



ICAO, IATA and ACI to host AVSEC World; Critical security challenges to top agenda

Montréal and Geneva, 12 September 2016 – The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and Airports Council International (ACI) have joined forces to address evolving aviation security risks with integrated solutions.

Key topics such as securing landside spaces at airports, information sharing among governments, managing the risks of home-grown terrorism and preventing cyber threats will top the agenda of the 25th AVSEC (Aviation Security) World Conference, taking place from the 25 to 27 October 2016 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

“Aviation security needs to evolve in step with changing threats,” said Dr. Fang Liu, Secretary General, ICAO. “The global policy and regulatory framework has to adapt effectively and in a timely fashion to address this increasingly dynamic risk. Having so many global aviation security experts and leading thinkers gathered together at AVSEC World provides a valuable opportunity to identify common objectives and combine the industry’s strengths and resources towards achieving better aviation security and facilitation.”

“Flying is secure. Keeping it that way is the responsibility of governments and a challenge for all parties involved in air transport,” said Alexandre de Juniac, Director General and CEO, IATA. “Aviation is the business of freedom. But recent months have shown that it remains a target for terrorists. AVSEC World strengthens the vital partnership between industry and government on security. And it is a catalyst that helps to turn our common interest into a shared agenda to stay a step ahead of those with an agenda of evil.”

“The recent tragic attacks on Brussels and Ataturk airports have brought aviation security sharply into focus in the worldwide media,” said Angela Gittens, Director General, ACI World. “Ensuring the security of the traveling public is a top priority for ACI and its members, and a prerequisite for a sustainable aviation system. This is a goal that can only be accomplished through close collaboration among stakeholders. The landscape of aviation security is changing, and AVSEC World 2016 will lay the groundwork for where we’re going and the best way to get there.

Liu, de Juniac and Gittens will all deliver remarks at AVSEC World. Additionally, the conference will feature keynote addresses by Vice Admiral Peter Neffenger, Administrator, US Transportation Security and Henrik Hololei, Director-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission.

The event is expected to attract more than 500 delegates in security-related activities at airlines, airports, government agencies, defense and equipment and technology manufacturers.

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About ICAO

A specialized agency of the United Nations, ICAO was created in 1944 to promote the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation throughout the world. It sets standards and regulations necessary for aviation safety, security, efficiency, capacity and environmental protection, amongst many other priorities. The Organization serves as the forum for cooperation in all fields of civil aviation among its 191 Member States.

About IATA

IATA is the trade association for the world’s airlines, representing some 260 airlines or 83% of total air traffic. The

association supports many areas of aviation activity and helps formulate industry policy on critical aviation issues.

About Airports Council International

Airports Council International, the trade association of the world's airports, was founded in 1991 with the objective of fostering cooperation among its member airports and other partners in world aviation, including the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Air Transport Association and the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation. In representing the best interests of airports during key phases of policy development, ACI makes a significant contribution toward ensuring a global air transport system that is safe, secure, efficient and environmentally sustainable.

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