

IATA GROUND HANDLING CONFERENCE

Reykjavík, Iceland
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PROGRAM

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Airlines' Day: Monday, 6 May

08:00 – 09:00	WELCOME COFFEE
09:00 – 10:00	Ground Operations Working Group (GOG) (By invitation only)
10:00 – 10:30	NETWORKING BREAK
10:30 – 12:00	Ground Operations Working Group (GOG) (By invitation only)
12:00 – 13:30	LUNCH BREAK
13:00 – 17:00 (Incl. Coffee Break)	Workshop: Spotlight on Airlines' Ground Operations This workshop aims to discuss and brainstorm the challenges and solutions of today's complex ground handling industry. Lead by IATA Team All IGHC delegates are welcome to attend. Separate registration needed – Please register here Get the Program here
18:00 – 19:00	Ground Handling Partnership Networking Cocktail (By Invitation Only) As the IGHC Conference kicks-off, we invite you to the GHP Networking Cocktail – an exclusive gathering for the GHP community. This event provides a unique opportunity for industry professionals to meet and greet with peers, forge valuable connections, and exchange insights. As a GHP member, you will also have the privilege of inviting two (2) of your business partners and clients to join this annual celebration.

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Day 1: Tuesday, 7 May

- 08:00 – 09:00** **WELCOME COFFEE**
Exhibition Area
- 09:00 – 10:00** **Host Airline Key Remarks**
Bogi Nils Bogason, CEO, Icelandair
- State of Industry**
Willie Walsh, Director General, IATA
- State of Ground Operations**
Monika Mejstrikova, Director, Ground Operations, IATA
- Key industry leaders discuss how industry ground handling initiatives drive tangible improvements in the complex ground operations environment**
Bogi Nils Bogason, CEO, Icelandair
Atilla Korkmazoğlu, President, Ground Handling & Cargo, Celebi and ASA chair
Philipp Joeinig, CEO, Menzies Aviation
Willie Walsh, Director General, IATA
Moderator: Nick Careen, Senior Vice President Operations, Safety & Security, IATA
- 10:00 – 10:30** **NETWORKING BREAK**
Exhibition Area
- 10:30 – 11:15** **Innovation on the Ramp**
Discover some of the latest advances in AI and autonomy in the pipeline for ground operations.
Mathieu Cousy, Research Engineer, ACHIL Team, ENAC
Saunon Malekshahi, Co-founder & CTO, Moonware
Tenille Houston, VP Public Relations & Communications, Aurrigo
Esad Taha Cakici, VP of Operations, Easie
Moderator: Sunny Bhatt, Manager, Ground Operations Innovation & Efficiency, IATA
- 11:15 – 12:00** **Need to Taxi? Call an “Uber” to Get you to the Runway**
An update and some real-life experiences with aircraft taxiing solutions without aircraft engines running.
Pascal Hop, Senior Expert, Project Manager, EUROCONTROL
Francisco Hoyas, Pilot, Aviation Sustainability, EUROCONTROL
Jeroen Jaartsveld, Project Lead, Sustainable Taxiing, KLM
Sarah Bahlinger, Innovator, Royal Schiphol Group
Moderator: Massimo Cicetti, Head of Innovation & Efficiency, IATA
- 12:00 – 13:30** **LUNCH BREAK**
Exhibition Area

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13:30 – 14:05

Electric GSE – As Easy as Plug 'n Play?

Making the transition to electric GSE hasn't always been easy. Hear from those who have been there, done that and gain some real-world experience to smooth your way.

Jonathan Hankin, Manager Technical Services & Engineering Standards, Menzies Aviation

Rebecca Schnack, Applications Engineer, Allen Energy Inc

Moderator: Steve Savage, Senior Analyst, Ground Operations, IATA

14:05 – 14:20

Enhanced Ground Support Equipment recognition program launch

IATA launches a new program to encourage industry to adopt GSE fitted with anti-collision systems to minimize aircraft ground damage by recognizing companies which have undertaken the switch to enhanced GSE

Monika Mejstrikova, Director, Ground Operations, IATA

14:20 – 15:00

Exploring Sustainable Solutions for GSE Fuel and Beyond

Take a dive into the world of hydrogen and HVO – how to do your bit for climate change even you can't go all electric with your GSE.

Benny Siu, Head of Safety, Sustainability & Quality Assurance, Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited.

Anirudh Vyas, Future Safety Specialist, Horizon Scanning & Insight, UK CAA

Moderator: Nadine Mücklich, Project Manager / Research Associate, Fraunhofer

15:00 – 15:30

**NETWORKING BREAK
Exhibition Area**

15:30 – 17:30

Workshop: Partnering with Airports is Key for Sustainable Ground Operations

Join Nordic Airports and IATA in this forum where success stories will be shared and focus areas highlighted.

