Supporting, governing and regulating AAM** As AAM moves closer to operational deployment, the development of coherent future-ready governance and regulatory frameworks become essential to ensuring safety, public trust and global interoperability. Regulators, policymakers and operational authorities from across the AAM ecosystem will review ongoing rulemaking and oversight activities, reflect on progress since AAM 2024 and identify the work that lies ahead. Panelists will explore how standards and regulatory frameworks for airworthiness, operations, airspace integration, safety management and environmental considerations are evolving in response to emerging technologies and operational concepts. They will also consider where further global convergence is needed to enable safe, scalable and internationally harmonized AAM operations. **Moderator: Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar,** Secretary General, ICAO **Panelists:** **Mr. Jukka Savo,** Innovative Air Mobility Lead, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission **Mr. Makoto Eguchi,** Director, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Division, Japan Civil Aviation Bureau **Mr. Michael Cervenka,** Chief Commercial and Strategy Officer, Vertical Aerospace **Dr. Luis Fernando Fiallos Pazmiño,** Regional Director, ICAO South American Regional Office **Mr. Caspar Wang,** Senior Representative for Asia-Pacific, Federal Aviation Administration **Mr. Raynold Senam Atadja**, RPAS Coordinator, Safety Regulation Directorate, Ghana Civil Aviation Authority
10:25 – 10:45	**Q&A Session**
10:45 – 11:25	**Coffee Break**

11:25 – 12:25	**New approaches to managing airspace** The integration of AAM represents one of the most complex challenges facing aviation today, requiring fundamental shifts in how we conceptualize, manage and operate a wide variety of aircraft within shared airspace. This panel will explore innovative airspace management approaches capable of accommodating the diverse operational requirements of AAM while preserving the safety and efficiency of conventional aviation. Panelists will examine emerging approaches designed to meet evolving operational demands while maintaining the predictability and performance of existing air traffic management. Bringing together experts from air navigation service providers, regulatory authorities and technology developers, the panel will discuss forward-looking ideas that challenge long-standing assumptions about airspace design and management, as well as foundational principles of accountability and responsibility in aviation operations. Topics will include dynamic airspace allocation, collaborative separation services, data-driven ATM, UTM-ATM interoperability, evolution of flight rules, strategic deconfliction and the growing role of automation and real-time information sharing. **Moderator: Dr. Ruth Stilwell**, Executive Director, Aerospace Policy Solutions, LLC **Panelists:** **Mr. Amit Ganjoo,** Chief Executive Officer, ANRA Technologies **Mr. Luke Gumley,** Head of Uncrewed Services Integration, Airservices Australia **Mr. Cengiz Ari,** Programme Manager, SESAR 3 Joint Undertaking **Mr. Marcel Kägi,** Deputy Director and Head of the Airspace Strategy Division, Federal Office of Civil Aviation (FOCA), Switzerland **Mr. Barry Koperberg,** Founder & General Manager, Wings for Aid
12:25 – 12:45	**Q&A Session**
12:45 – 13:00	**ICAO AAM Readiness Programme (ARP)** **ICAO Secretariat**
13:00 – 14:30	**Lunch Break**
14:30 – 14:45	**Afternoon Session Opening Keynote** **H.E. Eng. Naif bin Ali Al Abri,** President of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Sultanate of Oman

14:45 – 15:45	**The evolution of the role of the human** This panel will examine how human involvement is evolving across the AAM ecosystem, as automation increases and operational concepts mature. From traditionally piloted operations to future models involving human oversight supported by system-wide automation, panelists will explore how these shifts redefine responsibilities, decision-making and coordination between people and the technologies they interact with. The discussion will consider how emerging operational models can accommodate the distinctive characteristics of AAM, including higher traffic density, diverse aircraft performance profiles and varying levels of autonomy, while ensuring safe, predictable and efficient integration into the wider aviation system. **Moderator: Ms. Paula Vieira de Almeida,** CEO JAA Training Organisation **Panelists:** **Mr. Billy Nolen,** Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, AVERON AEROSPACE **Dr. Parimal Kopardekar,** Mission Integration Manager for the Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Mission, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) **Mr. Bertrand Riveill,** Technical Programme Manager, Innovative Aerial Services, EUROCAE **Mr. Ping Na Thalang,** Adviser, Safety & Business Development, Bangkok Airways Public Company Limited **Prof. Jae Woon Lee,** Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
15:45 – 16:05	**Q&A Session**
	End of Day 2
16:05 – 17:00	**Transport to the AAM in-flight Demonstration venue**
17:00 – 18:00	**AAM in-flight Demonstration organized by the Host State**
18:00 – 19:00	**Transport back to the IMPACT Arena for Gala Dinner**
19:00 – 22:00	**Gala Dinner hosted by CAAT (by individual invitation only)** **Gala Cocktail Reception hosted by CAAT (All AAM 2026 attendees are invited subject to registration during badge pick-up)** *Venue for both events: Grand Diamond Ballroom, IMPACT Arena*

