

Asia/Pacific Airport Coordinators Association (APACA)

Agenda Item 4

WSG New Governance

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MEDIA RELEASE

Industry collaboration brings new era for crucial issue of airport slot allocation

ACI World, IATA and WWACG agree on a new industry-wide governance

Montreal, 3 June 2019 – Airports Council International (ACI) World, the International Air Transport Association (IATA), and the Worldwide Airport Coordinators Group (WWACG) announced the agreement of a new governance structure for the WSG that puts the interests of the traveling public at the center of the process. Airport operators, airlines, and slot coordinators will now play an equal role in determining the global guidelines for the allocation of airport slots.

More than 200 airports require slot coordination because they have insufficient capacity to meet demand at all times of the day. Coordination based on global standards helps to maximize utilization of existing capacity, avoid delays and improve the passenger experience.

The new industry-wide governance was signed today in Seoul, South Korea by the ACI World Director General Angela Gittens, the IATA Director General and CEO, Alexandre de Juniac, and WWACG Chairman, Mr. Eric Herbane. All parties agreed that new governance and increased collaboration provides an opportunity to further modernize slot allocation mechanisms to the benefit of the travelling public and the aviation community at large.

New Industry-Wide Governance of the Worldwide Airport Slot Guidelines (WASG)



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Montreal, 3 June 2019

MOU between ACI, IATA and WWACG

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN AIRPORTS COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL,
THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION, AND
THE WORLDWIDE AIRPORT COORDINATORS GROUP**

This Memorandum of Understanding (the "**MoU**") is made and entered into force as of 3 June 2019 between:

Airports Council International, incorporated under the laws of Canada with its head office at 800 rue du Square Victoria, Montréal, Québec, H4Z 1G8, Canada, represented by its Director General, Angela Gittens,

referred to as "**ACI**";

International Air Transport Association, incorporated under the laws of Canada by Special Act of the Parliament of Canada with its head office at 800 Place Victoria, Montréal, Québec, H4Z 1M1, Canada, represented by its Director General and Chief Executive Officer, Alexandre de Juniac;

referred to as "**IATA**";

AND

Worldwide Airport Coordinators Group, incorporated under the laws of Canada with its head office at 1000 Sherbrooke St. West, Suite 2700, Montreal QC, H3A 3G4, Canada, represented by its Chairman, Eric Herbane;

referred to as "**WWACG**";

referred to collectively as the "**Parties**" and individually as a "**Party**."

1. Scope

Participation in the development and continuous review of the Worldwide Airport Slots Guidelines, as more fully set forth - in the New Industry-Wide Governance of the Worldwide Airport Slot Guidelines attached as **Annex A**.

2. Background

The Parties, having successfully worked together through the ongoing Strategic Review of the Worldwide Slot Guidelines, commit to continuously improve and enhance the global slot process. The Parties have therefore agreed on a New Industry-Wide Governance for the maintenance of the Worldwide Slot Guidelines (to be renamed the Worldwide Airport Slot Guidelines, or "**WASG**"), as per Annex A. The New Industry-Wide Governance will include a joint board, the Worldwide Airport Slot Board ("**WASB**"), comprised of equal members of airports, airlines, and facilitators/slot coordinators.

WASG Development in the Future (1)

I Agreed Items regarding New WSG Governance

- Ø The name of WSG should be changed to WASG (Worldwide Airport Slot Guidelines).
- Ø Modification of WASG should be made jointly by IATA, ACI & WWACG.
- Ø WASB (Worldwide Airport Slot Board) should be established to discuss the modification proposals.
- Ø WASB will be comprised with 21 members; 7 Airlines, 7 Airports & 7 Coordinators. 7 Airlines will be appointed by IATA, 7 Airports will be appointed by ACI & 7 Coordinators will be appointed by WWACG.
- Ø 1 Chair and 2 Vice-Chairs will be elected from each industry group.
- Ø WASB will meet at least 3 times; 2 at IATA Slot Conference and 1 at ACI meeting.
- Ø ASWG (Airports Slot Working Groups) will be established to discuss the technical details and make proposals to WASB.

