



**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual**

# **Flightpath to Net Zero: Sustainable Aviation Fuel**

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## AGENDA

9.00 Registration & Networking Coffee

9.30 Welcome Remarks

*Panagiotis Panagopoulos, CEO, Aeropodium*

### SESSION I

#### 9.40 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

*Speaker to be confirmed*

#### 10.00 PANEL DISCUSSION

##### **Shaping a sustainable future for aviation**

- *Hana Galal, Canada – Sustainability Lead, Airbiz*
- *Catherine Guillemart, Head of Public Affairs Canada, Airbus Representative for ICAO, Airbus*
- *Zafran Hilur, Chairman & CEO, OCG Aviation*
- *Nick Houseman, Investor and Board Member, Azzera*

10.50 Networking Coffee Break

#### 11.20 PANEL DISCUSSION

##### **Investment opportunities in SAF projects**

- *Yevgeniya ("Gene") Levitin, Managing Director, Head of Aviation, Natixis CIB Americas*
- *Zohrab Mawani, Director, Co-Founder, Refuel Energy*
- *Jean Paquin, CEO & President, SAF+ International Group*

#### 12.00 PANEL DISCUSSION

##### **Cost efficient production of SAF**

- *Chris Chaput, President & CFO, DG Fuels*
- *Jean Paquin, CEO & President, SAF+ International Group*

12.40 Networking Lunch Break

### SESSION II

#### 14.00 PANEL DISCUSSION

##### **SAF production and consumption in Canada**

- *Eymeric Boyer, Principal, Roland Berger*
- *Michel Chornet, EVP Technology and Global Commercialization, Enerkem*
- *Tim Haig, CEO, FORGE Renewable Hydrocarbons*

#### 15.00 PANEL DISCUSSION

##### **Decarbonising aviation to meet Net Zero by 2050**

- *Nancy Bsales, COO, 4AIR*
- *Tim Huppler, President, AeroConsult*
- *Leo Robinson, Managing Director, To70 Canada*

16.00 Concluding Remarks



## SPEAKERS

### **Chris Chaput, President & CFO, DG Fuels**

Christopher J. Chaput has over 28 years of experience as an executive, an investment banker, a restructuring advisor and an investor, primarily in the aviation sector. Currently, Mr. Chaput is the President & CFO of DG Fuels, LLC, a developer of sustainable aviation fuel. Prior positions include: equity partner in an aircraft leasing platform backed by The Carlyle Group, managing director and equity partner in the Seabury Group specializing in aircraft finance and airline restructuring, Executive Director at Morgan Stanley providing investment banking services to the airline and aircraft leasing sectors, and managing director at Northwest Airlines. Mr. Chaput practiced law with a Minneapolis law firm, specializing in corporate, partnership and tax law and worked in the Tax Department at Coopers & Lybrand. Mr. Chaput earned his B.A. from Creighton University, magna cum laude, and his J.D., cum laude, from the University of Minnesota Law School, where he also taught Business Planning for two years as an adjunct professor.

### **Hana Galal, Canada – Sustainability Lead, Airbiz**

Hana is the Canadian Sustainability Lead at Airbiz. Hana has fifteen years of global sustainability experience and offers a niche understanding of the sustainability field supporting sustainability plans at airports in Canada, the USA and New Zealand. She was the Manager of Sustainability & Planning at Edmonton Airports for 8 years. Further, her work experience includes analysis on climate change with the United Nations, research on global happiness, sustainable business, and infrastructure planning, environmental assessments in Costa Rica and municipal resource planning with the City of Vancouver.

As a practiced project manager, she pulls together cross-disciplinary insights and creates meaningful end products. She is trusted as a government liaison, employee communicator and presenter to Board of Directors. Hana prioritizes the collective good in decision-making and is committed to supporting aviation to benefit international collaboration.

In 2022, Hana was elected to the ACI-NA OPSID Steering Committee to support the integration of sustainability in planning and engage the next generation in aviation.

### **Yevgeniya (“Gene”) Levitin, Managing Director, Head of Aviation, Natixis CIB Americas**

Gene is a seasoned Aviation finance professional with over 20 years of experience spanning origination across multiple markets, structured finance, advisory and restructuring. Prior to joining Natixis, she was a senior Transportation banker at Credit Agricole covering airlines and aircraft leasing companies in North America. She had previously worked in advisory capacity at Seabury Group and TTG.

Gene holds an MBA from Columbia Business School and a Bachelor of Science degree in Neuroscience from Brown University.

### **Zohrab Mawani, Director, Co-Founder, Refuel Energy**

Zohrab is an entrepreneur and executive in the energy sector with a passion for leading innovative and impactful projects to achieve decarbonization of the global economy. He started his career in 1995 working in a technical capacity within government and utilities. Since 2002, Zohrab has been active in the development of renewable electricity, fuels, and transmission projects in Canada, the US, Africa, and Latin America. Working with both startups and multi-nationals, he has led the development of over 1.6 GW of now operational renewable generation and 1 GW of near shovel-ready transmission. His experience encompasses both large and small projects for decarbonization of the electricity, transport, industrial, and buildings sectors. Zohrab founded Refuel in 2019 with the goal of producing



renewable fuels to facilitate the decarbonization of heavy-duty transport such as aviation, rail, shipping, and trucking.