

Cargo Connect 2019
The future of trade mobility

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Cargo Connect will return for its 3rd edition and bring together the cargo and logistics supply chain sector to discuss the latest trends and transportation solutions.

Taking place at the world renowned Dubai Airshow, Cargo Connect is *the* meeting place in the Middle East for the global cargo community, showcasing international developments in next generation freight, automation and digital cargo.

In an increasingly digital and connected world, where is the future of cargo heading? Every aspect and stakeholder in the supply chain has a part in the development of this industry, from freight forwarders and airlines, to airports and OEMs, and every voice needs to be heard.

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“We live in a dynamic environment wherein the complexity and volume of global trade demands efficiencies that can be delivered only by collaborating with all participants in the supply chain. As a leading enabler of global trade, DP World has a part to play in forging the connections to make that happen. We believe Cargo Connect provides the right platform for the industry to come together in our collective search for sustainable trade solutions.”

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10.00 **Chair's opening remarks**

10.10 **Keynote (Dubai Airports)**

10.20 **Panel Discussion - Digital cargo**

As new technologies and techniques emerge, from enhanced data processing to mobile apps, what will be the actual effect on the cargo industry? Which developments are worthwhile investing in and which are just hot air?

- Planning for digital disruption
- Revealing the untapped potential of digitilisation
- Market pull or vendor push – who is driving innovation in the cargo industry?

11.00 **Asia and the Middle East**

As China is predicted to be a top 3 trade partner with the UAE between now and 2030, where can the region enhance it's relationship with the East?

- How much of the future cargo industry lies with China and the rest of Asia?
- Facilitating greater trade with Asia
- The Belt & Road initiative and its effect on the UAE

11.25 **Unmanned cargo – next gen freight**

Coming ever closer to a reality, drones are seen to be the future in numerous industries, but within air cargo it could be a real game changer. From urban deliveries and transport, to disaster relief and emergency services, the potential applications are very exciting. But where are we now, and what more has to be done to ensure a smooth integration?

- Using drones to boost cross-border cargo services
- What are the potential cost benefits and implications?
- Drones in humanitarian crises
- Successful models for commercialising drone activities

11.50 **Coffee and networking break**

12.20 **Operations and automation**

In an increasingly automated and artificial world, we are seeing a change in cargo and logistics supply chain operations. As greater automated solutions become available, what challenges are foreseen in the cargo industry and how can we be best equipped for future change?

- Preparing your supply chain for smarter machines
- Incorporating AI and analytics in to decision making
- Understanding where automation will make the most profound impact

12.45 Uberisation of cargo

The huge disruption caused in the transportation industry could be poised to make its mark on the cargo market. But is our market ready for such a change, and is it necessary?

- At which stages in the industry is uberisation likely to make an impact?
- Who will it (dis)advantage?
- Are there other potential models for disruption? Cargo AirBnB?

13.30 eCommerce – keeping air cargo moving forward

The global market place is changing. Whilst still relatively small, online retail sales will only grow and transform the logistics industry even more. From increased cross-border trade to more impatient customers, understanding where services might need to adapt, or where to invest, are critical to keeping the air cargo industry driving forward.

- Projected growth of ecommerce regionally and globally
- Impact of online sales on air cargo and future market changes
- How best to exploit the transformation of retail
- Fetchr v Emirates Delivers – models beyond regulation

13.55 Closing remarks

14.00 End of Conference