



# 2024 FUTURE AVIATION FORUM TO CONVENE GLOBAL AVIATION LEADERS IN RIYADH

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The Future Aviation Forum returns to Riyadh from 20-22 May 2024, bringing together 5,000 experts and aviation leaders from over 100 countries, including ministers, regulators, manufacturers, airlines, and airports. The Forum will find solutions to the sectors main challenges, inviting attendees to vote in person on what they see as the biggest challenge in aviation, with results announced on the final day.

The Forum, which saw the signing of more than 50 agreements and \$2.7 billion in deals during the 2022 edition, will feature globally significant commercial announcements, including equipment orders, connectivity announcements and supplier partnerships, and awards ceremonies recognizing achievements and innovation in aviation. Hosted by the General Authority of Civil Aviation of Saudi Arabia under the patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman, the Forum will be centered on the theme: Elevating Global Connectivity.

His Excellency the President of GACA, Abdulaziz-Al Duailaj, said: “The 2024 Future Aviation Forum will once again unite global aviation leaders to solve aviation’s biggest challenges, including

manufacturing supply chain issues, capacity constraints and the development of human capital across the world. Saudi Arabia is committed to providing global leadership on these issues. The Forum will also showcase the unprecedented investment, growth, and innovation opportunities being created across the Kingdom in support of Vision 2030, for investors, suppliers, and operators.”

FAF24 kicks off a monumental week for aviation regulators and other leaders, where the Kingdom will also play host to the Airport Council International’s annual general assembly and other sector events which will see the leaders of the International Civil Aviation Organization and International Air Transport Association attending the Forum.

Event attendees already include leading all major global manufacturers, airlines including Riyadh Air, Saudia, Flynas, and Flyadeal, and Saudi Vision 2030 projects including NEOM, Red Sea Global, airports including King Salman International Airport, among others.

The Forum will also progress the Saudi Aviation Strategy’s (SAS) transformation of the Kingdom into the Middle East’s leading aviation hub. The strategy is unlocking more than \$100 billion of investment to drive immense growth of the sector, with passenger numbers growing by 26% in 2023 to 112 million and flights increasing by 16% from 700,000 to almost 815,000.

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