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Programme





Monday, 19 October 2026 – Day Zero

Time (GST)	Room: Side event room
09:00 - 12:00	Meeting of the Central Asian and Caucasus Region Aviation Security Coordinating Group (AVSEC) <i>(by invitation only)</i>
00:00 - 15:00	Registration Astana Airport
16:00 – 21: 00	Registration Sheraton hotel
18:00 - 21:00	WELCOME RECEPTION & NETWORKING Location: Sheraton - Ballroom

Tuesday, 20 October 2026 – Day One

Time (GST)	Session Description and Location
	Main hall
07:00	Registration (venue)
09:00 - 09:15	“A Journey from Kazakh Roots to the Sky and the United World” Cultural Opening
09:15 - 09:35	Opening Speeches His Excellency Mr Nurlan Sauranbayev , Minister, Ministry of Transport, the Republic of Kazakhstan Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar , Secretary General, International Civil Aviation Organization Masters of Ceremonies Ms. Aigerim Uzembayeva and Mr. Kirill Meister
09:35 - 10:30	High Level Keynotes Ms. Lisa J. Setlakwe , Assistant Deputy Minister, Safety & Security, Transport Canada, Canada Mr. Viktor Gulin , Head, the Federal Authority for Transport Oversight, the Russian Federation Ms. AdeSewa Adeyemi , Secretary General, African Civil Aviation Commission Mr. Jaime Binder , Secretary General, Latin American Civil Aviation Commission Ms. Saltanat Tompiyeva , Chair of the Civil Aviation Committee, Ministry of Transport, the Republic of Kazakhstan
10:30 - 11:05	COFFEE BREAK (venue 3 rd floor)



Time (GST)	Session Description and Location
	Main hall
11:05 – 12:15	SESSION 1: After 25 years: the global state of security in aviation Over the past quarter century, aviation security has built a strong global framework and a record of real achievement. Yet the threat landscape keeps shifting, as increasingly adaptive threat actors exploit new technologies, and the growing complexity of operations creates new vulnerabilities. This session looks at where aviation security stands today and asks whether keeping pace is still enough. Bringing together stakeholders including ICAO, civil aviation authorities, regulators and airport operators, it will examine how States and industry can move from reacting to threats towards anticipating them, using foresight, intelligence-led risk assessment and early collaboration to stay ahead. The discussion will frame the priorities for the rest of the week and set the direction for the global conversation on how aviation security should evolve in the years ahead. Fire side discussion Mrs. Musayeroh Barrie, Director General, Civil Aviation Authority, Sierra Leone Ms. Sonia Hifdi, Deputy Director, Aviation Security, Cybersecurity and Facilitation, ICAO Moderator Mr. Bernard Lim, Senior Director, Security Policy and Emergency Preparedness, Ministry of Transport, Singapore Panelists Mr. Göker Köse, CEO of Almaty International Airport, Kazakhstan Mr. Vladimir Chertok, Advisor, Federal Authority for Transport Oversight, the Russian Federation Ms. Jane Nakimu, Manager Aviation Security, Facilitation Policy and Regulation ,UCAA Mr. Eric Yatar, Executive Director, International Policy & Programs Policy Plans, and Engagement, The United States of America Ms. Michele Merkle, Director, Air Navigation Bureau, International Civil Aviation Organization
12:15 – 12:30	INDUSTRY SKYTALKS Presented by:  NUCTECH
12:30 - 14:00	LUNCH BREAK (venue 3 rd floor)