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17:30 – 19:30

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Day 2: Wednesday, 8 May

- 08:00 – 09:00** **WELCOME COFFEE**
Exhibition Area
- 09:00 – 10:00** **Regulating for Safety**
While safety is automatically a target for regulation, it is just as important to consider the vital role that industry experience, in the form of standards, recommended practices and programs. Hear how EU regulations can support industry standardization, what makes an acceptable industry standard and how industry standards can be compliant with regulations.
Ansgar Sickert, Liaison to EASA, ACI-Europe
Adina Szönyi, GH Expert, Air Operations & Aerodromes, EASA
Ariaen Zimmerman, Head of Operations & Programs, ASA
Iva Pluhackova, Head of Operations & Standards, IATA
Moderator: Dragos Munteanu, Assistant Director, Safety & Flight Operations, IATA
- 10:00 – 10:30** **NETWORKING BREAK**
Exhibition Area
- 10:30 – 11:25** **Safety is always our top priority**
Join this session to discuss emerging ground operations safety issues and risks and their mitigations.
Adrian Kong, Manager Safety, Quality & Risk - Airport Operations, Emirates
Brian Bartal, Chief Safety Officer, Unifi
Daniel Tremblay, Director Ground Safety Assurance & Compliance, Air Canada
Moderator: Gurdeep Singh, Senior Manager, Ground Operations Safety & Standards, IATA
- 11:25 – 12:10** **The Role of Training in Ground Operations Sustainability**
Training plays a pivotal role in promoting sustainability within ground operations. Well-trained personnel are proficient at identifying opportunities for process optimization, cost reduction, and service enhancement, driving innovation through creative problem-solving and collaboration.
IATA and the industry are striving for:
 - Alignment and standardization
 - Return on investment for the industry
 - Building capacity for the industry with the IATA training passport**Claudius Kuhnert, Senior Manager, Ground Operations Concepts & Strategy, Lufthansa**
Adam Sider, Training Quality & Curriculum Manager, SGS
Moderator: Iva Pluhackova, Head of Operations & Standards, IATA

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- 12:10 – 13:45** **LUNCH BREAK**
Exhibition Area
- 13:45 – 14:55** **What is People's Sustainability?**
Topics like Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DE&I), Trust, Well-Being & Work-Life balance are all part of the People's Sustainability Strategy. Learn more about how to bridge the theory with practice.
Dr. Archana Arcot, Chief People Officer, Unifi
Juliet Thomson, Chief People Officer, Menzies Aviation
Santiago Frau Planas, Head of Accreditation & Program Management, IATA
- 14:55 – 15:30** **NETWORKING BREAK**
Exhibition Area
- 15:30 – 16:30** **Navigating the Post-COVID Skies: Industry Adaptation and Resource Management**
Join a discussion on how the industry has adapted to the new reality of passenger numbers that mostly equal or exceed COVID levels with the limited resources that are now available. Learn how the industry is balancing operational, safety and compliance activities with limited availability of required resources (financial, infrastructural, SME etc.).
Guðmundur Ólafsson, VP Airport Operations – Icelandair
Solomon Mutoko Mukoma, Compliance Monitoring Manager & IATA DAQCP Chair, Emirates
Derick Zimmerman, Vice President AGI Ground
Dr. Harpreet De Singh, Group Chief QMS, DMS, ERP & ED – Headquarters, Air India
Stewart Angus, CEO – Europe, dnata
Moderator: Dimitri Rybkin, Senior Manager, Audit Methods and Deicing, IATA
- 19:00 - Late** **NETWORKING DINNER**

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Day 3: Thursday, 9 May

- 08:00 – 09:00** **WELCOME COFFEE**
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- 09:00 – 10:00** **Real-time Baggage Tracking**
Is there a global solution for real-time baggage tracking? Can the passengers and the airlines share the same data? How can we reduce the mishandled baggage? Those and other questions will be discussed by the baggage SMEs during this panel discussion.
Niueni Tugaga, Operations Delivery Manager - BOH | Airports, Air New Zealand
Elena Mazorra, Head of Business Development, BOB The Bag Tracking Company
Shabbir Girach, Managing Director, Shabstec Limited
Moderator: Monika Mejstrikova, Director, Ground Operations, IATA
- 10:00 – 10:30** **NETWORKING BREAK**
Exhibition Area
- 10:30 – 11:45** **Turning Service Providers into Partners – A New Era of Service Level Agreements**
In a real-world innovation case study, Lufthansa Group shares how digital solutions like Cosmos transform the way airlines and service providers interact, by empowering a trusted, collaborative, and data-based relationship, paving the way for a new era of SLAs.
Fabrice Diedrich, Venture Development Manager & co-founder, Cosmos, Lufthansa innovation Hub
Mareen Fox Rogers, Head of LHG Operations Performance Management, Lufthansa Group
Felix Heinzeller, Venture Development Manager & co-founder, Cosmos, Lufthansa innovation Hub
- 11:45 – 12:00** **Wrap-up and Where to Next**
Action items, what we learned and need to apply going forward.
IGHC 2025 – next year’s exciting venue.
- 12:00 – 13:30** **LUNCH BREAK**
Exhibition Area
- 13:30 – 17:00** **Workshop: ISAGO in 2025 and Beyond, what’s in it for me?**
(Incl. Coffee Break) Inform GHSPs about changes to the ISAGO program and how it affects their accreditation and registration. Discuss plans and checklists and address issues. All IGHC delegates are welcome to attend.
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