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A BRAND NEW CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE FOR 2023

ACI-NA is excited to implement several conference and exhibition enhancements to increase value and improve the overall attendee experience in 2023. New changes for 2023 include:

- A more comprehensive and balanced conference schedule.
- Expanded educational sessions with brand new tracks.
- Enhanced networking opportunities, including a host welcome celebration.
- More thought leadership on the future of the airport industry.
- Improved exhibition hall hours to better showcase industry solutions.

What's more, your conference registration allows you to attend any session open to registered conference attendees while with us in Long Beach! [Check out the latest conference agenda](#) to learn about our full range of educational sessions, workshops, committee meetings, exhibition hours, and networking events.

This track agenda compiles all the educational sessions and workshops related to [airport environment and sustainability issues](#) into one place! Please note that on Sunday and Monday, there are other sessions focused on the cross-cutting issues of **Sustainability & Resiliency** and the **Future of Airports** that will be taking place concurrently. Please see the conference agenda for additional information.

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Friday, September 29, 2023

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Environmental Affairs Steering Group Meeting**
Room 202B *All interested members of the Environmental Affairs Committee are invited to attend*

Saturday, September 30, 2023

7:30 AM – 5:30 PM **Check-in / Registration**

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM **Networking Breakfast**

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Environmental Affairs Committee Workshop**
Room 101 *Open to all registered attendees*

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM **Welcome and Introductions;**
Room 101 **How to Achieve Environmental Goals and Befriend Your CFO: Funding and Financing the Net Zero Transition**

Moderator

Carly Shannon
Founder & Principal
Linx Strategies LLC

Speakers

Todd Cavender
Director, Environment and Sustainability
Indianapolis Airport Authority

Daniel Markind
Shareholder
Flaster Greenberg PC

Kevin Staples
Senior Environmental and Sustainability Coordinator
Salt Lake City Department of Airports

Sarah Ziomek
Enterprise Sustainability Programs Manager
Environmental Affairs Department
Dallas Fort Worth International Airport

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Panel Q&A

Megan Neiderhiser, Ramboll

Justin Smith, Hennebery Eddy Architects, Inc.

10:15 AM – 10:45 AM

Networking Break

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM
Room 101

How to be an Influencer! (Influencing passenger, airport teams, and tenant behavior for Sustainability/Environmental improvement)

Coordinators

Kevin Staples

*Senior Environmental and Sustainability Coordinator
Salt Lake City Department of Airports*

Waste Management Working Group Chair and Co-Chair: Bree Taylor, Senior Airport Planner, Sacramento International Airport; and Morgan Turner, Owner/Principal, Airport Zero Waste Consulting

Sustainability Working Group Chair and Co-chair: Bridget Rief, VP Planning and Development, MAC; and Chad Reese, Environmental Affairs Manager, Planning & Environmental Affairs, San Diego International Airport

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

Networking Lunch

1:15 PM – 2:45 PM
Room 101

The Different Ways to Skin a Cat

There are a number of ways that airport environmental and sustainability staff might approach solving similar problems. Join this session for an interactive dialogue to learn from each other, and take home some new ideas to your most challenging issues.

Coordinators

Rob Freeman

*Airport Environmental Manager II,
Los Angeles World Airports*

Dave Full

*Vice President, Aviation Environmental Service Group
RS&H*

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Networking Break

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3:15 PM – 4:15 PM
Room 104A

Airport & Aircraft Compatibility—A View from 2023

Get the latest from key aircraft manufacturers on airport & aircraft compatibility issues they see facing U.S. and Canadian airports in the coming decade. From new wing designs to entirely new energy sources, learn how you keep your airport ahead of what's coming to runways, taxiways, and parking aprons near you.

Moderator

Michael Moran

General Manager, Aviation Planning, Noise & Environmental Services
Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

Panelists

Daniel Cohen-Nir

National Sustainability & Environment Representative – Americas
Airbus Americas, Inc.

Evanicio Costa

*Principal Lead Engineer, Associate Technical Fellow,
Airport Operations Engineering*
The Boeing Company

Christopher Park

*Airport Compatibility Engineer
Airport Operations Engineering*
The Boeing Company

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4:15 PM – 5:00 PM
Room 104A

ACI-NA Regulatory and Legislative Updates

In this joint session with the OPSID and Environmental Affairs Committee, the FAA and ACI-NA staff will provide updates on key legislative and regulatory initiatives and engage members in discussions of key airport priorities for 2024.

Moderator

Roy Fuhrmann

Chief Operating Officer

Minneapolis-St. Paul International Metropolitan Airports Commission

Panelists

Greg Cota

Senior Vice President, Government Affairs

ACI-NA

Kent Duffy (subject to the status of Federal Government funding)

National Resource Expert for Airport/Airspace Capacity,

Airports Planning and Environmental Division

FAA

Chris Oswald

Senior Vice President, Safety & Regulatory Affairs

ACI-NA

Melinda Pagliarello

Managing Director, Environmental Affairs

ACI-NA

5:15 PM—6:15 PM

Sip Lounge/ Renaissance
Hotel

Young Professionals No-Host Meetup

Young Professionals—those 40 and under—from OPSID and Environmental Affairs are welcome meet for an informal no-host meetup at the Sip Lounge at the Renaissance Hotel (115 E Ocean Blvd) before the Host Airport Welcome Event. Come meet your fellow OPSID/Environmental Affairs colleagues outside a windowless meeting room!

