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AGENDA

Conference Moderator: To be confirmed

9.00 Registration & Networking Coffee Sponsored by



9.30 Welcome Remarks

Panagiotis Panagopoulos, CEO & Founder, Aeropodium

SESSION I

9.40 **Exploring the Role of Airports on the SAF Journey: Best Practices and Initiatives**

- *Wendy Avis, Director, Climate and Environment, Vancouver Airport Authority*
- *Marion Chivot-Legrís, Director, ESG & Sustainability Strategy, Edmonton International Airport*

10.40 **Progress in Commercialisation of Sustainable Aviation Fuels**

Susan van Dyk, Consultant and Research Associate, UBC

11.10 Networking Coffee Break Sponsored by



11.40 **SAF Adoption in a Margin-Constrained Model: Why LCCs Experience the Transition Differently**

Deanna Coleman, Manager, Sustainability, Investor Relations, Allegiant Air

12.10 **SAF Production through the Gasification and FT Pathway**

Gord Crawford, President and CEO, Expander Energy

12.40 Networking Lunch Break Sponsored by



SESSION II

14.00 **Fuelling Security and Sovereignty: Canada's Strategic Advantage in Sustainable Aviation Fuel**

Seth Brouwers, Chief Innovation Officer, Sustaero

14.30 How Carbon Removal and SAF Complement Each Other

Carson Fong, Director of Research, Carbon Removal Canada

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15.30 A Solution to Scaling SAF - Liberating Lignocellulosic Feedstocks for HEFA Processes

Dr Markus Weissenberger, Chief Technology Officer, SixRing

16.00 PANEL DISCUSSION

Advancing Sustainability in Aviation

- *Steve Csonka, President, Csonka Aviation Consultancy & Executive Director, CAAFI (Commercial Aviation Alternative Fuels Initiative)*
- *Atin Prakash, Partner, Infrastructure and Sustainability Services, KPMG Canada*
- *Ronnie Yu, VP of Sales & Origination, Bullfrog Power*

Other Panellists to be confirmed

17.00 Concluding Remarks

SPEAKERS

Wendy Avis, Director, Climate and Environment, Vancouver Airport Authority

Wendy is the Director of Climate and Environment at the Vancouver Airport Authority where she leads a team that creates innovative approaches to delivering environmental sustainability including YVR's Environmental Sustainability Plan, Roadmap to Net Zero by 2030 and Noise Management Plan. Wendy has 25 years' experience in sustainability specializing in environmental management including carbon, energy, waste, water management and environmental assessment. With a BA in Environmental Studies from Brock University and a Masters in Geography from the University of British Columbia, Wendy has worked as a climate change specialist for Environment and Climate Change Canada and for BC Hydro, was the Manager of Environmental Sustainability for Vancouver Community College and worked on the City of Vancouver's Greenest City Action Plan. She is the past Chair of the ACI-NA Environmental Affairs Committee and is a member of the World Environment Standing Committee where she co-chairs the Long-Term Carbon Goal Task Force.

Marion Chivot-Legris, Director, ESG & Sustainability Strategy, Edmonton International Airport

Marion N. Chivot-Legris is a senior leader in ESG and sustainability strategy with over 15 years of international experience across the aviation and financial sectors. She specializes in integrating sustainability into corporate strategy, operations, and partnerships to drive long-term value and impact.

As Director of ESG & Sustainability Strategy at Edmonton International Airport (YEG), she leads the airport's enterprise-wide sustainability agenda, guiding a multidisciplinary team and working closely with executive leadership and partners to advance innovative, high-impact ESG initiatives.

Previously, as Head of Sustainability – North America at Air France–KLM, Marion led major programs addressing climate and social challenges, while strengthening the integration of sustainability into business and governance frameworks. She also held senior sustainability roles at Air France–KLM and Société Générale.

Marion holds a specialized MBA in Environment and Sustainability Strategy from Excelia Business School, La Rochelle, France as well as Master's degrees in Strategic Management and in Law, Economics, and Management with a focus on Sustainable Development.

