

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Location: Antalya, Türkiye**Date:** 9 to 11 April 2025**Duration:** 3 days

Day 1 – Wednesday, 9 April	
09:30 – 10:30	Opening Remarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Welcome Address by Prof. Dr. Kemal Yüksek, Director General, Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Türkiye ➔ Remarks by Mr. Sedat Özkazanç, CEO, MNG Airlines ➔ Remarks by Mr. Enes Çakmak, Director General, General Directorate of State Airports Authority ➔ Remarks by Mr. Ian Saunders, Secretary General, World Customs Organization ➔ Remarks by Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar, Secretary General, International Civil Aviation Organization ➔ Keynote Address by Mr. Abdulkadir Uraloğlu, Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Türkiye
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Session 1 – Establishing a more operational flexible and liberal market access for air cargo operations
Panel Discussion	<p>Improving the regulatory environment for international air cargo services through increasing numbers of liberalized bilateral and multilateral air services agreements, including fifth and seventh freedom traffic rights, would create notable operational flexibility for air cargo to provide efficient and cost-effective services on a regional and global basis.</p> <p><i>This session would examine how the regulatory environment can be further liberalized in view of the vital role that air cargo plays in ensuring the competitiveness and commercial success of many industries across the globe. The need for different regulatory arrangements from those applying to international air passenger services, and the development of a specific international agreement to enable air cargo to respond more efficiently to market developments and demands, would also be looked at.</i></p>
12:30 – 12:45	SKYTALKS
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Session 2 – Interaction between air cargo and e-commerce
Panel Discussion	<p>Air cargo is an enabler for e-commerce with 80 per cent of cross-border e-commerce transported by air. E-commerce businesses are growing exponentially, which in turn is an important driver for demand. Meanwhile, this rapid growth brings significant impacts on air cargo development with</p>

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	<p>players in the e-commerce industry stretching business to their own logistics process.</p> <p><i>This interactive session and panel discussion will focus on the interaction between air cargo and the continuous increase in e-commerce industry. The discussion would also highlight the opportunities and importance, as well as the challenges, of the role of air cargo in supporting the future growth of e-commerce.</i></p>	
15:30 – 15:45	SKYTALKS	
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 17:30	Session 3 – Adequate infrastructure, an essential for air cargo services	
Panel Discussion	<p>Sufficient and quality infrastructure is essential for meeting the present and future development needs of air cargo and maximizing its potential. Infrastructure advancement enables air cargo systems to streamline operations and optimize efficiency. Moreover, modernization in infrastructure is required for air cargo to adapt and cope with the trend of end-to-end service, and efficiently connect with other modes of transport. The improved supply chain through more effective intermodal transport system will ultimately better serve the consumers of the services.</p> <p><i>This session will focus on infrastructure development for air cargo operations and intermodal transport system. Focus would also be on how States can integrate infrastructure programme in their national development plan and elevate the role of the private sector in financing infrastructure to support the development and efficiency of air cargo operations.</i></p>	
17:30 – 17:45	SKYTALKS	
18:30 – 20:30	Gala Dinner hosted by the Event Sponsor MNG AIRLINES	
End of Day 1		

Day 2 – Thursday, 10 April		
08:45 – 09:00	SKYTALKS	
09:00 – 09:15	High Keynote Address by the ICAO Secretary General	
09:15 – 10:45	Session 4 – E-commerce and technology advancement on the future of air cargo transport	
Panel Discussion	<p>Air cargo has become an indispensable component of e-commerce. This is because e-commerce cannot flourish without air cargo services. To optimize its services to meet the demands of e-commerce, cargo airlines need to continue to utilize technological innovations, including advanced tracking systems, Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) technology, digital</p>	