Time (GST)	Session Description and Location	
	Main hall	Side event room
14:00 – 15:15	<i>SESSION 2: Closing the Loop: From Audit Findings to Lasting Capability</i> The true value of an aviation security audit lies not in the final report, but in the corrective actions taken afterward to address root causes and achieve sustainable improvements. This session will highlight how lasting progress depends on strong collaboration among civil aviation authorities, intelligence and security agencies, law enforcement, border control, and other stakeholders to ensure that threat information drives risk-based decision-making. Supporting GAsEP's priority on effective oversight, the session will share practical lessons on strengthening aviation security capabilities and broader national counter-terrorism efforts in a sustainable and coordinated manner. Moderator Mr. David Wilkinson, Analysis and Quality Assurance Coordinator, Aviation Security Audit Section, ICAO Panelists Mr. Asrat Kejela Feyisa, Director, National Intelligence and Security service, Ethiopia Mr. Rustem Kabanbayev, Chief Aviation Inspector of AVSEC Department, Aviation Administration, Kazakhstan Ms. Rusnee Mustapa, Manager of Aviation Security and Facilitation Standards Department (SFD), Civil Aviation Authority, Thailand Ms. Racheal Atley, Head of Political Analysis & Research, United Nations Counter Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	<i>The Power of Perspective: Women, Human Factors and the Future of Security in Aviation</i>
15:15 – 15:50	COFFEE BREAK (venue 3 rd floor)	

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17:10

SESSION 3: Fit for Purpose? The GAsEP and the road to the Aspirational Goal

Since its adoption in 2017, the Global Aviation Security Plan has guided national policies, inspired regional road maps and given States and industry a shared set of priorities. This session looks at how to build on those achievements so that the Plan continues to deliver. Bringing together national authorities and a regional organisation, panellists will share how the six Global Priority Areas are being translated into action, highlight what has worked well, and consider how that experience can strengthen implementation where it is most needed. They will also discuss how the Plan can continue to guide effective responses to evolving threats and risks, and how renewed high-level commitment from States and industry can ensure its priorities are resourced, owned and delivered at national, regional and global levels. Above all, the discussion will keep the focus on the Aspirational Goal that unites the global community: to achieve and maintain a strong global aviation security system, underpinned by full and effective implementation of ICAO aviation security Standards in all Member States.

Moderator

Mr. Hamad Al Muhairi, Assistant Director General of the Aviation Security Affairs Sector, United Arab Emirates

Panelists

Ms. Beatrice Muthoga, Deputy Director, Aviation Security, Civil Aviation Authority, Kenya

Ms. Dace Reichmane, Head of Aviation Security Section, Civil Aviation Agency, Latvia

Ms. Valentine Sarnau, Aviation Security Coordinator, Federal Office of Civil Aviation, Switzerland

Engr. Jamel Dridi, Aviation Security & Facilitation Expert, African Civil Aviation Commission

Mr. Miguel Marin, Deputy Director Capacity, Development and Implementation Bureau, ICAO

18:00–
21:00

GALA DINNER (venue 3rd floor, smart business attire)

SIDE EVENT

Time
(GST)

Location: Side Event room

Margin of
Session



14:00 – 15:15	<i>The Power of Perspective: Women, Human Factors and the Future of Security in Aviation”</i> The strongest security system in aviation isn't a scanner or a firewall. It's a human being who notices what others miss. Women have long been part of that line of defence: in how threats are recognised, how passengers and colleagues are engaged, and how teams respond when it matters most. This session brings together women who share their perspective, career path, the different challenges, and invites the NGAP to join a field where their way of seeing doesn't just fit in. It makes the difference. Moderator Ms. Sonia Hifdi, Deputy Director Aviation Security, Cybersecurity and Facilitation, Acting Director Air Transport Bureau, ICAO Panelists Ms. Vanda Papp, International and Cybersecurity Oversight Officer at Civil Aviation Authority of Hungary, Hungary Ms. Saltanat Tompiyeva, Chairman of the Civil Aviation Committee of the Ministry of Transport, Kazakhstan Ms. Carolina Bronzone, Officer at the Italian Civil Aviation Authority, Italy Ms. Wafa Abdulla Al Obaidli, Senior Director - Oversight & Inspection Oversight & Inspection, UAE	Session 2
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Wednesday, 21 October 2026 – Day Two

