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# Hans Heerkens, Platform UCA, will speak at Unmanned Cargo Aircraft Conference USA

Hans Heerkens, Platform UCA, will speak at Unmanned Cargo Aircraft Conference USA, which takes place on March 20, 2018, North Carolina Global TransPark, USA.

Unmanned Cargo Aircraft (UCA) are a relatively new phenomenon; the first operational regular UCA service is to be inaugurated this year in Kenya. Organizations like SESAR see great potential in UCA and the basic technologies are there. Why, then, is the introduction of UCA progressing so slowly? In this presentation an overview is given of the 'state of the art' in UCA: development programs, business opportunities, challenges and prospects. Some subjects will be: various configurations of UCA, operational concepts and the position of small companies versus established manufacturers.

## About Hans Heerkens

Hans Heerkens (MSc in Public Administration), obtained his Ph.D. in decision theory; the way in which actors involved in decision process assess the importance of the various aspects of the decision. His research is on decision processes in the aerospace industry. Hans is a member of the Scientific Council of research organization Airneth and does consultancy work for organizations like the Ministry of Economic Affairs and TNO



## About Platform Unmanned Cargo Aircraft

The Platform Unmanned Cargo Aircraft was founded by the University of Twente (Netherlands) in 2011.

The aim of PUCA is to stimulate development of unmanned cargo aircraft.

Members are manufacturers, academic institutions and entrepreneurs in the Netherlands, Germany, UK, France, Italy, Kenya, USA and other countries.