

## WALA 2025 Conference

**Willemstead, Curacao, May 26-28, 2025**

**Venue: Riff Corendon Hotel**

*(Agenda Last updated - 18 march 2025)*

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WALA conference is organized in 4 back to back segments:

- 1) Pre conference Seminar (Monday 26, 3pm-5pm)
- 2) Airport Law Conference (Tuesday 26, 9am-5pm; Wednesday 27 9:30am-11:15am)
- 3) Urban Air Mobility- The Legal forum (Wednesday 27, 11:15am-2:00pm)

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### Day 1 - 26 May 2025

**15:00-17:00 PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINAR – 4<sup>TH</sup> Edition**  
*Airport Concessions: Weaknesses after 30 Successful Years*

*Venue: Riff Corendon Hotel Conference Center*  
By invitation only | Sponsors priority

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Chaired by:  
Eduardo Hayden CARVALHAES NETO, Partner at Lefosse Advogados  
Roangelo LODEWIJKS, Curaçao Airport Holding, Legal Counsel/ Attorney

### 18:00-20:00 WELCOME COCKTAIL

Venue: Grand Café 'Gouverneur De Rouville'  
Bus Leaves Riff Corendon lobby at 17:50  
All Delegates Invited | Dress Code: Business Casual

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### Day 2 - May 2025

**AIRPORT LAW CONFERENCE**  
*FIFTEEN YEARS PROMOTING AIRPORT LAW*

**8.00 am | Registration opens**

**9.00 am | Welcome Session**

Diego R. GONZALEZ, WALA  
Curacao Airport Holding CAH (Speaker/s TBC)

**Conference Chairman Introduction**

Michael SIEBOLD, WALA

**9.15 -9:45 | Keynote Speaker**

*Understanding Airport Law. From US to the rest of the world.*  
Peter KIRSCH, partner at Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell

**9:45-10:15 Session by host CAH**

*Liberalization of air transport. The Curaçao strategy into the increasing global air market.*

Roangelo LODEWIJKS, Curacao Airport Holding (CAH)

**10:15-11:00| Airport Ownership and Operation**

*LAC countries CEO perspective*

Moderator: Gustavo DI CIO, ABIAXAIR

- Jonny Andersen, CEO Curacao Airport Partners - CAP
- Ricardo Hernández, CEO AERIS CR
- Punta Cana International Airport

**11:00-11.30 | COFFE BREAK**

**11:30-12.00 Session**

**12:00-12:30 Session**

**12.30 pm | LUNCH**

**1.45 pm | Industry presentation**

Tatiana ARIMA, Legal Director, SITA  
Dr. Carlos KADUOKA, COO, SITA Américas

**2.30 pm | Tourism, Airports, Accessibility**

Avv. Laura PIERALLINI, Name Partner, Pierallini Studio Légale

*Tourism and airports: a symbiotic relationship. The role of UN tourism. Legal and Ethical Aspects*

Julio FACAL, UN Tourism  
Manuel ALVAREZ URIA, UN Tourism

**3.30 pm | COFFE BREAK**

**4.00 pm | Airport Competition**

Moderator: Steven TRUXAL, Director, IIASL, Leiden University.

- Amna ARSHAD, Partner, Crowell & President of the International Aviation Club, Washington DC
- Sophie HAYASHI, Managing Director & Assistant General Counsel, Airlines for America
- Leila LAHBABI, Deputy General Counsel, ACI-North America

**5.00 pm | THE AIRPORT LAW BOOK FAIR - Book 1 (in spanish)**

*“Derecho Aeroportuario en Iberoamérica”*

Editorial: Tirant Lo Blanch, México, 2024

Moderadora: Yudith CASTILLO, Legal Director, Grupo Punta Cana

Artículos:

- “La Infraestructura Aeroportuaria Argentina. La Concesión Aeroportuaria, Marcos SERRANO.

**5.30 pm | End day 2**

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## Day 3 – 28, May 2025

**9.30 am | LAC Region - State of the Airport Industry.**

*ACI-LAC Report*

Rafael ECHEVARNE, Director General ACI-LAC

**9.45 am | Economic Oversight and Airport Charges**

*Global Trends: Charges, aeronautical revenues and airline costs. Changes in ICAO policies (doc 9082 - 2024 edition). Capacity Constraints.*

Patrick LUCAS: Principal and Founder, Airport Economics Consulting

**10.15 am | Session**

**The Supreme Court Ends Chevron Deference—What Now in Aviation and Airport Regulation?**

Eduardo JORDÃO, Partner, Portugal Ribeiro & Jordão

**10.45 am | COFFE BREAK**

**11.15 am | Session**

## URBAN AIR MOBILITY – THE LEGAL FORUM

*Law in Low Skies: Navigating Urban Airspace and Ground Regulations*

**12.00 pm | THE AIRPORT LAW BOOK FAIR - Book 2. “Yearbook of Airport Law and Urban Air Mobility”**

Moderator: Rafael DICKSON MORALES, DMAC Despacho Jurídico.

“Right to the City and Perspectives on Urban Air Mobility for Santo Domingo”, by Angelica NOBOA PAGÁN.

**12.15 am | What is in a Name: Defining Key Terms in Urban Air Mobility**

Dr Benjamyn I. SCOTT, Assistant Professor, IIASL, Leiden University.

**12.30 pm | *Law in Low Skies: Navigating Urban Airspace and Ground Regulations***

- Alice SERPA BRAGA, Attorney General ANAC
- Philip R. WEISSMAN, Aviation Lawyer, USA
- Dan SLOAT, Advanced Air Mobility Institute, Founder & President

**2:00 pm | Closing Remarks**

**FAREWELL LUNCH**

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