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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) (***by invitation only***)
09:00 - 17:00	Registration Desk Independence Palace, 52 Tauelsizdyk Avenue., Astana
18:30 – 21: 00	Registration Desk Sheraton hotel, 60/1 Syganak St. Astana
19:00 - 21:00	**WELCOME RECEPTION & NETWORKING** Location: Ballroom, Sheraton hotel, 60/1 Syganak St. Astana

Tuesday, 20 October 2026 – Day One	
Time (GST)	Session Description and Location Main hall
07:00 - onwards	Registration Desk Independence Palace, 52 Tauelsizdyk Avenue., Astana
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 (ICAO) **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 (AFCAC) **Mr. Jaime Binder,** Secretary General, Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC)
10:30 - 11:05	**COFFEE BREAK** (venue 3rd floor)
11:05 – 11:15	**Signing of an ICAO Management Service Agreement with Astana Airport**

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11:15 – 12:30	**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, the Republic of Kazakhstan **Mr. Vladimir Chertok**, Advisor, Federal Authority for Transport Oversight, the Russian Federation **Ms. Jane Nakimu,** Manager Aviation Security, Facilitation Policy and Regulation, Civil Aviation Authority, Uganda **Mr. Eric Yatar**, Executive Director, International Policy & Programs Policy Plans, and Engagement, the United States of America **Ms. Michele Merkle,** Director, Air Navigation Bureau, ICAO	**11:30-12:30** *Informal Development Partners Dialogue (By invitation only)*
12:30– 12:45	INDUSTRY SKYTALKS **Presented by:** NUCTECH	
12:45 - 14:15	**LUNCH BREAK** (venue 3rd floor)	

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	Main hall	Side event room
14:15 – 15:30	***SESSION 2: Closing the Loop: From Audit Findings to Lasting Capability*** 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, the Republic of 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 (UNCTED)	***SIDE EVENT:*** *The Power of Perspective: Women, Human Factors and the Future of Security in Aviation*
15:30 – 16:05	**COFFEE BREAK** (venue 3rd floor)	
16:05 – 17:20	***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. **Keynote** **Mr. Hamad Al Muhairi,** Assistant Director General of the Aviation Security Affairs Sector, the United Arab Emirates **Moderator** **Ms. Valentine Sarnau**, Aviation Security Coordinator, Federal Office of Civil Aviation, Switzerland **Panelists** **Ms. Beatrice Muthoga**, Deputy Director, Aviation Security, Civil Aviation Authority, Kenya **Ms. Dace Reichmane,** Head of Aviation Security Section, Civil Aviation Agency, Latvia **Engr. Jamel Dridi**, Aviation Security & Facilitation Expert, AFCAC **Mr. Miguel Marin**, Deputy Director Capacity, Development and Implementation Bureau, ICAO	
18:00- 21:00	**GALA DINNER Sponsored by:** (venue 3rd floor, smart business attire)	

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SIDE EVENT		
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11:30 – 12:30	***Informal Development Partners Dialogue*** *(By invitation only)*	**Session 1**
14:15 – 15:30	***The Power of Perspective: Women, Human Factors and the Future of Security in Aviation"*** 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. Saltanat Tompiyeva,** Chairperson of the Civil Aviation Committee of the Ministry of Transport, the Republic of Kazakhstan **Ms. Carolina Bronzone**, Officer at the Italian Civil Aviation Authority, Italy **Ms. Vanda Papp,** International and Cybersecurity Oversight Officer at Civil Aviation Authority of Hungary, Hungary **Ms. Wafa Abdulla Al Obaidli,** Senior Director - Oversight & Inspection Oversight & Inspection, the United Arab Emirates	**Session 2**

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, International Air Transport Association (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, the Republic of Kazakhstan **Mr. Vladimir Zhitnik**, Director, Ground Handling and Cargo Operations Complex, SCAT airlines JSC, the Republic of Kazakhstan **Mr. Carlos Grau Tanner**, Director General, Global Express Association (GEA)	**SIDE EVENT:** *Joint ICAO-UNCTED-UNOCT Side Event on Countering the Misuse of Unmanned Aircraft Systems: From Principles to Practice in Civil Aviation – Part I*
10:30 – 11:05	**COFFEE BREAK** (venue 3rd 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:** *Joint ICAO-UNCTED-UNOCT Side Event on Countering the Misuse of Unmanned Aircraft Systems: From Principles to Practice in Civil Aviation – Part II*

