

## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS TRACK



### 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

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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

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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;**  
**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**

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

**Daniel Markind**  
*Shareholder*  
Flaster Greenberg PC

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

**Todd Cavender**  
*Director, Environment and Sustainability*  
Indianapolis Airport Authority

**Panel Q&A**

**Megan Neiderhiser**, Ramboll

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**Justin Smith**, Hennebery Eddy Architects, Inc.

10:15 AM – 10:45 AM **Networking Break**

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM **How to be an Influencer! (Influencing passenger, airport teams, and tenant behavior for Sustainability/Environmental improvement) – Room 101**

**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 **The Different Ways to Skin a Cat – Room 101**

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

### **Airport & Aircraft Compatibility—A View from 2023 – Room 104 A**

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**

*Associate Technical Fellow - Boeing Airport Operations Engineering, The Boeing Company*

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM

### **ACI-NA Regulatory and Legislative Updates – Room 104 A**

In this joint session with the Environmental Affairs Committee, 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*

##### **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

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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**

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7:30 AM – 7:00 PM

**Check-in / Registration**

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

**Networking Breakfast**

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM

**Educational Session**

**ESG - Responding to Investors and Stakeholders – Room 104 A**

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 Poinsette**

*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

### **Educational Session**

#### **Hold Your Charge – Room 104 A**

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

### **Educational Session**

#### **Resiliency: Bending, but Not Breaking – Room 104 A**

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**

##### **John Lengel**

*Vice President*

RS&H

##### **Steve Thomas**

*Associate Director of Climate Change and Environment*

Greater Toronto Airports Authority

##### **John Tiliacos**

*Executive Vice President of Operations and Customer Service*

Tampa International Airport

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**

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



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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**

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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

**Educational Session**  
**Journey to Net Zero – Room 104 A**

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 McKinney**

*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

### **Educational Session**

#### **PFAS – Updates for the Airport C-Suite – Room 104 A**

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

**Pablo Nuesch**

*General Counsel*

Airports Council International – North America

**Melinda Pagliarello**

*Managing Director, Environmental Affairs*

Airports Council International – North America

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

#### **Airport Carbon Accreditation and Environmental Achievement Awards – Grand Ballroom**

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

#### **Exhibition Hall Reception**

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### Tuesday, October 3, 2023

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