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Terrace Plaza

Host Airport Welcome Event

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Sunday, October 1, 2023

Please see the full list of concurrent sessions at [this link](#). Below are the sessions that may be of greatest interest to Environmental and Sustainability Airport Professionals

7:30 AM – 7:00 PM

Check-in / Registration

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Networking Breakfast

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM
Room 104A

Educational Session
ESG - Responding to Investors and Stakeholders

Has your airport recently received questions from stakeholders regarding ESG? If not, the questions are likely coming from investors and insurers. Come to this session to hear about how airports are developing their ESG materials, including perspectives from those that are starting from their sustainability reports, as well as airports starting from scratch. This session will also include an overview of the work that the ACI-NA cross-committee task group has undertaken on reporting and metrics.

Moderator

Candace McGraw

Chief Executive Officer

Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport

Panelists

Chris Bergstrom

Executive Director

UBS Financial Services Inc. | Public Finance

Chris Poinsatte

Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President

Dallas Fort Worth International Airport

Dave Bannard

Attorney at Law

Kaplan Kirsch Rockwell

10:15 AM – 10:45 AM

Networking Break

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10:45 AM – 12:00 PM
Room 104A

Educational Session **Hold Your Charge**

Electricity has become a hot topic at airports, as stakeholders identify increased needs and airports with Net Zero plans find electricity to be a critical path item. This session will provide a c-level suite look at electricity management at airports, from projected needs, infrastructure considerations, working with stakeholders, and managing the new and different kinds of risks that come with electrification.

Moderator

Bridget Rief

Vice President of Planning and Development
Metropolitan Airports Commission

Panelists

Alex Chapman

Director – Environmental, Social, and Governance
Vantage Airport Group

Katy Glynn

Account Executive, Smart Buildings – Energy Performance Services
Siemens Industry, Inc.

Jim Szczesniak

Chief Operating Officer
Houston Airport Systems

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

Networking Lunch

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1:15 PM – 2:15 PM
Room 104A

Educational Session **Resiliency: Bending, but Not Breaking**

Resiliency is about being prepared for both the unexpected, as well as the slow-moving, impactful when-they-occur events. This session will focus on resiliency related to changing weather patterns and what airports can do to be prepared in advance, as well as lessons learned from recent experiences.

Moderator
Tracy Borda
Chief Financial Officer
Philadelphia International Airport

Panelists
Eric Caplan
Sustainability and Resilience Program Director
Tampa International Airport

John Lengel
Vice President
RS&H

Steve Thomas
Associate Director of Climate Change and Environment
Greater Toronto Airports Authority

2:15 PM – 2:45 PM

Networking Break

2:45 PM – 4:30 PM

Opening General Session – Grand Ballroom

Sam Samaddar
Airport Chief Executive Officer, Kelowna International Airport
Chair, ACI-NA

Cynthia Guidry
Director, Long Beach Airport

Kevin Burke
President and CEO, ACI-NA

Zanny Minton Beddoes
*Editor-in-chief, *The Economist**

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Editor-in-chief of *The Economist* and named one of the “Most Powerful Women in the World” by Forbes, Zanny Minton Beddoes is a renowned global economics expert, sought-after for her authoritative perspectives on the world economy. She is renowned for delivering sophisticated insight on all facets of economic affairs. At the nexus of the global economy and policy, Minton Beddoes adeptly positions new developments that impact business and industry into the broader context of world events.

4:30 PM – 7:00 PM **Exhibition Hall Grand Opening**
Reception in the exhibit hall

Monday, October 2, 2023

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM **Check-in / Registration**

8:00 AM – 6:00 PM **Exhibition Hall Open**
The Exhibition Hall will remain open during all educational sessions on Monday, October 2.

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM **Networking Breakfast in the Exhibition Hall**

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM **ACI-NA World Business Partner / Associate Member and Airport CEO Roundtable Breakfast**
Invitation Only, RSVP Required

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM **Networking Lunch in the Exhibition Hall**

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1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Room 104A

Educational Session **Journey to Net Zero**

Both the Canadian and U.S. federal governments have committed the aviation sector to Net Zero by 2050. Airlines have also set a Net Zero goal, in response to community and passenger demands. And ACI-NA member airports also have undertaken a Net Zero by 2050 goal. Getting there is going to require leadership, problem-solving and stakeholder management. Come to this session to hear from the airport leaders who are on varying stages of their Net Zero journey.

Moderator

Elizabeth Leavitt

Strategic Advisor and Principal Climate Response
Jacobs

Panelists

Sarah Cox

Director Aviation Environment & Sustainability
Port of Seattle

Panagiotis Karamanos

Senior Advisor
Airport Carbon Accreditation

Kristi McKenney

Chief Operating Officer
Port of Oakland

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Networking Break in the Exhibition Hall

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2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Room 104A

Educational Session **PFAS – Updates for the Airport C-Suite**

This session will focus on the critical PFAS information that airport senior staff needs to know. PFAS continues to be a complicated topic, with many moving parts. In this session, ACI-NA and CAC staff will condense that information into a concise overview of the most relevant information that airport executives should be tracking in 2023 and into 2024.

If you have specific questions or topics that you would like to learn about, please submit them here:



Moderator
Patrick Wilson
President
Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority

Panelists
Kathleen Henderson
Senior Director, Operations, Environment & Regulatory Affairs
Canadian Airports Council

Jeff Longsworth
Partner
Earth & Water Law

Melinda Pagliarello
Managing Director, Environmental Affairs
Airports Council International – North America

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Grand Ballroom

Airport Carbon Accreditation and Environmental Achievement Awards

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Exhibition Hall Reception

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Tuesday, October 3, 2023

7:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Check-in / Registration		
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Networking Breakfast		
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	ACI-NA Women in Aviation Breakfast <i>Invitation Only, RSVP Required</i>		
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Track 1 Airports Only Roundtable	Track 2 Airports Only Roundtable	Track 3 WBP / Associates Roundtable
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Networking Break		
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	General Session Keynote and Closing Remarks		
12:00 PM	Adjourn		