

# ASF appoints executive board President



The Aviation Sustainability Forum ([ASF](#)) tells *PAX International* today that it has appointed industry leader in sustainability David Young as its President.

Young joins the ASF as its inaugural President following a long career in the aviation industry. Young has extensive global experience in airline sustainability, onboard and catering services, and product supply that uniquely supports the ASF's industry objectives. Young will spearhead the Forum's efforts to bring the inflight service industry together to drive research projects, standardize onboard materials and ultimately bring about regulatory change for waste management post-flight.

In his most recent corporate role, Young was Executive Manager Sustainability and Future Planet for the [Qantas Group](#) where he led the airline's Net Zero Emissions strategy, sustainable aviation fuel, waste and carbon offset activities. He has also sat on the Environment and Sustainability Board of the [oneworld alliance](#), the [IATA Sustainability Council](#) and the [Board of Bioenergy Australia](#). In recent months he has also been working with the [Greencollar Group](#), one of Australia's largest land-based carbon project developers, on new and innovative carbon abatement projects and with the oneworld alliance in supporting alliance airline partners sustainability and ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) strategies.

Young also held roles as Executive Manager Commercial for Qantas Loyalty, Chief Operating Officer of Qantas Catering, Managing Director of Watermark Products and Head of Inflight Services for [Qantas](#), [Air New Zealand](#) and Ansett Australia. He is also a former Chairman and President of the International Travel Catering Association (ITCA) now integrated with [WTCE](#).

"We are absolutely thrilled to be able to announce the appointment of David as our first President. To have someone with his wealth of knowledge and experience, particularly in aviation sustainability, joining our team really adds a huge amount of weight and credibility to the ASF's mission and our ability to act independently for the benefit of the entire aviation sector. We are looking forward to working with David in the coming months to bring airlines, caterers, suppliers and aviation bodies to the ASF table to collaborate and drive our program for sustainable change," says Matt Crane, Founder of the ASF.

[Young](#) will join the ASF team at this year's WTCE in Hamburg from June 14 to 16 at booth 1G64.

Founders Matt Crane, Sarah Klatt Walsh and Alison Wells will participate in the Taste of Travel sessions on sustainability throughout the show.