

**ICAO GAEP (Global Aviation Education Plan) Workshop Programme****25 September 2025 @ Faculty Club and Conference Centre, McGill University, 3450 McTavish St, Montreal**

<b>25 September 2025</b>	
<b>A New Flight Path: Advancing Global Aviation Education for Future Professionals</b>	
8:30-9:00	<b>Registration</b>
9:00 – 9:15	<b>Opening Session – Welcome Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Dr. Vincent Correia, Secretary General of ALICANTO, Co-Director of the Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University</li> <li>• Dr. Laura Camastra, Chief ICAO Training, CDI Bureau</li> </ul>
9:15 – 10:00	<b>Session 1 – Findings from the Previous Workshop and Introduction to the Advisory Board Concept</b> <p><b>Objective:</b> 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 findings from the workshop conducted in April 2025; progress made so far and explain the role of the advisory board and next steps.</p> <p><b>Presentation by ICAO and ALICANTO:</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Laura Camastra, Chief ICAO Training, CDI Bureau</li> <li>• Ms. Latifa Hadbi, NGAP Programme Manager, CDI Bureau</li> <li>• Professor Dr. Vincent Correia, Secretary General of ALICANTO, Co-Director of the Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University</li> </ul>
10:00 – 10:20	<b>Coffee Break</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Sponsored by Airbus and McGill University Institute of Air and Space Law</b></li> </ul>
10:20 – 11:30	<b>Session 2 – Understanding of Needs and Different Perspectives</b> <p><b>Objective:</b> This session will capture the needs and perspectives of training and industry stakeholders. It will provide a platform for universities and industry to share insights on best practices, challenges in attracting and educating NGAP.</p> <p><b>Presentations by Participants:</b> This segment will feature case studies, or presentations from university and industry representatives covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs and requirements from the industry to address the workforce shortage</li> <li>• The role of competency-based training in upskilling the perspective and existing workforce</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Challenges and opportunities in recruiting and retaining aviation professionals.</li> <li>Lessons learned and key challenges in aligning academic, and training programmes with industry needs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professor Dr. Richard Curran, Sustainable Aviation Operations Chair, Head of Aviation Management, Director of Sustainable Operations Aviation Research (SOAR) / Mr. Emre Eroktem, Senior Lecturer &amp; Programme Director, MSc Aviation Management, City St. George's, University of London</li> <li>Mrs. Inna Popova-Roche, Director, Partnerships and Industry Engagement / Mr. John Gradek, Faculty Lecturer; Area Coordinator, Aviation Management and Supply Chain Management, McGill University, School of Continuing Studies</li> <li>Mr. Dave Rogers, Head of Global Technical Training, Swissport</li> <li>Mr. Marco Merens, Chief, Implementation Support Section, ICAO</li> <li>Dr. Vahid Motevalli, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Penn State Harrisburg</li> <li>Dr. Shefali Juneja, Head of Secretariat of International COSPAS SARSAT Programme</li> </ul>
11:30-12:20	<p><b>Session 3 – Laying the Foundation for the Future</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> This session will invite participants to provide their input to lay the foundation for the establishment of the GAEP Advisory Board and defining what is needed to ensure continuous participation of all stakeholders.</p> <p><b>Open Discussion - Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Would you agree with the currently identified roles and responsibilities of the Advisory Board to GAEP? If not, what would you recommend we should look at?</li> <li>2. What do you think would be the maximum number of representatives in the Advisory Board to ensure it runs efficiently and effectively?</li> </ul>
12:20 – 13:20	<p><b>Networking Lunch</b></p> <p>- <b>Sponsored by Airbus and McGill University Institute of Air and Space Law</b></p>
13:20– 15:10	<p><b>Session 3 – Laying the Foundation for the Future (Cont.)</b></p> <p><b>Open Discussion - Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. What are the requirements to ensure continuous participation in GAEP?</li> <li>4. Would academia and training entities be willing to submit their programmes to the Advisory Board and receive recommendations for improvement?</li> <li>5. What challenges do you foresee in defining clear paths from academia, to training, to industry recruitment and how to overcome them?</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6. How can we collaborate to identify workforce profiles and qualifications for current and future needs?</li><li>• 7. Naming the initiative: other suggestions and final voting</li></ul>
15:15 – 16:45	<b>Group Photo, Networking Coffee</b> <b>Change of Venue to New Chancellor Day Hall (3644 Peel St, Montreal, Quebec H3A 1W9)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Group Photo</li><li>• Presentation from Mr. Bertrand de Lacombe, Head of Regulatory and External Engagement, Airbus</li><li>• Networking Coffee (Sponsored by Airbus and McGill University Institute of Air and Space Law)</li></ul>