



AFRICAN ANSPS AND AVIATION INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS TAKE THE FIRST STEPS ON CANSO ATFM AND CDM INITIATIVE

Mombasa, 5 September 2018 – African air navigation service providers (ANSPs) and aviation industry stakeholders have agreed to create and support an air traffic flow management (ATFM) and collaborative decision-making (CDM) initiative.

During the CANSO Africa Conference 2018, hosted in Mombasa by the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority, CANSO Member ANSPs including Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority, Kenya Civil Aviation Authority, Civil Aviation Authority of Uganda, NAMA and ATNS, as well as key aviation industry stakeholders, agreed to create and support a CANSO ATFM and CDM initiative to help to further improve the safety, efficiency and effectiveness of African airspace.

To continue the momentum, Tanzania CAA will host an implementation workshop for all Africa Members in the coming weeks which will create an implementation plan for development, implementation and successful delivery. The result will be the safer, more efficient, and harmonised flow of air traffic in Africa, with fewer disruptions and delays. CANSO will contribute its global expertise and best practice guidance in this area.

Hamza Johari, Director General, Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority, and Chair, Africa CANSO CEO Committee (AFC3) said: "Air traffic across Africa is increasing rapidly, and it is our responsibility as air navigation service providers to provide safe, well-coordinated and efficient air transport – and to work with our industry partners to achieve this. Effective ATFM and CDM are key enablers, and we are committed to establishing the processes and procedures required for efficient implementation. The CANSO Africa Conference 2018 provides us with a unique opportunity to harness the power of partnership and establish a workable framework for improving operations in Africa, and CANSO ANSP Members look forward to putting those commitments into action".

Simon Hocquard, Deputy Director General, CANSO said: "CANSO is an important platform for the Africa ATM community and the broader aviation industry to come together and create initiatives that support aviation and improve day to day operations. ATFM and CDM provide key mechanisms to achieve a truly harmonised and collaborative air transport industry, and in addition to the cross-industry ATFM initiative currently underway in the Latin America and Caribbean region, CANSO welcomes and will work with its Members and industry partners in taking this important step to improve ATM in Africa".

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