Time (GST)	Session Description and Location	
	Main hall	Side Event room
09:00 – 09:15	Opening Keynote: Mr. Sergio Martes Representative of Italy on the Council of ICAO	
09:15 – 10:30	SESSION 4: One Chain, Many Actors: Modernizing Air Cargo and Mail Security Air cargo and mail move through an increasingly interconnected supply chain of shippers, forwarders, handlers, postal operators, express carriers and airlines. As e-commerce drives higher volumes, faster flows and new business models, this session will explore how security arrangements and responsibilities can evolve to support a dynamic and resilient sector. Bringing together regulators, airlines, ground operations and the express industry, panellists will discuss how technology, including AI and automated detection, can strengthen screening and security processes, and how oversight can move towards more effective, risk-based assurance across the supply chain. The discussion will highlight opportunities to enhance security, efficiency and collaboration across the cargo and mail chain. As a practical example, the session will close with an IATA presentation on its CSD/e-CSD initiative, which supports secure and efficient information exchange across the supply chain. Moderator Nick Lawrence-Taylor, Senior Manager Cargo Security, IATA Panelists Mr. Francesco Faiulo, Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission Ms. Ainura Mussylmankulova, Acting VP-Head of Aviation Security Department, Air Astana, Kazakhstan Mr. Vladimir Zhitnik, Director, Ground Handling and Cargo Operations Complex, SCAT airlines JSC, Kazakhstan Mr. Carlos Grau Tanner, Director General Global Express Association (GEA)	SIDE EVENT: <i>Joint ICAO-UNCTED-UNOCT Side Event on Countering the Misuse of Unmanned Aircraft Systems: From Principles to Practice in Civil Aviation – Part I</i>
10:30 – 11:05	COFFEE BREAK (venue 3 rd floor)	
11:05 – 12:15	SESSION 5: The Last Frontier: Cybersecurity Across the Aviation System Cyber threats ignore the boundaries between air navigation, airports, airlines and the authorities that oversee them, and a single compromised system can create risks across the entire network. This session brings together perspectives from air traffic management, airport operations, the airline industry, national cyber incident response and civil aviation regulation. Together they will examine how the sector can move from protecting individual organizations to building resilience across the whole system. Drawing on the ICAO Aviation Cybersecurity Strategy and Cybersecurity Action Plan, panellists will explore governance, information sharing, incident response and cybersecurity culture. They will also consider how aviation cybersecurity should be carried forward and what States should bring to HLCAS/3 in 2027 to make cyber resilience a shared, measurable commitment rather than aviation's last unmapped frontier.	SIDE EVENT: <i>Joint ICAO-UNCTED-UNOCT Side Event on Countering the Misuse of Unmanned Aircraft Systems: From Principles to Practice in Civil Aviation – Part II</i>



	Moderator Mr. Camilo Pantoja, Aviation Cybersecurity Officer, International Civil Aviation Organization Panelists Mr. Mohammed John Kemokai - Deputy Director for Information Systems of the Ivory Coast Civil Aviation Authority Mr. Patrick Mana, Cyber-security Program Manager and EATM-CERT Manager, EUROCONTROL Mr. Kayihan Altinöz, Chief Information Security Officer, TAV Airports Holding, Türkiye Mr. Satiyev Olzhas Shagzadovich, CEO, Center of Analysis and Investigation of Cyber Attacks (TSARKA), Kazakhstan Ms. Ewa Joanna Pilat, Director I&D, Chief Information Security Officer IATA	
12:15 – 12:30	 Presented by: 	
12:30 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK (venue 3 rd floor)	
14:00 - 15:15	SESSION 6: Contested Skies: When the Map Changes Overnight When conflict erupts or escalates, airspace that was routine yesterday can become dangerous within hours. States and operators must decide quickly whether to fly, reroute or suspend operations, often with incomplete information and little time. This session brings together the authorities that assess and communicate risk, the airlines that act on it, and the flight crews who carry those decisions into the cockpit. Drawing on ICAO guidance on risk assessment for operations over or near conflict zones, panellists will examine how threat information can be shared faster and more effectively between States and with industry. They will look at how operators turn that information into sound, timely risk assessments, and how the system can become more anticipatory. The discussion reflects GAsEP's Global Priority to enhance risk awareness and response, with a clear aim: when the map changes overnight, every decision about where to fly should rest on the best possible understanding of the threat and the risk it creates. Moderator Mr. John Velho, Executive Director, International Aviation, Transport Canada, Canada Panelists Mr. Guilhem Magoutier, Head of the Civil Aviation Risk Analysis Unit, DGAC, France Mr. Ibrahim Canliel, CEO of Air Astana, Kazakhstan Mr. Ivan Sytnik, Chief Pilot, SCAT Airlines, Kazakhstan Mr. Sebastiano Vecchia, Security Director, Civil Aviation Authority, Italy Mr. Greg Hebert, Conflict Zone Program Manager International Affairs (API) Federal Aviation Administration	SIDE EVENT: NGAP