Day 3 – Thursday, 03.12.2026 Standardize and move forward	
Time	**Event**
08:00 – 08:15	**Daily Kick-off** **H.E. Adilson Catala,** Secretary of State, Angola
08:15 – 09:15	**Automation and autonomy** Automation is a critical enabler for managing the increasing complexity, diversity and density of aviation operations, particularly within AAM. Its purpose is to optimize the interaction between humans and automated systems, enhancing safety, efficiency and overall system performance in an increasingly digital environment. In AAM, automation plays a central role in shaping how aircraft operate, integrate into the airspace and leverage advanced technological solutions to ensure the safe and efficient coordination of all airspace users. Bringing together industry leaders, this panel will examine how increasing levels of automation are underscoring the need for fit-for-purpose certification, informing risk-based operational frameworks and oversight models and shaping what safe and scalable integration of AAM into the broader aviation system will require. **Moderator: Capt. Julie Garland,** Founder and CEO, Avtrain; Vice-chair JARUS Industry Stakeholder Body (ISB) **Panelists:** **Mr. Jon Lovegren,** Vice President, Autonomy & Airspace Integration, Wisk Aero **Mr. Hette Hoekema,** Chief Expert Avionics & Electrical Systems, EASA **Mr. Sapan Shah,** General Manager, Advanced Air Mobility, Honeywell Aerospace **Mr. Ibrahima Ba,** Director, International Aviation Regulatory Affairs, Zipline
09:15 – 09:25	**Q&A Session**
09:25 – 09:55	**Coffee Break**
09:55 – 10:55	**Legal challenges around AAM** As AAM moves from concept to operational reality, it

	introduces a complex landscape of legal and regulatory challenges. Integrating innovative aircraft such as eVTOLs and UAS into existing aviation frameworks raises questions that extend well beyond technical and operational considerations. Legal experts and industry stakeholders will explore challenges including liability, insurance, certification, airspace usage rights, privacy and data protection. The panel will also address cross-border operations and the development of international standards, both of which are critical as AAM services increasingly span multiple jurisdictions. In parallel, novel questions are emerging around accountability for system failures, human oversight requirements and liability frameworks for both airborne and ground-based systems. **Moderator: Mr. Michael Gill,** Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Bureau, ICAO **Panelists:** **Prof. Vincent Correia,** Professor of Air Law, McGill University **Mr. Simon Meakins,** Director Advanced Air Mobility EAMEA, Bristow Group **Mr. Tony Payne,** Head of Aviation, DLA Piper **Mr. Ryan Coates,** Executive Director, Strategy and Emerging Technologies, Transport Canada **Ms. Siew Huay Tan,** Air Law Instructor, Singapore Aviation Academy
10:55 – 11:05	**Q&A Session**
11:05 – 12:15	**Lunch Break**
12:15 – 13:15	**Certification pathways for Advanced Air Mobility: Navigating safety in a transforming aviation ecosystem** AAM introduces new aircraft designs, operating concepts and market entrants, many emerging from innovative ecosystems outside conventional aviation. As the sector evolves, robust certification and airworthiness frameworks are essential to ensuring safety, public trust and scalable global operations. This panel will provide a strategic overview of certification fundamentals: what certification entails, why it exists and how it enables innovation while upholding aviation's high safety standards. Drawing comparisons with other regulated sectors such as the automotive industry, the discussion will explore

	how certification establishes clear chains of responsibility, accountability and risk management across the aviation ecosystem. Panelists will also examine how certification can support global harmonization, ensuring that new aircraft, systems and operations meet consistent safety expectations while enabling the responsible development of new markets and can integrate safely into the wider aviation system. **Moderator: Capt. Claude Hurley,** Director, Environment & Flight Operations, International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) **Panelists:** **Mr. Oswaldo Lopez Blas,** Section Manager eVTOL, EASA **Mr. Roberto Honorato, Director,** ANAC - National Civil Aviation Agency of Brazil **Mr. Tom Gunnarson,** Vice Chair of Committee F39 on Aircraft Systems, ASTM International/ Lead of Regulatory Affairs, Wisk Aero **Mr. Mauro Berzovini,** VP Technology & Innovation, Leonardo Helicopters **Ms. Victoria Xiang,** President, Europe & Latin America, EHang **Mr. Ryan Naru**, Senior Aviation Policy Lead, Joby Aviation
13:15 – 13:35	**Q&A Session**
13:35 – 14:05	**Coffee Break**
14:05 – 15:05	**Turning Vision into Action** This closing panel brings together the central themes of the symposium: understanding the AAM ecosystem, building the necessary infrastructure and establishing the frameworks that will enable safe AAM deployment. Translating ambitious concepts into concrete action requires coordinated efforts across technology and infrastructure development, workforce readiness, community engagement and the creation of robust regulatory foundations. Panelists will focus on transforming high-level objectives into actionable roadmaps, aligning multi-stakeholder priorities, securing funding and investment and establishing operational standards that support scalable, reliable and internationally harmonized AAM operations. The panel will explore strategies for prioritizing actions, mitigating risks and supporting steady, methodical progress, while maintaining safety, public trust and environmental responsibility.

	Moderator: **Mr. Frederic Malaud,** Chief Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems, ICAO **Panelists:** **Mr. Andrew Hately,** UTM Concept Expert, Eurocontrol **Mr. Ben Ivers,** Director, Emerging Technologies & Regulatory Strategy, Boeing **Mr. Kajonpat Maklin,** Deputy Director General for Safety Oversight, Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand **Mr. Ryan Steinbach,** Aviation Policy Analyst, U.S. Department of Transportation **Mr. Gihun Kim,** Director of the Urban Air Mobility Policy Division, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of the Republic of Korea
15:05 – 15:30	**Wrap-up of the AAM 2026 and Closing Remarks** **Mr. Pascal Luciani,** Deputy Director, Air Navigation and Aviation Safety, ICAO **Ms. Michele Merkle,** Director, Air Navigation Bureau, ICAO
15:30 – 17:00	**Final Networking**
17:00 – 18:00	**Royal Ceremony at Grand Diamond Ballroom**
	End of Day 3