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CANSO ANNOUNCES SPEAKERS AT 1ST MIDDLE EAST ANSP CONFERENCE

CANSO, the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation, which represents the interests of ANSPs worldwide, has announced the speakers at its 1st Middle East Conference.

The Conference, held in Jeddah and hosted by GACA Saudi Arabia, begins with a Reception and Dinner on the evening of Monday 26th January. The President of GACA Saudi Arabia, **His Excellency Abdullah Al-Rehaimi**, will welcome delegates and introduce guest speaker **Francis Schubert**, Deputy CEO of skyguide, the Swiss ANSP, who will give an insight into lessons learned from the Uberlingen mid-air collision.

The Conference begins in earnest on Tuesday 27th, when His Excellency Abdullah Al-Rehaimi will be joined by CANSO Secretary General **Alexander ter Kuile** to set the scene for the discussions to come. Other speakers in the opening session are the ICAO Regional Director **Mr Mohamed Khonji**, **Mr Abdul Wahab Teffaha**, Secretary General of the Arab Air Carriers Organisation, and **Dr Majdi Sabri**, Regional Vice President for IATA.

Throughout the rest of the conference, notable contributions will be made from **Serco**, **NATS**, **DFS**, **NANSC Egypt**, **the FAA**, **Airways New Zealand**, and **GACA**, on a variety of topics all aimed at building ANS capability in the Middle East, and agreeing an action plan for the region.

It is not too late to register for this conference. Please contact Marc-Peter Pijper at CANSO without delay on 0031 23 568 5380 or marcpeter.pijper@canso.org, or go to www.canso.org/middleeastconference.

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Alexander ter Kuile, Secretary General of CANSO commented:

“The quality of our contributors and the high level of delegates participating shows the importance ANSPs in the Middle East and across the world attach to building ANS capacity in this vital aviation region. I feel certain that the 1st CANSO Middle East ANSP Conference will be a huge success and lead to further cooperative work in the area.”

Mohammed A. Al-Salmi, Vice-President Air Navigation Services GACA commented:

“We are delighted that so many senior figures will be addressing the Conference, and that registrations are already well ahead of expectations. CANSO and GACA Saudi Arabia have a shared vision for greater cooperation in the Middle East towards the objective of a safer and more efficient air traffic system, and the contribution of these ATM leaders will be invaluable. We look forward to welcoming delegates in Jeddah.”

CANSO Director of Business Transformation **Gudrun Held** said:

“This Conference is an integral part of CANSO’s Business Transformation work programme. Business Transformation was one of the three lead policy areas agreed by CANSO members in March 2008 as part of the CANSO ‘Imagine 2010’ strategy, and it aims to ‘think global and act local’. True to that aim, this Conference shows how different Business Transformation principles are being applied in different ways in regions across the globe.”

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