

Qatar Airways to host IATA Annual General Meeting this month



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“Qatar Airways is pleased to host the International Air Transport Association Annual General Meeting and World Air Transport Summit, since we last hosted the event in 2014. We are a strong supporter of IATA and this year's AGM is a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase our renowned Qatar hospitality, together with the new infrastructural developments in our country in preparation for the World Cup.

“Given that the [FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022](#) will be the first in the Middle East and Arab world, this is the perfect opportunity not only for Qatar, but also for the region as a whole to show the rest of the world how we can host mega events and welcome visitors and football fans from around the world. A historic event means we are set and ready to make traveling more agile and flexible, offering passengers seamless connectivity around the world,” says His Excellency Mr. Akbar Al Baker, CEO, Qatar Airways.

“Next week, Doha will be transformed into the global capital of air transport. Aviation leaders from around the world gather for the 78th IATA AGM amid a recovery from COVID-19 that is in full swing. Attendees will review progress on gender diversity and the industry's determination to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050. And with high oil prices, war, and inflation the gathering will be an

opportunity for airlines to take stock of the economic challenges ahead of them. The agenda will be full," adds Willie Walsh, Director General, International Air Transport Association.

The three-day conference will see some 240 IATA member airlines, consisting of more than 750 senior aviation industry delegates, as well as a contingent of 150+ international media, gather to discuss emerging industry issues and global trends that will shape the airline industry.

One of the key topics to be discussed during the event is sustainability, focusing on steps the aviation industry will take collectively to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050. It will also cover what the industry can do to support global efforts to reduce "Single Use Plastics," address the reputational challenges of carbon offsets and the production of sustainable and lower carbon aviation fuels in order to deliver lasting and environmentally sound solutions.

During the peak of the pandemic, Qatar Airways remained steadfast in its ambition to demonstrate leadership in environmental sustainability and continued to work on cementing the path toward a sustainable recovery and contributing to the conservation of global biodiversity with its zero-tolerance policy toward illegal trafficking of wildlife and its products. Together, with [oneworld](#) member airlines, Qatar Airways is committed to net zero carbon emissions by 2050, becoming the first global airline alliance to unite behind a common target to achieve carbon neutrality.

Qatar Airways has also partnered with IATA to launch a voluntary carbon offset program for passengers, which has now extended to include its cargo and corporate clients, while continuing to improve our environmental performance and securing the accreditation to the highest level in the IATA Environmental Assessment Programme.