



**International Aviation Issues Seminar
Agenda
December 8-9, 2021
Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City
Arlington, Virginia**

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

8:30 am – 2:00 pm **Registration**

8:30 am – 9:00 am **Continental Breakfast**

9:00 am – 9:45 am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Facilitation in the Recovering World: Update from CBP Leadership

The U.S. adopted new rules and regulations for entering the country in early November. As international travel begins to resume, hear from CBP leadership on their work to get back to business as well as ongoing programs and process to improve the facilitation of travel and trade.

Speaker: Diane J. Sabatino
Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

9:45 am – 10:30 am **Reconnecting Across the Pond: The Future of the U.S. – U.K. Relationship**

During the pandemic, the U.K. and the U.S. worked behind the scenes to try to reconnect the two countries in one of the most important international routes in the world. And, in the meantime, Brexit has occurred and the U.K. is well on its way to new relationships with Europe and the world. Hear from U.K. officials on their priorities for the U.K.-U.S. relationship and their plans to support travel, trade and tourism.

Speaker: Tim Cade
First Secretary, Transportation
British Embassy



- 10:30 am – 10:45 am **Networking Break**
- 10:45 am – 11:15 am **Update from Air Transat**
Speaker: Catherine Gladu-Robitaille
Director, Network Planning
Air Transat
- 11:15 am – 12:00 pm **Enhancing Competition and Consumer Protections: Update from DOT**
In 2021, President Biden issued an Executive Order focused on encouraging competition and enhancing consumer protections. The Order has specific guidance regarding airports and airlines. Hear from DOT officials on what this means for our industry and other work the DOT is focused on for the year ahead.
Speaker: Carol A. (Annie) Petsonk
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of International Affairs and Aviation
U.S. Department of Transportation
- 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm **Lunch**
- 1:15 pm **Special Recognition Ceremony**
- 1:25 pm – 1:45 pm **Update on Global Slot Policy for Summer 2022 and Slot Policy Work Program**
ACI World has been leading airports from around the world to establish airports as a crucial and necessary voice in the global system of slot allocation and facilitation. Their efforts have resulted in airports having an equal voice to airlines and coordinators in a revamped system of allocation known as the [Worldwide Airport Slot Guidelines](#). Learn about the global agreement on slot utilization waivers for the Northern Summer 2022 season as well as the global work program on slot policy moving forward.
Speaker: Philippe Villard
Senior Director Policies and Economics
Airports Council International (World)
- 1:45 pm – 2:30 pm **Industry Update & Forecast Synopsis**
Forecast validity has gone from six months to thirty days in the pandemic. Hear from an industry expert on the latest state of play in global markets.
Speaker: Jeffrey W. Stanley
Vice President
Ricondo
- 2:30 pm – 4:15 pm **Airline Updates**
In this part of the seminar, three leading air carriers present the latest updates from their companies to include route and network developments, commercial strategies and customer service enhancements.
- 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm **Etihad Airways Update**
Matthew Jennings
Director, International Affairs, The Americas
Etihad Airways
- 3:00 pm – 3:15 pm **Networking Break**



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- 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm **Spirit Airlines Update**
John Kirby
Vice President, Network Planning
Spirit Airlines

- 3:45 pm – 4:15 pm **Alaska Airlines Update**
Brett Catlin, Vice President, Network & Alliances
Alaska Airlines

- 4:15 pm – 4:30 pm **Conclusion & Wrap-Up**

- 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm **Welcome Reception**

Thursday, December 9, 2021

- 8:30am – 10:30am **U.S. International Air Service Program** *(breakfast served starting at 8:00 am)*
(Open to USIASP Members Only)

- 10:30am – 12:30pm **ACI-NA Facilitation Committee**
(Open to ACI-NA Members Only)

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