

## CANSO safety directors gear up for global safety seminar

Safety is never far from the agenda of the world's Air Navigation Service Providers, but with the trend for cross-border collaboration increasing, the need for Safety Directors to work together has never been more acute.

CANSO's Global Safety Seminar – one of the premier meetings in the CANSO year – will this year be held in Queenstown, New Zealand 10-14 November. This is the first Seminar to be held since the CANSO membership unanimously endorsed the Imagine 2010 programme, which embeds Safety as one of the three lead programmes for the next 3 years.

The Seminar has four key objectives (see box, right) and as always is about sharing knowledge and finding practical answers to real challenges. "This year our Global Safety Seminar is going to focus on how CANSO can deliver extraordinary results" says CANSO's Director of Industry Affairs Samantha Sharif. "We've been given a boost in resources and with that comes a responsibility to deliver. So we will be working hard to ensure that the vision we have for CANSO's Safety programmes becomes a reality."



Samantha Sharif: "The seminar will focus on delivering extraordinary results"

The work schedule will be intense. Four-and-a-half days of presentations, break-out sessions and brainstorming, led and facilitated by some of the most forward-thinking leaders on ATM safety. The programme is wide-ranging, with day one focused on establishing the top safety priorities. The morning of day two looks at metrics and information exchange, with risk identification the topic for the afternoon.

### Objectives of the Sixth CANSO Global Safety Seminar:

1. Inform and provide direction to the CANSO Safety Standing Committee (SSC) about the Imagine 2010 programme
2. Pilot the involvement of external groups such as Associate Members and IATA Assist Safety Managers in their daily work with practical issues – give them the opportunity to discuss the application of tools i.e. how to measure safety culture
3. Ensure that the SSC members leave feeling enrolled, engaged and in the future of CANSO safety activities

On day three the spotlight moves onto safety management systems, including the approval of a CANSO Standard for SMS and a safety maturity metric. Day four explores the importance of Safety Culture and the role of the Safety Manager. And finally the morning of day five evaluates the whole seminar, drawing together conclusions and results.

CANSO's new Safety Manager Richard Schofield is keen to emphasise the fact that the event will be about much more than just listening and discussion. "There are decisions to be made during the seminar which are very important to the future of the safety programme" he says, "and it is also vital that momentum generated by the Imagine 2010 decisions earlier this year is maintained."

The CANSO Global Safety Seminar has been established for nearly six years and brings together the leaders in ATM safety so its influence over the ATM safety agenda has grown steadily during that time. Previous meetings have been held in Canada, Thailand, Austria, South Africa and the USA, illustrating the

immense global scope of the participants and the strong interest shown by hosts from all over the world. Over the years, the focus has switched from establishing the potential for coordinated safety action, to auditing and methodology questions, performance measurement, reporting, and an SMS 'Cookbook' Communications, regional variations, and all manner of specialised topics have also been discussed.

With the Imagine 2010 programmes already under way, this year's Seminar will be particularly important for CANSO Members and Associate Members to familiarise themselves with the Imagine 2010 Goals, shape the future objectives, and meet Richard Schofield and the rest of the team of Safety experts who have been seconded to work for CANSO. With nearly 50 delegates already registered, this year's Seminar promises to be the biggest and most crucial yet.

With Safety higher than ever on the agenda, it is reassuring to know that the world's ANSPs have got a firm vision for the future, and the will to cooperate to carry it out. ➤