

Press Release

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Aviation and the Global Economy

Workshop at the International Transport Forum in Leipzig on 26 May 2009

The International Transport Forum (ITF) will host a workshop on "Gateway Airport Investment and Development of Airline Services for a Global Economy", organised by the International Transport Forum and partners within the framework of its 2009 Forum to be held under the title of **Transport for a Global Economy – New Challenges and Opportunities** in Leipzig, Germany from **26-29 May 2009**. "This workshop will examine the development of gateway infrastructure for aviation, crucial to the functioning of the global economy", said the Director of Communications of the ITF Michael Zirpel on the occasion of the Deutsche Luftverkehrskongress in Berlin on Tuesday. It will focus on financing airport infrastructure through airport charges in light of the competitive interaction between airports and airlines. The workshop will bring together airlines, airports and regulators to explore ways to improve the functioning of the aviation industry to ensure adequate airport infrastructure highlighting win-win opportunities for all market participants.

The relationship between airports and airlines will be explored to identify how best they and the broader community can benefit most from airport development. Participants will discuss alternative solutions to financing airport infrastructure in order to achieve a better understanding of what drives airport infrastructure development and how it might be most successfully regulated. Airlines, airports and regulators will be invited to exchange views on appropriate approaches to ensuring that in the future airport charges foster infrastructure and airline development that best serves the interests of air passengers.

The Workshop will have an academic introduction giving insight in the topic from a scientific point of view and will be moderated by an independent analyst with industry experience. The Workshop will be supported by Fraport, Lufthansa and Jacksonville Aviation Authority.

For further information on the 2009 International Transport Forum consult

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