Steve Csonka, President, Csonka Aviation Consultancy & Executive Director, CAAFI (Commercial Aviation Alternative Fuels Initiative)

Steve Csonka is an ardent advocate for the aviation industry who seeks pragmatic solutions to the challenges of aviation growth. Built upon strong technical experience that spanned the breadth of the commercial aircraft/engine life-cycle, Steve's capabilities and initiative have led to his various engagements in business development and long-term, strategic planning for the aviation enterprise over the past fifteen years. Such work has focused on the nexus of future product requirements, technology progression, and industry value propositions, including aspects of policy, advocacy, regulatory affairs, and environmental impact.

Steve's overall industry engagement led to his current role as Executive Director of CAAFI (the Commercial Aviation Alternative Fuels Initiative, www.caafi.org) where he leads this Public-Private Partnership working toward the development and commercialization of sustainable alternative jet fuels (SAJF). He has been in this role since 2012, directing the CAAFI efforts of its 1200+ members and 500+ organizations who share the industry vision of enabling the decoupling of net carbon growth from expected sectoral growth. CAAFI engagement occurs through several work teams and public-private initiatives, and it seeks to

be a force multiplier for a wide range of efforts required to achieve significant uptake of low net-carbon SAF.

Steve is a commercial aviation professional with 37 years of broad, strategic airline and aviation OEM experience (GE Aircraft Engines, American Airlines, GE Aviation, and CAAFI). He holds BS and MS degrees in Aerospace Engineering. He has served in leadership, steering committee, and BOD roles with multiple aviation industry organizations (AIA, ICCAIA, IATA, GAMA, ICAO/CAEP, ATAG, Carbon War Room) in areas of technology and environmental progression. His CAAFI role has also led to appointments to advisory/leadership roles with the U.S SAF Grand Challenge, USDA/DOE BRDB TAC, the USDA/DOT/DOE/Industry Farm-to-Fly 2.0 initiative, USDA/NIFA/AFRI CAP projects, and study committee work of the National Research Council.

Atin Prakash, Partner, Infrastructure and Sustainability Services, KPMG Canada

Atin is a Partner in KPMG's infrastructure and sustainability practice. He is extensively involved in aviation related sustainability strategies, reporting, low-carbon projects, biofuels including sustainable aviation fuels, and climate risk related advisory. He has worked in Canada, France and India bringing perspectives across multiple geographies.

Susan van Dyk, Consultant and Research Associate, UBC

Susan van Dyk is an expert in the field of Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) and biofuels with 15 years experience. As a consultant, she helps companies, governments, and international organisations to develop and implement sustainable biofuel solutions.

Susan's expertise includes an in-depth understanding of the technologies for SAF production, their potential and challenges, and research and commercialisation trends. She is also experienced in feedstocks and pretreatment processes, co-processing of biobased feedstocks in petroleum refineries, refinery integration, policy, and sustainability.

She is the author and co-author of numerous influential reports focusing on the application of biofuels and SAF in transportation sectors. These reports were commissioned by organisations such as the International Energy Agency Bioenergy Task 39, the International Renewable Energy Agency, Natural Resources Canada, and Transport Canada. She has also published many highly-cited academic papers.

She has worked on several SAF projects funded by Boeing, Suncor, Noram Engineering, the Parkland refinery and other companies, and she acts as a reviewer for the US Department of Energy.

Susan holds a Doctorate in Biochemistry and a Master's degree in law. She works as a consultant and is also a Research Associate at the University of British Columbia.

Dr Markus Weissenberger, Chief Technology Officer, SixRing

Markus has over 25 years of international research and development experience with renowned research facilities and diverse industrial fields. He holds a PhD in physical and polymer chemistry from the University of Potsdam/Germany and executed his research work at the Max Planck Institute of Colloids and Interfaces in Germany. Markus has a profound working knowledge of the chemical industry and energy business. He leads an experienced R&D team at SixRing Inc. and has intensive experience in international commercialization of new products and processes. Markus leads the IP generation activities at SixRing and has authored more than 100 patents.