

Invitation to the XXIst Meeting of the Inter Agency Travel Network

Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to invite you to the XXIst Meeting of the Inter Agency Travel Network, which will take place in-person at the Vienna International Centre in Vienna, Austria from Wednesday, 28 October to Friday, 30 October 2026,

This year's meeting will be jointly hosted by the Vienna based organizations, namely the United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), and the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO).

The Inter Agency Travel Network (IATN) is a technical working group composed of travel managers and practitioners from approximately 75 international organizations, including United Nations entities, specialized agencies, multilateral development banks, and affiliated organizations. Established in 2004, the IATN provides a practical forum for collaboration, exchange of experience, harmonization of travel policies, where possible, and the improvement of operational efficiency across its members and wider network.

This year's meeting will bring together colleagues who are directly involved in the day-to-day management of corporate travel programmes. The focus will be on practical exchange, peer learning, and concrete operational discussions among travel professionals who manage, support, or oversee travel operations within their respective organizations.

The annual meeting is intended for practitioners. Participation should therefore be limited to colleagues who are actively involved in corporate travel operations, travel policy implementation, travel technology, vendor management, travel service delivery, or related operational support functions. To ensure a focused and interactive meeting, participation will be limited to a maximum of two representatives per member organization.

The 2026 meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss current challenges, emerging trends, and practical opportunities for improved cooperation across organizations. Key areas of discussion are expected to include:

1. Sharing of best practices and examination of case studies from participating organizations that have contributed to greater cost savings and increased efficient use of a limited travel budget.
2. Better coordination and cooperation in the use of airline discount agreements, including opportunities to maximize value and improve visibility of available arrangements across organizations.

3. Consolidation of travel operations, including lessons learned, operating models, service delivery considerations, governance, cost recovery, and the practical implications of regional or shared service arrangements.
4. Operational resilience and continuity during disruptions, including how travel offices can prepare for, respond to, and recover from crises, system outages, geopolitical developments, public health emergencies, natural disasters, and other events affecting travel operations.
5. Travel technology, including the evolving role of online booking tools, automation, artificial intelligence, data driven decision making, and the balance between self-service, expert support, and policy compliance.
6. Travel industry updates, including developments in airline distribution, dynamic pricing, content access, servicing models, travel management company capabilities, border and entry requirements, and other market developments affecting corporate travel programmes.
7. Debunking travel myths, with another practical and engaging discussion on common assumptions, misconceptions, and recurring questions in travel management.
8. Cost optimization and vendor engagement, including how organizations can work more strategically with airlines, travel management companies, hotels, technology providers, and other travel partners.

The final programme will be shared closer to the event to ensure that the most timely and relevant topics are addressed. A detailed logistics note, including information on access to the Vienna International Centre, meeting arrangements, registration procedures, and other practical matters, will be shared by the Vienna based host organizations in due course.

Knowledge sharing, enriching discussions, and debates are at the core of the IATN and its meetings. This experience is enhanced by the physical presence of colleagues who can be dedicated and attentive to all discussions, as well as building stronger connections between organizations in travel management. Because of this, online participation in this year's meeting is not available.

We strongly encourage member organizations to identify the most appropriate travel colleagues to participate, with particular consideration given to staff who are directly engaged in the day-to-day work of corporate travel management and who can actively contribute to the discussions.

Meetings of the IATN have consistently demonstrated the value of practical inter agency collaboration. They provide a unique forum for travel professionals to exchange experiences, learn from one another, challenge assumptions, identify efficiencies, and develop solutions that would be difficult to achieve in isolation. In a travel environment shaped by rapid technology change, dynamic pricing, evolving airline distribution models, shifting border requirements, and increasing pressure to optimize resources, these types of practitioner-led exchanges remain essential.

Please confirm your organization's participation and the anticipated number of attendees by completing the registration following this link [RSVP - XX1st Meeting of the IATN 28-30 October 2026 – Fill out form](#). As participation is limited to a maximum of two representatives per

member organization, we would be grateful if organizations could coordinate internally before submitting their nominations.

We look forward to welcoming you to Vienna and to working together to strengthen cooperation, efficiency, and innovation in corporate travel management across the IATN community.

With best regards,

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