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## HERMES AGM & LEADERS FORUM Enhancing Innovation in Aviation

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## WELCOME

***Dr Kostas Iatrou***  
*Director General*

*Hermes - Air Transport Organisation*



**Dear Hermes member,**

**Kalimera**

I would like to warmly welcome you to the 2024 Hermes AGM & Leaders Forum here in Ekali. Hermes is actively involved in the developments of air transportation.

Over the years we have been contributing with topics of landmark importance for aviation. This year Hermes is focusing on the theme on innovation. The title of the forum and the 2024 recommendations is: "Enhancing Innovation in Aviation".

According to ChatGPT, innovation in aviation can be enhanced, "by fostering creativity, adopting advanced technologies, and promoting collaboration." It is clear (from ChatGPT) that there are many initiatives that can be undertaken to enhance innovation in aviation.

With these broad areas of innovation in mind, the Hermes Air Transport Organization considers the following questions:

1. What are the key short term and longer-term innovations that need to take place in the aviation industry?
2. How can these innovations be developed? More specifically, what projects, programs and initiatives should be undertaken to develop these key initiatives?
3. How can these key innovations be funded? How can the capital be raised to fund the development of these innovations?
4. What is the best way to implement these innovations? What is the role that your organization can play to foster the implementation of these innovations?

Finally, I would like to thank A4A for sponsoring this year's event.

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## 10:00–10:05 WELCOME ADDRESS

Dr Kostas Iatrou, *Director General, Hermes – Air Transport Organisation*

## 10:05–10:15 KEYNOTE SPEECH

Salvatore Sciacchitano, *President of the Council, ICAO (video)*

## 10:15–10:40 2024 HERMES AGM

### OPENING OF THE AGM

Dr Kostas Iatrou, *Director General*

### ELECTION OF AGM PRESIDENT

Angela Gittens, *President*

### ANNUAL REPORT OF HERMES

Dr Kostas Iatrou, *Director General*

### APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 AND APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2024

Prof Dr Andreas Papatheodorou, *Treasurer*

### ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### CLOSE OF THE AGM

## 10:40–10:45 MoC SIGNATURE HERMES – IFATSEA

**10:45–10:50 SETTING THE SCENE**

**Angela Gittens**, *President, Hermes – Air Transport Organisation*

**10:50–11:50 INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS PANEL**

**MODERATOR: Vijay Poonoosamy**, *Honorary Member, Hermes – Air Transport Organisation & Partner, Dentons (Mauritius) LLP*

–**Angela Gittens**, *President, Hermes – Air Transport Organisation*

–**Fabio Gamba**, *Director General, Airport Service Association – ASA*

–**Mehmet T. Nane**, *Immediate Past Chair, Board of Governors, IATA*

–**Theodore Kiritsis**, *President, IFATSEA*

**11:50–12:50 REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS PANEL**

**MODERATOR: Vijay Poonoosamy**, *Honorary Member, Hermes – Air Transport Organisation & Partner, Dentons (Mauritius) LLP*

–**Nicholas Calio**, *President & CEO, A4A*

–**Jose Ricardo Botelho**, *Executive Director, ALTA*

–**Catalin Radu**, *Director General, Aviation Administration of Kazakstan*

**12:50–13:00 CONCLUSIONS**

**Dr Kostas Iatrou**, *Director General, Hermes – Air Transport Organisation*

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