



## **Tony Tyler**

### **Director General and CEO**

Tony Tyler became the sixth person to lead the International Air Transport Association (IATA) when he took on the role of Director General and CEO from 1 July 2011. With over three decades of airline industry experience, Tyler is a strong advocate for a safe, secure, efficient and sustainable global air transport industry.

Tyler is keen to engage all aviation stakeholders to achieve common goals. This is evident in two projects which IATA is championing under his leadership. IATA is working with governments and industry stakeholders around the world to develop an airport Checkpoint of the Future. The aim is to improve security while removing the hassles that passengers face today. Similarly, IATA is working with multiple industry participants on a New Distribution Capability that will modernize the way that travel products are distributed.

A passionate believer that aviation is a force for good in the world, Tyler has visited more than 25 countries to raise awareness on aviation's key issues. He carries with him a message that the aviation industry delivers extensive social and economic benefits—employing some 57 million people and enabling over \$2.2 trillion of business annually.

Prior to joining IATA, Tyler built his career at John Swire & Sons in Hong Kong. He joined the company in 1977 and in 1978 moved within the Swire Group to Cathay Pacific Airways, rising to the position of Chief Executive (2007 to 2011). During that time he served on the IATA Board of Governors, including as its Chairman from June 2009 to June 2010.

Tyler, a British national, was born in Egypt in 1955 and graduated from Oxford University in Jurisprudence. He has broad international working experience in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, the Philippines and the United Kingdom. At IATA, he works from both its main offices in Montreal, Canada and Geneva, Switzerland. He is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society.