



Opening remarks
by the Director General of Hermes - Air Transport Organisation to the
Hermes reception at ACI WAGA
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Dear ACI WAGA delegates, dear Hermes members,

I would like to welcome to this small reception under the auspices of ACI WAGA. I would like to thank Angela Gittens for giving us this time slot in such a busy schedule and Joanna Kufedjian for making this event possible in a such a nice venue.

Let me introduce Hermes - Air Transport Organisation to those of you who do not know it. Hermes represents people from the air transport industry- people attending this event and wearing a special pin on their jackets are members of our organisation. Membership is on a personal basis.

What we want to do as an organisation is to come up with recommendations that can contribute to the industry by focusing on different topics.

Last year our focus was on ownership and control, this year we will focus on education and performance of aviation, which, as you very well know, a critical part of air transport.

In May, we will have our Annual General Meeting and Leaders' Forum in Ekali. Our members will very soon receive all the details. The key stakeholders will be there, Dr Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu the President of ICAO Council, who is an honorary member of Hermes, Angela Gittens, member of Hermes Board, Henrik Høleli from the European Commission, Alexandre de Juniac from IATA.

Our idea is not to organise another event but to do something to help the industry move forward.

For our recommendations, we have called for position papers from the different stakeholders and we are finalising the collection on this year's topic.

Last, today two new members are joining Hermes, André Schneider CEO of Geneva Airport and David Ciceo, CEO of Cluj Airport.