	<p>technology and sophisticated data analytics to enable them to enhance shipment visibility, improve inventory management, and streamline the e-commerce supply chain.</p> <p><i>This session will feature presentations on the latest technological innovations impacting air cargo transport and service development particularly e commerce, and how these technologies are advancing the growth of e commerce.</i></p>	
10:45 – 11:00	SKYTALKS	
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break	
11:15 – 12:45	Session 5 - Streamlining cargo release and clearance processes for global trade efficiency	
Panel Discussion	<p>Current inefficiencies and complexities in cargo release and clearance processes are hindering compliance with standards, impeding maximum facilitation by the authorities, and obstructing efficient international trade and supply chain operations. ICAO Annex 9 – <i>Facilitation</i> on facilitation requirements promotes the concept of premium procedures. These procedures aim to smooth the entry and departure of goods while maintaining security and compliance measures. They also seek to strengthen the authorities' ability to oversee control processes, enforce laws, facilitate international trade, and enhance supply chain efficiency.</p> <p><i>This session will explore strategies to enhance cargo release and clearance processes, to promote the use of advanced electronic documentation and risk-based screening, to foster collaboration between customs authorities and industry stakeholders, to implement customs warehouse control and electronic granting of release and clearance of goods, and to set up electronic payment arrangements.</i></p>	
12:45 – 13:00	SKYTALKS	
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 – 16:00	Session 6 – Advancements in automation of cargo processes to enhance efficiency and compliance	
Presentations	<p>Traditional air cargo systems that operate without the assistance of information technology often experience long dwell times for imported shipments. Modern technology in the air cargo clearance process is a top priority for public authorities, as it offers the most efficient means of managing a vast amount of data exchanged among several parties and other relevant government agencies. The goal is to ensure real-time exchange of information among authorities, trade and transport stakeholders, and the airport cargo community, including any international exchange of information. This can be achieved by automating cargo processes to align with ICAO Annex 9 facilitation standards and leveraging information technology to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of air cargo procedures.</p>	

This session will focus on the latest developments such as digitizing air cargo documentation, implementing electronic data interchange (EDI) systems, utilizing blockchain technology for cargo tracking, advance cargo information, and the impact of automated processes on the overall efficiency of the movement of goods across borders.

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:00

SKYTALKS

18:00 – 20:00

Dinner

End of Day 2

Day 3 – Friday, 11 April

08:45 – 09:00

SKYTALKS

09:00 – 11:00

Session 7 – Securing air cargo and mail to advance sustainability and resilience

Presentations

In the rapidly evolving threat landscape, which may challenge the sustainability of the air cargo global supply chain, it is essential to implement robust security measures while incorporating technological advancements. Security plays a critical role in the aviation cargo and mail operations and should take innovative approaches to drive progress toward a more responsible aviation sector.

The aim of this session is to inspire collaborative and actionable strategies, working toward shared security and sustainability goals across the aviation cargo and mail security sector. The discussion will seek to foster collective efforts to strengthen security and support the transition to a more sustainable aviation security industry.

11:00 – 11:15

SKYTALKS

11:15 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00

Session 8 – Supporting air cargo transportation with unmanned aircraft

Panel Discussion

Unmanned aircraft are increasingly used to transport cargo and mail. Different technical capabilities enable transportation at decreasing costs, whether through small, unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), or larger remotely piloted aircraft systems (RPAS). Opportunities include package deliveries in urban and suburban environments, or regional, and even international operations. Regulatory challenges include certification of aircraft; operational approvals and oversight; ground and airspace infrastructure; airspace management; increasing levels of automation and the role of the human; identifying and addressing novel regulatory challenges.

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	<p><i>This session will explore how unmanned aircraft are used to support economic activities, humanitarian and peacekeeping operations, as well as other critical functions such as infrastructure monitoring, firefighting, data collection. Experts will share insights on the operational capabilities offered by these technologies, as well as specific regulatory challenges and highlight the critical importance of international cooperation to maximize the benefits of unmanned aviation to support air cargo operations.</i></p>	SAFETY AND EMERGING ISSUES
13:00 – 13:15	SKYTALKS	
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch	
14:15 – 15:45	Session 9 – Air cargo safety (Transportation of Dangerous Good)	
Panel Discussion	<p>Dangerous goods pose a danger to the aircraft and its occupants if not packaged, handled and stowed safely. Some dangerous goods are too dangerous to be carried on an aircraft, and some are forbidden under normal circumstances but may be carried through an approval granted by the States concerned. Most dangerous goods can be transported on aircraft subject to compliance with the required regulations. Dangerous goods that should not be transported by air or that do not comply with ICAO provisions are often discovered in cargo, mail and baggage. These can pose a significant risk to aviation safety.</p> <p><i>This session will explore current risks associated with the transport of dangerous goods by air and measures that can be taken to mitigate against them. It will highlight the need for a risk-based, collaborative approach to managing cargo safety.</i></p>	
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 17:30	Wrap-up & Closing	
Panel Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Wrap-up/Summary of Discussion ➔ Closing remarks by the ICAO Secretary General 	
End of the Summit		

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