I Final Authorization of WASG Modifications

- Ø WASB should work on the basis of consensus regarding the modification proposals. If consensus cannot be reached, the proposed changes must be approved in the form of a majority of each of the industry group present and voting
- Ø No approval from IATA SC HOD is needed.

WASG Development in the Future (2)

Framework of Review of Worldwide Airport Slot Guidelines (WASG)



WASG Development in the Future (3)

Worldwide Airport Slot Board (WASB)

| Affiliation | Country | Name | Organization |
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| Airlines (7 Company) | | | |
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| Airport (7 Airports) | ACI | | |
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| Coordinators (7 Organizations) | Austria | Wolfgang GALLISTL | Schedule Coordination Austria (SCA) |
| | France | Eric HERBANE | Association pour la Coordination des Horaires (COHOR) |
| | Norway | Fred Andreas WISTER | Airport Coordination Norway AS (ACN) |
| | United Kingdom | Edmond ROSE | Airport Coordination Limited (ACL) |
| | Australia | Petra POPOVAC | Airport Coordination Australia (ACA) |
| | Japan | Hiroki TAKEDA | Japan Schedule Coordination (JSC) |
| | USA | Brian MEEHAN | US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) |

(21 members)

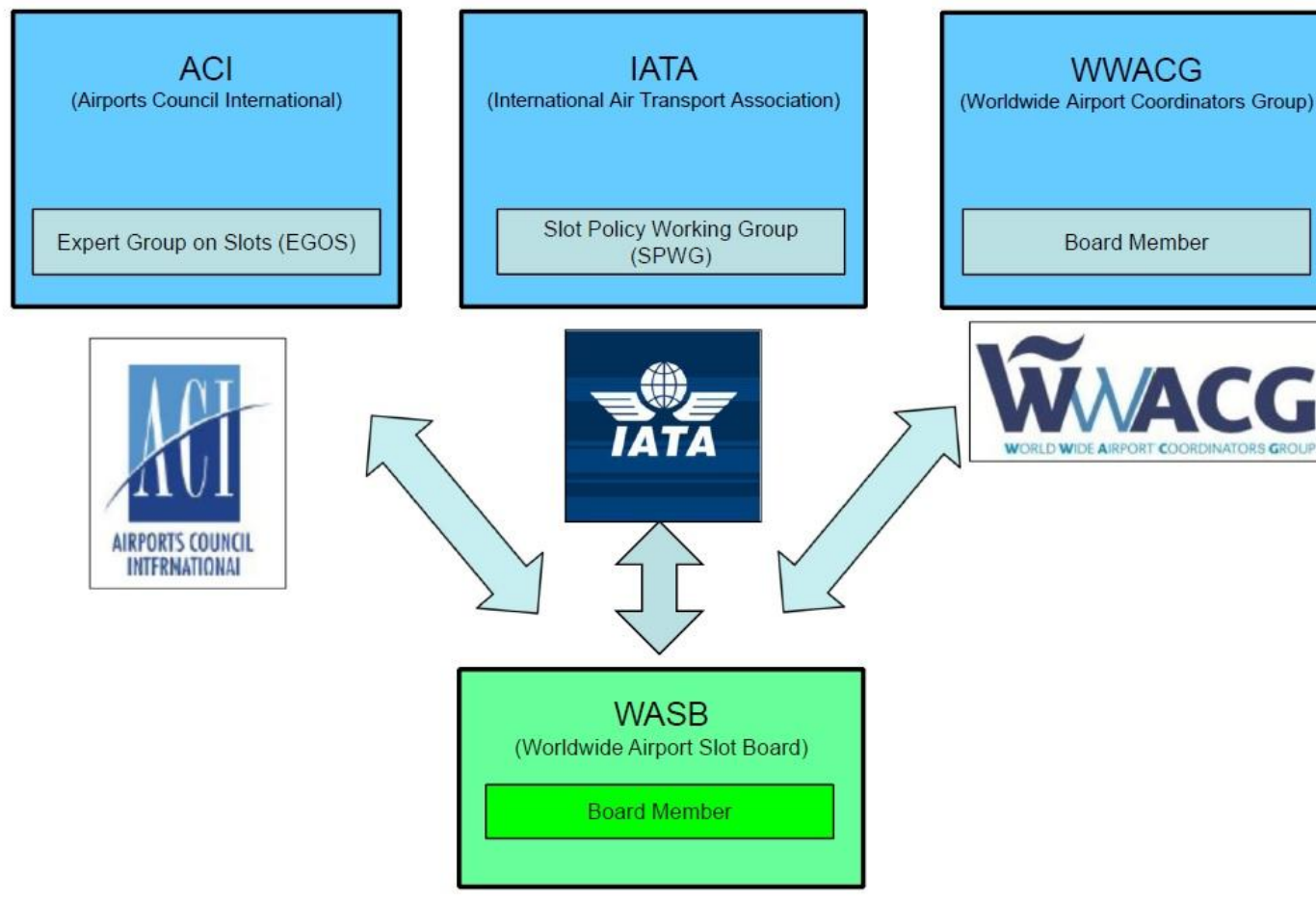
WASG Development in the Future (4)