15:15 –
15:50

COFFEE BREAK (venue 3rd floor)



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	Main hall
15:50 - 17:10	<i>SESSION 7: Beyond the Budget Line: Sustaining Security Modernization</i> The airport is where security modernization is either sustained or quietly eroded, and it is the passenger and the airline who feel the result. This session challenges States, airports and industry partners to consider how security capability can be modernised and maintained with the resources actually available. Through risk-based prioritisation, smarter use of existing assets, and partnerships that spread cost. The focus is on sustaining capability against evolving threats when funding, staffing and time are all constrained, and doing this without passing the cost of constraint on to the customer. Moderator Mr. Michael Eugene Daniel, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Management Board, Aviation Administration of Kazakhstan Panelists Mr. Beken Seydakhmetov, CEO of Astana Airport, Kazakhstan Mr. Yves Mabbe, Corporate Security Director, Cargolux Airlines International S.A., Luxembourg Mr. Buti Ahmed Qurwash, Senior Vice President - Safety and Security, Dubai Airports, UEA Mr. Artem Melnyk, Aviation Security Policy Coordinator, ECAC
	CULTURAL ACTIVITY (Kalibek Kuanyshbayev Kazakh National Musical and Drama Theater, Address: 8/1 Kalibek Kuanyshbayev Street, Saryarka District, Astana)

SIDE EVENTS		
Time (GST)	Description and Location: Side Event room	Margin of Session
09:00 – 12:30	<i>Joint ICAO-UNCTED-UNOCT Side Event on Countering the Misuse of Unmanned Aircraft Systems: From Principles to Practice in Civil Aviation</i> Advances in autonomy, artificial intelligence and additive manufacturing have lowered the barriers to acquiring and deploying unmanned aircraft systems, and misuse by terrorists and other malicious actors is a documented reality. For civil aviation, countering this threat means protecting airports, airspace and air navigation services without creating new risks to safe operations. Building on the Abu Dhabi Guiding Principles, Annex 17 developments and UNOCT's AROS Programme, this joint ICAO–UNOCT–CTED side event moves the discussion from principles to practice. International organizations first set out the framework and threat picture; experts then present current technological solutions and national experience, followed by open Q&A. Participants will leave with practical counter-UAS insight, a clearer picture of available support and priorities for inter-agency cooperation. Speakers Ms. Magnum Alnuaimi, Specialist - Intelligence & Threat Assessment, Aviation Security Affairs, General Civil Aviation Authority, UAE	Session 4, 5



