

# Asia/Pacific Airport Coordinators Association (APACA)

Agenda Item 2  
WASB Activities

22nd APACA meeting  
15 November, 2021

# WASB (Worldwide Airport Slot Board) Activities (1)

## WASB Activities

WASB has been conducting Online Meetings as follows, since the last 21<sup>st</sup> APACA meeting.

Date	Meeting Number	Main Topics	Achievements
07 July, 2021	WASB/17 (Online)	WASG 8.7.2 (Update from ASWG4) Calendar of Coordination Activities W22 and S23 WASB work programme and priorities for 2022	Agreed on Calendar for W22 and S23
08 September, 2021	WASB/18 (Online)	WASG 8.7.2 (Update from ASWG4) WASB work programme and priorities for 2022	
06 October, 2021	WASB/19 (Online)	WASB work programme and priorities for 2022 WASG 8.7.2 (Update from ASWG4)	Agreed on extending the scope of ASWG4 Agreed on the WASB 2022 work programme Agreed on establishing ASWG5 for discussing NS22 slot relief
08 November 2021	WASB/20 (Online)	WASG 8.7.2 and WASG 8.8 JNUS (Update from ASWG4) NS22 slot alleviation (Update from ASWG5)	

## WASB (Worldwide Airport Slot Board) Activities (2)

### ASWG4: Cancellations before the HBD

The WASB agreed to create a working group on this topic to review the application, relevance and merits of WASG 8.7.2 and propose policy changes as appropriate.

#### DISCUSSION

- Ø A survey from a reduced sample of 20 WWACG members showed that about half implement WASG 8.7.2.2, mostly in Europe. Both coordinators and airport operators in ASWG4 considered that this practice is not needed.
- Ø WASG 8.7.2.2 was initially to provide airlines with the ability to cancel flights on bank holidays (for which demand is lower) without affecting the 80/20 rule. Currently this article provides the flexibility to cope with the differences of interpretation and application of the WASG 8.8 (JNUS) provision. Therefore, before the removal of 8.7.2.2 can be agreed, WASG 8.8 should be revised to mitigate or eliminate the current inconsistencies in its interpretation and application.

Although ASWG4 has made lots of discussion, no agreement has been reached regarding deletion of WASG 7.8.2.2 or revision of WASG 8.8.

# WASB (Worldwide Airport Slot Board) Activities (3)

## Worldwide Airport Slot Guidelines

### 8.7 ELIGIBILITY FOR HISTORIC PRECEDENCE

#### 8.7.2 Cancellations before the historic Baseline Date

8.7.2.2 The cancellation of periods of less than 5 consecutive weeks does not reduce the period eligible for historic precedence, provided the total number of cancellations is 20% or less of the period between the first and last date of the series of slots.

(Background of this article) In 2007, the WSG was amended to incentivize the early return of slots for reallocation, and to allow carriers to cancel services at times of low demand or for planned nonoperation of the schedule e.g. public holidays.

### 8.8 JUSTIFIED NON-UTILIZATION OF SLOTS

8.8.1 When calculating the 80% usage of a series of slots, slots not used will be considered as operated if the non-utilization is justified for any of the following reasons:

- a) Interruption of the air services of the airline due to unforeseeable and unavoidable causes outside the airline's control, for example a closure of an airport or airspace or severe weather; or
- b) Action intended to affect these services that prevents the airline from carrying out operations as planned – for example, industrial action or strikes.

# WASB (Worldwide Airport Slot Board) Activities (4)

## WASB 2022 Work Programme

The WASB has discussed the WASB 2022 Work Programme, and agreed on the following themes.

### 1. Improvement of availability and accuracy of information and use of slot data

- The WASB should identify what kind of airline slot data and airport capacity data is needed and for what purpose, what is the right source of information for the specific data and at what period of time in the planning processes this data is needed, to define a policy for best use of airline data by industry stakeholders.
- The WASB should develop a set of minimum requirements, including online availability, of the above-mentioned data to airlines, airports and coordinators.
- The WASB should define the most adequate processes to share data (what/when/how/who) and discuss and explore the appropriate tools that should be used to exchange data to avoid the inefficiencies derived from the lack of and/or outdated information.

# WASB (Worldwide Airport Slot Board) Activities (5)

## 2. Environment: Noise limitations impacting airport capacity

- The WASB should give full consideration to noise management in view of the prime importance of the topics for aviation stakeholders and the wider public.
- The WASB should assess the various approaches in the implementation of noise restrictions that impact and/or limit available capacity at already constrained airports, with the view of highlighting and the best practices of the ICAO Balanced Approach on noise limitations at slot-constrained airports.

## 3. Review of the minimum series length

- In view of optimizing the use of airport infrastructure and reduce schedule fragmentation, the WASB should assess how the slot series length impacts efficient use of and access to scarce airport capacity, and other factors integral to how schedules are built, and capacity utilized in different airport settings related to the demand profiles.
- The WASB should evaluate, where possible through data driven evidence and impact analysis, the outcome of increasing the minimum series length, considering the impact of any proposed changes to other related elements of the WASG.

# WASB Member and Secretariat

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The seven members from airports, airlines and coordinators representing each region of the world were appointed as shown below.

**WASB (Worldwide Airport Slot Board) Member** (as of 8 November, 2021)

Affiliation	Country	Name	Organization
Airports (ACI)	Spain	Ms. Irene Garcia	AENA
	UK	<u>Ms. Alyson Playford</u>	Heathrow Airport Ltd (LHR)
	Germany	Mr. Gunter Heinrich	Fraport AG (FRA)
	Australia	Mr. Robert Wood	Sydney Airport (SYD)
	UAE	Mr. Robert Whitehouse	Dubai Airports (DXB)
	USA	Mr. Robert Hoxie	CDA (CHI)
	Brazil	Mr. Joao Pita	Sao Paulo Airport (GRU)
Airlines (IATA)	UK	Mr. Chris Carter	British Airways (BA)
	UK	Mr. Sebastian Pelissier	<u>Easy Jet (U2)</u>
	UK	Ms. Rikke Christensen	Virgin Atlantic(VS)
	Japan	Mr. Takayuki Asai	All Nippon Airways (NH)
	HK	<u>Mr. Anthony Chan</u>	HK Express (UO)
	NZ	<u>Mr. Steve Rowe</u>	Air New Zealand (NZ)
	USA	Ms. Michele Boyce	United Airlines(UA)

Affiliation	Country	Name	Organization
Coordinators (WWACG)	Austria	Mr. Wolfgang Gallistl	SCA - Austria
	Belgium	Mr. Didier Hocq	BSC - Belgium
	Germany	<u>Mr. René Maysokolua</u>	Fluko - Germany
	Norway	Mr. Fred Wister	SCN - Norway
	Australia	Ms. Petra Popovac	ACA – Australia
	Japan	Mr. Hirohiko Kawakatsu	JSC – Japan
	USA	Mr. Brian Meehan	FAA Runways – USA

## WASB Secretariat Member

Affiliation	Country	Name	Organization
ACI	Canada	Mr. Philippe Villard	ACI World
		Mr. Franco Sartor	ACI World
IATA	Switzerland	Ms. Lara Maughan	IATA
		Mr. Dimiter Zahariev	IATA
		Mr. John Middleton	IATA
WWACG	Spain	Mr. Ignacio Monasterio	AECFA – Spain
	USA	Mr. Paul Lark	ORD – USA
	UK	Mr. Neil Garwood	ACL – UK