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SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUEL

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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 Topic TBC

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

10.10 The Role of Vancouver International Airport (YVR) in Supporting the Uplift of SAF

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

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 Production through the Gasification and FT Pathway

Gord Crawford, President and CEO, Expander Energy

12.10 Topic TBC

Elena Nikonova, VP Americas & APAC, Skytree

12.40 How Carbon Removal and SAF Complement Each Other

Carson Fong, Director of Research, Carbon Removal Canada

13.10 Networking Lunch Break Sponsored by



SESSION II

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

Seth Brouwers, Chief Innovation Officer, Sustaero

15.00 Topic TBC

Ken Hill, Managing Director, BioCarbon Strategies

15.30 Networking Coffee Break Sponsored by



15.50 Topic TBC

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

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

Dr Markus Weissenberger, Chief Technology Officer, SixRing

16.50 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Advancing Sustainability in Aviation

Ronnie Yu, VP of Sales & Origination, Bullfrog Power

Other Panellists to be confirmed

17.20 Concluding Remarks

SPEAKERS

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 Excelsior 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.

Elena Nikonova, VP Americas & APAC, Skytree

Elena Nikonova, VP Americas & APAC, Skytree, is instrumental in identifying and developing large-scale Direct Air Capture (DAC) projects. She focuses on forging strategic partnerships and creating the framework for circular CO₂ systems that will drive global decarbonization. Leveraging her experience in scaling innovative technologies, including global e-mobility programs at Shell Recharge and ENGIE (EVBox), Elena brings a unique blend of strategic expertise and a Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics from University College Dublin. Ultimately, she is committed to realizing a sustainable future through the strategic deployment of cutting-edge climate solutions.

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.