Routes World 2026: Global Aviation Leaders to Convene in Frankfurt to Shape Future Air Connectivity

Darmstadt, Germany | 19 October 2026 – As Routes World 2026 prepares to open at Messe Frankfurt from 21–23 October, the global aviation industry is set to gather in Frankfurt to advance route development, strengthen commercial partnerships and address the challenges shaping international air connectivity.

With delegates from more than 120 countries and representatives from over 240 carriers expected, the event provides a platform for airlines, airports and destinations to develop new air services and strengthen existing networks.

Aviation-Event is supporting Routes World 2026 as Official Media Partner, providing editorial coverage of the event and bringing the perspectives, discussions and developments emerging in Frankfurt to its international aviation audience.

Routes World: Building Partnerships Beyond the Event

Steven Small, Vice President, Air Transport Events, Informa: *"With delegates from more than 120 countries, including representatives from over 240 carriers, expected to attend, the event provides a vital platform for airlines, airports and destinations to strengthen partnerships, unlock new commercial opportunities and accelerate global connectivity."*

Beyond individual route negotiations, Routes World reflects the importance of long-term relationships in an industry facing capacity constraints, operational disruption and increasing pressure to balance growth with sustainability.

Small added: *"Throughout its history, aviation has demonstrated extraordinary resilience. This resilience is underpinned by collaboration, shared ambition and the relationships that connect our industry. Routes World has and continues to be the environment in which the global route development community can meet and build partnerships that define the world's future air networks."*

The impact of these partnerships extends beyond airlines and airports, influencing tourism, trade, regional development and access to international markets.

Small said: *"By bringing together the decision-makers responsible for developing global air services, we create opportunities that extend far beyond these three days, supporting economic development, enabling tourism and connecting communities around the world."*

Aviation-Event as Official Media Partner

As Official Media Partner, Aviation-Event will cover Routes World 2026 through interviews, editorial reporting and digital communication, bringing industry perspectives and developments from Frankfurt to its international aviation audience.

Marcel Riwalsky, Founder & CEO, Aviation-Event: *"Routes World is where the people shaping tomorrow's air connectivity come together. Our role is to bring their perspectives, decisions and industry insights to a wider international audience."*

Conference programme: **https://www.routesonline.com/events/conference/99/conference-programme/**

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