

Industry groups to seek sustainable solutions

The [International Flight Services Association](#) (IFSA) and the [Aviation Sustainability Forum](#) (ASF) have entered into a strategic partnership to support the memberships of both groups, the aviation sector as a whole, and the industry's governing bodies to develop of inflight services sustainability solutions for adoption by the industry.

“Jointly, IFSA and ASF will be in a position to bolster collaboration and accelerate progress towards a more circular and sustainable future within inflight services. Both parties look forward to supporting the industry with their common sustainability goals,” said a release from the two groups.

APEX/IFSA Board of Governors selected sustainability as one of two priorities for the associations to address. At the 2021 APEX/IFSA EXPO November 30 - December 2 in Long Beach, the Board of Governors approved that APEX Official Airline Ratings™ Four Star and Five Star airlines must make publicly and easily available to their customers their sustainability initiatives in order to qualify for future APEX Four Star / Five Star awards. In addition, each airline shall make incremental improvements to sustainability efforts each year thereafter to improve their commitment to sustainable aviation.

IFSA is a global non-profit trade association serving the needs and interests of airline and railway companies, caterers and suppliers who provide onboard services on regularly scheduled travel routes. Under the umbrella of APEX (Airline Passenger Experience Association) serving every major airline in the world, IFSA is dedicated to the advancement of the art and science of the multi-billion-dollar onboard service industry.

The ASF is a non-profit organization with a mission of improving the sustainability and circularity of passenger inflight products and services. The group was launched in February 2020. ASF is committed to bringing together companies and organizations from across the inflight services supply chain to collaborate by sharing knowledge and data and commissioning research to develop sustainable solutions and standards that are supported by our governing bodies and adopted by the industry.