	Ms. Racheal Atley, Head of Political Analysis & Research, United Nations Counter Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate Mr. Khalil Otmame, Programme Coordinator, Autonomous/Remotely Operated Systems (AROS) Programme, Applied Space Technology (AST) Project, Special Projects and Innovation Branch (SPIB), United Nations Office for Counter-Terrorism Ms. Agnieszka Maja Mizgalska, Technical Officer (Aviation Security), Aviation Security Policy (ASP), ICAO Mr. Juan Belikov, PhD, Director of Geopolitics, Security, and Defense Mr. Michael John Williams, Director, Carnegie-Maxwell Policy Planning Lab. Director, MAIR at the Maxwell School, Syracuse University. Professor. Non-Res Senior Fellow at Cornell Brooks Tech Policy Institute	
14:00 – 15:15	NGAP This side event explores how the new ICAO NGAP AVSEC Strategy tackles the human and structural bottlenecks constraining global aviation security. In a high-level briefing and discussion, participants will examine how strategic workforce planning, competency-based training, and structured career pathways can bridge regulatory oversight gaps and address emerging threats on the road to HLCAS/3. Speakers Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar, Secretary General, International Civil Aviation Organization Ms. Sonia Hifdi, Deputy Director, Aviation Security, Cybersecurity and Facilitation, ICAO Ms. Valeriya Kharlamova, Administrative Department, Aviation Security Service, JSC Mr. Olzhas Kuanysh, Inspector, Administrative Department, Aviation Security Service	Session 6





Thursday, 22 October 2026 – Day Three	
Time (GST)	Session Description and Location
	Main room
09:00 - 09:15	Opening Keynote: Mr. Ricardo Fernandes, Aviation Security Senior Officer and National Civil Aviation Security Inspector, Facilitation and Security Directorate, Portuguese Civil Aviation Authority (ANAC)
09:15 – 10:30	SESSION 8: Security is People: Workforce, Competency and Culture Behind every screening decision, access control check and security assessment is a person. Technology and regulation set the framework, but it is people who make security work, and their judgement, vigilance and commitment ultimately determine how effective it is. This session puts the workforce at the centre of the conversation. The discussion will focus on what organisations can do today to support, develop and sustain the people who keep aviation secure. Moderator Mr. Tárik Pereira de Souza, Manager of AVSEC and Facilitation Branch, Brazilian Civil Aviation Authority Panelists Ms. Berrak Yildirim, Manager, Aviation Security at Turkish Airlines Mr. Adam Troczynski, TADAM Mr. Rajesh Nirwan, Director General, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, India (tbc)
10:30 - 11:05	COFFEE BREAK (venue 3 rd floor)
Time (GST)	Session Description and Location
	Main hall
11:05 – 12:20	SESSION 9: The path to the HLCAS/3 As preparations advance for the Third High-level Conference on Aviation Security (HLCAS/3), with the draft agenda under consultation with Member States, this session looks ahead to its three mutually supporting pillars, the six agenda items organized under them and the conference's expected outcomes. Drawing together insights and lessons from the discussions throughout Security Week 2026, panellists will explore how they can help shape HLCAS/3 as a platform for strategic decisions. Moderator Mr. Anda Djojonegoro, Acting Chief, Aviation Security Policy (ASP), ICAO Panelists Mr. Vitaliy Kvaratskhelia, AVSEC Expert, Civil Aviation Agency of Georgia (proposed by KCAA confirmed) Mr. Ricardo Fernandes, Aviation Security Senior Officer and National Civil Aviation Security Inspector, Facilitation and Security Directorate, Portuguese Civil Aviation Authority (ANAC) Mr. Chester David Salazar del Pozo, Representative of Ecuador on the Council of ICAO Mr. Debebe Girma Demisie, Acting Deputy Director General, Aviation Regulation, Ethiopia
12:20 – 13:30	Closing “Messages from Astana” Mr. Bernard Lim, Senior Director International Relations and Security, Ministry of Transport, Singapore Mr. Nicolas Rallo, Regional Director, EUR/NAT Regional Office, ICAO Mr. Lastayev Talgat Tleubekovich, Vice-Minister of Transport, Kazakhstan



Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar, Secretary General, ICAO

CULTURAL ACTIVITY – City Tour

(from 14:00 to 18:00, please consult [website](#) for details, registration possible from 15:15 on 20 October 2026)