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PROGRAM



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Monday, 1 July

18h00-20h00	Registration
19h00-21h00	Welcome Reception

Tuesday, 2 July

08h00-09h00	Registration and Networking Breakfast
09h00-10h30	Opening Plenary
10h30-11h00	Networking Coffee Break
11h00-12:30	Plenary
12h30-13h30	Networking Lunch
13h30-14h45	Plenary
14h50-15h15	Networking Coffee Break
15h15-16h45	Plenary
18h30-19h30	Cocktail Reception
19h30-22h00	Networking Gala Dinner

Wednesday, 3 July

07h00-09h00	Registration and Networking Breakfast
08h45-10h30	Plenary
10h30-11h00	Networking Coffee Break
11h00-13h00	Plenary
13h00-14h00	Networking Lunch
14h00-14h45	Plenary
14h45-15h15	Networking Coffee Break
15h15-17h00	Closing Plenary





Tuesday, 2 July

09h00 – 10h30

OPENING PLENARY

Welcome and Opening

Keynote speeches by distinguished industry leaders, including:

- **Prof. Malesela John Lamola** – Chief Executive Officer, South African Airways
 - **Nick Careen** – Deputy Director General, IATA
- More speakers to be announced.

IATA Economic Outlook

An overview of the Aviation Industry's economic outlook at regional and global levels, highlighting the current and forecasted trends impacting the industry's performance.

- **Dr. Marie Owens Thomsen** – Senior Vice President, Sustainability & Chief Economist, IATA

10h30 – 11h00

NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

11h00 – 12h30

PLENARY SESSION

Focus Africa Program Overview

A presentation, a panel, and an interactive session lead by IATA Regional Vice President of Africa and Middle East, providing an overview of *Focus Africa Program* following its launch in 2023, and aligning with the industry partners and leaders on the way forward.

Moderated by **Kamil Al-Awadhi** – Regional Vice President AME, IATA

- **Nick Careen** – Deputy Director General, IATA
- More panelists to be announced.

12h30 – 13h30

NETWORKING LUNCH

13h30 – 14h45

PLENARY SESSION

Boosting Regional Traffic

A panel discussing the huge regional traffic growth opportunities and agreeing on the initiatives needed to boost Africa's regional traffic.

Moderated by **Somas Appavou** – Regional Director External Affairs & Sustainability, IATA & **Sandile Chipunza** – Manager External Affairs & Sustainability, IATA

Panelists to be announced.

14h45 – 15h15

NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK



Tuesday, 2 July

15h15 – 16h45

PLENARY SESSION

Modern Airline Retailing – Industry Status

A presentation providing an overview of the aviation industry's journey to Modern Airline Retailing, value creation, and the pathway to the future.

- **Diala Halaseh** – Regional Head of Financial Services Distribution & Payment, IATA

Modern Airline Retailing & Customer Centricity:

A Panel discussion addressing the opportunities and the necessity of the collaboration across the supply-chain with a commonly shared customer centricity objective.

Moderated by **Manal Al-Taher** – Regional Manager, Financial Services Transformation and Products, IATA

- **Julius Thairu** – Chief Commercial Officer, Kenya Airways
- **Lampros Brianas** – Director Sub Saharan Africa Airlines, Amadeus
- **Monique Swart** – Founder, African Business Travel Association
- **Dr. Joseph Kithitu** – Chairman, Kenya Association of Travel Agents

18h30 – 22h00

COCKTAIL RECEPTION FOLLOWED BY GALA NETWORKING DINNER



Wednesday, 3 July

08h45 – 10h30

PLENARY SESSION

Welcome and Opening Day 2

Africa's Aviation Infrastructure & Economic Regulations

A presentation followed by a panel discussion addressing the status of Africa's aviation infrastructure and economic regulations, and sharing best practices, successful examples, and produce recommendations for development and enhancement.

Moderated by **Kashif Khalid** – Regional Director Operations, Safety & Security, IATA

- **Khang Khoza** – Chief Executive Officer, Swissport
- More panelists to be announced.

10h30 – 11h00

NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

11h00 – 13h00

PLENARY SESSION

Collaborative Aviation Safety Improvement Program (CASIP)

This session will look at four connected areas of Safety, Operations, Air Traffic Management, and Skilled Staff, each of which are collectively required to deliver enhancements to achieve a safe, efficient, resilient, and sustainable African Sky.

Moderated by **Lindi-Lee Kirkman** - Regional Head flight operations, ATM & Infrastructure -AME, IATA

- **Biruk Abrham** – Senior Int'l Representative AME, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
 - International Federation of Air Line pilots' Associations (IFALPA)
- More panelists to be confirmed

Roadmap to Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)

Africa faces a dual challenge: supporting rapid economic growth while preparing for the impacts of climate change. Innovative financing mechanisms are crucial to address this challenge; in the aviation sector, Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) plays a critical role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This panel session outlines key considerations for financing SAF initiatives in Africa.

Moderated by **Somas Appavou** – Regional Director External Affairs & Sustainability, IATA

13h00 – 14h00

NETWORKING LUNCH

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Towards a more Resilient and Sustainable African Aviation



Wednesday, 3 July

14h00 – 14h45

PLENARY SESSION

Innovation in Aviation Security

A presentation by the *United States Transportation Security Administration* (US TSA) followed by an interview discussion of the current security risks and opportunities facing the aviation industry. The session will examine the latest trends and innovation in aviation security, and the need for programs such as One Stop Security.

Moderated by **Kashif Khalid** – Regional Director Operations, Safety & Security, IATA
• **Dennis Nelson** – Representative Attaché, U.S DHS TSA

14h45 – 15h15

NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

15h15– 17h00

PLENARY SESSION

Air Cargo Unlocking Africa's Trade Potential

IATA's Presentation on Air Cargo Economics, followed by a panel discussing how African continent is preparing for managing growth through digitalization, simplified borders, and focusing on key segments such as perishables, live animals, and pharmaceuticals. It will also examine key topics influencing Cargo Operations, Safety and Security.

Moderated by **Kashif Khalid** – Regional Director Operations, Safety & Security, IATA
• **Sanjeev Ghadia** – Chief Executive Officer, Astral Aviation
• **David King** – Head of Aviation, Wesgro
• **Dick Murianki** – Director Cargo, Kenya Airways

Attracting the Next Generation of Aviation Professionals

A panel session discussing the role of innovation, diversity, flexibility and work culture in shaping the future aviation industry. The panelists shall address the evolution of the industry's both past and future, and most importantly what the industry needs to do to attract and retain the next generation of aviation professionals.

• Panelists to be announced.

Closing Remarks

