



## MEDIA RELEASE

# Singapore Airshow Aviation Leadership Summit 2018 Gathers Global Stakeholders to Reimagine Aviation's Future

*Singapore Airshow 2018's key conference and co-located events underscore importance of technology innovation in unlocking industry's future potential*

**SINGAPORE, 25 January 2018** – The Singapore Airshow, Asia's largest and one of the most important aerospace and defence exhibitions in the world, will play host to the 6<sup>th</sup> Singapore Airshow Aviation Leadership Summit (SAALS), which takes place at the Pan Pacific Singapore from 4-5 February 2018.

Held in conjunction with the Airshow, the biennial Summit is jointly organised by the Singapore Ministry of Transport (MOT), the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS), Experia Events, and the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

The Summit gathers key stakeholders in aviation, including top government representatives, civil aviation authorities and senior executives of airlines, airports, aircraft manufacturers and air navigation service providers to exchange valuable insights, network and strengthen the nexus between government and the aviation industry.

This year, these top-level government and industry decision-makers will gather at the Summit to focus on "**Reimagining Aviation's Future**". SAALS 2018 will seek to address both the challenges and opportunities arising from the continued demand for air travel, and provide a platform for aviation stakeholders to chart a sustainable approach to supporting future growth in air travel demand. Please refer to Annex A (page 5) for the programme and speaker details.

Mr Kevin Shum, Director-General, CAAS, said, "The aviation industry is at a crossroad. While the industry is expanding exponentially, opening up opportunities for economic growth and businesses, these developments also bring about immense challenges and complexities. Aviation leaders must make the right choices today to create the right pathways for a sustainable and brighter future for aviation. The SAALS will provide a timely platform to



catalyse critical conversations among the movers and shakers in global aviation, bringing them together to reimagine aviation's future and unlock its full value.”

### **Shared Focus on Technology Innovation**

Additionally, the two co-located events at the Airshow will feature a strong emphasis on technology innovation. The Singapore Aerospace Technology and Engineering Conference (SATEC) 2018 will focus on “Shaping Aerospace Through Innovation”; while the A\*STAR Aerospace Technology and Leadership Forum (ATLF) will explore “The Impact of Technology and Innovation on the Aerospace Industry”.

Now in its eighth edition, the Singapore Aerospace Technology and Engineering Conference (SATEC) is the premier aviation conference that is held in conjunction with the Singapore Airshow, and is a platform for researchers, aviation operators and aviation engineers to present and discuss key developments and advancements in aerospace technology and engineering.

The A\*STAR Aerospace Technology and Leadership Forum (ATLF) will see leaders from major aerospace companies convene for an inspiring technology convention in Singapore. Eminent speakers from leading original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) of commercial aircraft, engines and components, as well as aerospace maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) companies, will share their insights on the directions of research and development in the aerospace industry.

“The shared focus at this year’s Singapore Airshow Aviation Leadership Summit, Singapore Aerospace Technology and Engineering Conference and A\*STAR Aerospace Technology and Leadership Forum highlight the critical importance of addressing the impact of technology innovation on the global aviation industry,” said Leck Chet Lam, Managing Director of Experia Events. “It also highlights the Singapore Airshow’s expanding role as a strategic platform to support regulators, airlines, manufacturers, entrepreneurs and other key stakeholders in charting our industry’s future growth.”

Singapore Airshow 2018 will be held from 6-11 February 2018 at the Changi Exhibition Centre in Singapore and is organised by Experia Events.



Please visit [www.aviationleadershipsummit.com](http://www.aviationleadershipsummit.com) for more conference programme updates.

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### **About Singapore Airshow**

Singapore Airshow, a global marketplace and networking powerhouse for the world's aviation community, is a must-attend event in the international aerospace and defence calendar. Organised and managed by Experia Events, the biennial event is also a platform for high-level conferences dedicated to leading players in the global aviation industry with the Singapore Airshow Aviation Leadership Summit (SAALS) as well as co-located events – the A\*STAR Aerospace Technology Leadership Forum and the Singapore Aerospace Technology and Engineering Conference (SATEC).

For more information, visit: [www.singaporeairshow.com](http://www.singaporeairshow.com)

### **About Experia Events Pte Ltd**

Experia Events specialises in organising and managing exhibitions and conferences of strategic interest, fostering industry development and thought leadership. It has built a strong portfolio in aerospace and defence with the highly successful Singapore Airshow, Asia's largest aerospace and defence event, as well as key events such as IMDEX Asia, Asia Pacific's flagship maritime defence show; Rotorcraft Asia, the premier dedicated event for the global civil helicopter industry; Unmanned Systems Asia, which presents the future of unmanned systems across a vast spectrum of commercial and defence applications; Cybertech Asia, a strategic platform for the international cyber community; and the Singapore International Robo Expo (SIRE), the only dedicated trade event in Singapore for Asia's robotics sector.

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## SAALS 2018 Programme

<b>Opening Dinner Dialogue</b>	<p><b>Mr Roberto <u>Kobeh</u> Gonzalez</b>, Lifetime Goodwill Ambassador of ICAO</p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr Paul <u>Steele</u>, SVP, Member &amp; External Relations and Corporate Secretary, IATA</i></p>
<b>Opening Speeches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr <u>Khaw</u> Boon Wan</b>, Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Transport, Singapore</li> <li>• <b>Dr Olumuyiwa Benard <u>Aliu</u></b>, President of the ICAO Council</li> <li>• <b>Mr Alexandre <u>de Juniac</u></b>, Director General and CEO, IATA</li> </ul>
<b>Leadership Panel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Eng Kamal Bin Ahmed Mohammed</b>, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, Bahrain</li> <li>• <b>Honourable Ms Sindisiwe <u>Chikunga</u></b>, MP, National Deputy Minister of Transport, South Africa</li> <li>• <b>Mr Tewolde <u>GebreMariam</u> Tesfay</b>, Group CEO, Ethiopian Airlines</li> <li>• <b>Mr Henrik <u>Holelei</u></b>, Director General, EC Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport</li> <li>• <b>Mr Alan <u>Joyce</u></b>, CEO, Qantas Group</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator: Ms Oriel <u>Morrison</u>, CNBC</i></p>
<b>The Next Generation of Aircraft Technologies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Guillaume <u>Faury</u></b>, CEO, Airbus Helicopters</li> <li>• <b>Mr Robert <u>Martin</u></b>, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, BOC Aviation</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator: Mr Jens <u>Flottau</u>, Aviation Week</i></p>
<b>The Airline Industry: What's Behind the Horizon?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Jeffrey <u>Goh</u></b>, CEO, Star Alliance</li> <li>• <b>Mr Surendra Cudah <u>Ratwatte</u></b>, CEO, SriLankan Airlines</li> <li>• <b>Mr Duong Tri <u>Thanh</u></b>, President and CEO Vietnam Airlines</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator: Mr Max Kingsley <u>Jones</u>, Flight Global</i></p>
<b>The Future of UAVs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Carl <u>Burleson</u></b>, Acting Deputy Administrator, US FAA</li> <li>• <b>Mr Peter <u>Ho</u></b>, CEO, Hope Technik Pte Ltd, Singapore</li> <li>• <b>Ms Jessica <u>Wei</u></b>, Head of Corporate Finance, DJI</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator: Mr Stephen <u>Creamer</u>, Director, Air Navigation Bureau, ICAO</i></p>

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