	Moderator **Mr. Camilo Pantoja**, Aviation Cybersecurity Officer, ICAO **Panelists** **Mr. Satiyev Olzhas Shagzadovich**, CEO, Center of Analysis and Investigation of Cyber Attacks (TSARKA), the Republic of Kazakhstan **Mr. Kayıhan Altınöz**, Chief Information Security Officer, TAV Airports Holding, Türkiye **Mr. Patrick Mana**, Cyber-security Program Manager and EATM-CERT Manager, EUROCONTROL **Ms. Ewa Joanna Pilat**, Director I&D, Chief Information Security Officer, IATA	
12:15 – 12:30	INDUSTRY SKYTALKS **Presented by:** TURKISH AIRLINES	
12:30 – 14:00	**LUNCH BREAK** (venue 3rd 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, the Republic of Kazakhstan **Mr. Ivan Sytnik,** Chief Pilot, SCAT Airlines, the Republic of Kazakhstan **Mr. Sebastiano Veccia,** Security Director, Civil Aviation Authority, Italy **Mr. Greg Hébert,** Conflict Zone Program Manager International Affairs (API) Federal Aviation Administration, the United States of America	**SIDE EVENT:** *Aviation Security Next Generation of Aviation Professionals (AVSEC NGAP)*
15:15 – 15:50	**COFFEE BREAK** (venue 3rd floor)	

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15:50 -17:10	***SESSION 7: Beyond the Budget Line: Sustaining Security Modernization*** 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, the Republic of Kazakhstan **Panelists** **Mr. Beken Seydakhmetov**, CEO of Astana Airport, the Republic of 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, the United Arab Emirates **Mr. Artem Melnyk,** Aviation Security Policy Coordinator, European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC)
17:30 – 18:30	**CULTURAL ACTIVITY** **Sponsored by:** (Kalibek Kuanyshbayev Kazakh National Musical and Drama Theater, Address: 8/1 Kalibek Kuanyshbayev Street, Saryarka District, Astana)

	SIDE EVENTS	
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09:00 – 12:30	***Joint ICAO-UNCTED-UNOCT Side Event on Countering the Misuse of Unmanned Aircraft Systems: From Principles to Practice in Civil Aviation*** 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, the United Arab Emirates **Ms. Racheal Atley**, Head of Political Analysis & Research, UNCTED	**Session 4, 5**

	Mr. Khalil Otmane, Khalil OTMANE, Acting Head, Surge Capacity Unit (SCU), Coordinator, AROS & AST Programmes, Special Projects and Innovation Branch (SPIB), United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) **Ms. Agnieszka Maja Mizgalsk**a, Technical Officer (Aviation Security), Aviation Security Policy, ICAO **Mr. Juan Belikov,** PhD, Director of Geopolitics, Security, and Defense, Argentina **Mr. Michael John Williams,** Associate Professor of International Affairs at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University	
14:00 – 15:15	***Aviation Security Next Generation of Aviation Professionals (AVSEC 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, ICAO **Mr. Lastayev Talgat Tleubekovich,** Vice-Minister of Transport, the Republic of Kazakhstan **Ms. Sonia Hifdi,** Deputy Director, Aviation Security, Cybersecurity and Facilitation, ICAO **Ms. Valeriya Kharlamova**, Administrative Department, Aviation Security Service, JSC, the Republic of Kazakhstan **Mr. Olzhas Kuanysh**, Inspector, Administrative Department, Aviation Security Service, the Republic of Kazakhstan	**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, Civil Aviation Authority (ANAC), Portugal
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, Civil Aviation Authority, Brazil **Panelists** **Mr. Rajendra Prasad Meena**, Deputy Director General, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, India **Mr. Rashid Hamed Al Harthy**, Head of Security - Salam Air, Oman **Ms. Berrak Yildirim,** Manager, Aviation Security at Turkish Airlines, Türkiye **Mr. Adam Troczyński,** TADAM

10:30 - 11:05	**COFFEE BREAK** (venue 3rd 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, Georgia **Mr. Rajesh Nirwan**, Director General, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, India **Mr. Ricardo Fernandes,** Aviation Security Senior Officer and National Civil Aviation Security Inspector, Facilitation and Security Directorate, Civil Aviation Authority, Portugal **Mr. Chester David Salazar del Pozo**, Representative of Ecuador on the Council of ICAO
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, the Republic of Kazakhstan **Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar,** Secretary General, ICAO
13:30 – 14:30	**LUNCH BREAK** (venue 3rd floor)

CULTURAL ACTIVITY – City Tour

(from 14:30 to 18:30, please consult WEBSITE for details, registration possible from 15:15 on 20 October 2026)

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