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## **CANSO AGM 2012: MEMBERS ENDORSE AFRICA REGIONAL OFFICE**

**CANSO Members attending the association's ATM Summit & 16<sup>th</sup> AGM in Rome today approved the creation of an Africa Regional Office. Patrick Dlamini, CEO of ATNS, was appointed as Chair of the Africa CANSO CEO Committee (AFC3).**

CANSO Director General (Interim) Samantha Sharif said: "Air transport in Africa is forecast to grow 6% over the next 20 years. Our new Regional Office will not only provide Africa's ATM community a dedicated forum for improving safety and efficiency, but a united voice to engage key stakeholders such as ICAO, the airlines and airports."

Mr Dlamini said: "With the endorsement of the CANSO Africa Region and the 69<sup>th</sup> IATA AGM to be hosted by South African Airways, all eyes are looking to Africa's aviation community to deliver improvements. I am delighted and honoured to serve the Members as part of the CANSO Executive Committee and I look forward to working together."

CANSO's Africa Regional Office replaces the association's Project Liaison Office, created in 2011 to raise awareness of CANSO and its mission to transform ATM performance. Boni Dibate, CANSO Director Africa Affairs says this has helped pave the way for the creation of the Regional Office.

"The past twelve months have focused on building relationships and growing CANSO's membership. Our efforts have been well received and we have seen increasing commitment to working together. This is crucial for developing a seamless African sky and improving safety in the region."

CANSO's current ANSP Members on the African continent include:

- Aeroportos de Moçambique E.P
- ATNS (South Africa)
- Civil Aviation Authority Uganda
- ENANA-EP (Angola)
- Kenya Civil Aviation Authority
- National Air Navigation Services Company (Egypt)
- National Airports Corporation Limited (Zambia)
- Nigerian Airspace Management Agency
- Office de l'Aviation Civile et des Aeroports (OACA) (Tunisia)
- Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority

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