ICAO 40TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Duration: 24 September (Tue.) to 4 October (Fri.), 2019

Place: ICAO Head Quarter, Montreal, Canada

Joint Statements by ACI, IATA, WWACG



WASG Development in the Future (5)



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ASSEMBLY — 40TH SESSION

ECONOMIC COMMISSION

Agenda item 32: Economic Regulation of International Air transport – Policy

PROGRESS REPORT ON AIRPORT SLOT ALLOCATION

(Presented by the Airports Council International, the International Air Transport Association and the Worldwide Airport Coordinators Group)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Worldwide Slot Guidelines (WSG) has long been regarded as the globally accepted best practice for optimizing scarce airport capacity and has retained its relevance by being continually updated by airlines and facilitators/slot coordinators to reflect changing market conditions. In 2016 it was decided to include airport operators for a more comprehensive Strategic Review of the WSG to be finalized by the end of 2019. The Review was driven jointly by the Airports Council International (ACI), the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the Worldwide Airport Coordination Group (WWACG) and many of the individual members of the three organizations contributed to this work. The Review will result in a significant evolution of the WSG to keep pace with the rapidly evolving aviation industry.

Learning from the experience of the Strategic Review, ACI, IATA and WWACG also agreed to reform the governance of the WSG and introduced a new industry-wide WSG governance structure, which was included within a Memorandum of Understanding signed on 3 June 2019 between the three organizations. This agreement signals the industry-wide commitment to working collaboratively and as equal partners to ensure that slots at capacity-constrained airports around the world are allocated in a harmonized manner to airlines and aircraft operators using consistent policies, principles and processes in an open, fair, transparent and non-discriminatory manner. This provides a solid platform from which the whole aviation industry can engage with States to ensure that the continuous review of the slot guidelines is driven by the objective of meeting the needs of citizens, airlines and airports in terms of ensuring connectivity and choice of air services.

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| <i>Strategic Objectives:</i> | This working paper relates to Strategic Objectives – <i>Economic Development of Air Transport</i> . |
| <i>Financial implications:</i> | None. |
| <i>References:</i> | A39-WP/518 P/48, 39.30 Doc 9587, <i>Policy and Guidance Material on the Economic Regulation of International Air Transport</i> . |

WASB IMPLEMENTATION

TIMELINE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW GOVERNANCE, FIRST MEETINGS FOR WASB AND ASWGs, FIRST EDITION WASG

