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Press Release: CAN SO Hosts OSC Connect 2026 in Abu Dhabi – A Global Forum for Operational Collaboration, Innovation and Safety



Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE), 21 January 2026 — The Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CAN SO) will host the *Operations Standing Committee (OSC) Connect 2026*, a global forum for operational leaders in air traffic management (ATM), taking place on 2–5 February 2026 in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Building on the success of the 2025 Operations Standing Committee (OSC) Annual Summit, OSC Connect 2026 will convene operational, safety, and innovation leaders from across all CANSO regions under the theme “Skies in Transition: Forum on Operations, Innovation, and Safety.”

The programme will feature high-level plenary sessions, interactive workshops, and integrated workgroup meetings focused on strengthening operational performance, resilience, and global alignment in ATM.

“OSC Connect is a wonderful opportunity to move beyond the siloed approaches to a more connected and collaborative performance approach,” said Ahmed Ibrahim Al Jallaf, Assistant Director General Air Navigation Services at UAE-GCAA, and CANSO’s Middle East Representative on the Board of Directors.

“The global operations community needs to collectively share, learn and innovate to strengthen our operational resilience and improve our performance and productivity. Our inherited ecosystem requires our united engagement and commitment to design a new vision for the future of ATM, one that prioritises people, safety, efficiency, and sustainability in a well-structured, innovative manner. OSC Connect offers us all a unique platform to shape the evolution of ATM. The UAE’s approach has always emphasised openness, collaboration, and integrating efforts with countries around the world, and this cooperative spirit fully aligns with the goals of OSC Connect”, he adds.

Nicki Harricharan, CANSO’s Operations Programme Manager, stated: “Our operational work is inherently interconnected, and it is inseparable from safety. By working together, we can build a shared vision for the future of ATM that puts people, safety, and efficiency at the centre, as we innovate and transform our future skies. OSC Connect is an opportunity to actively shape how ATM evolves, together.” OSC Connect 2026 also marks the introduction of CANSO’s refreshed operational structure, strengthening links between safety, innovation, and execution across its workgroups and taskforces.

The event is open to all CANSO Members involved in operational, and innovation activities, including Operations Programme co-chairs, workgroup chairs, and participants.

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CANSO – the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation — is the global voice of airspace and is shaping our future skies. Its members support over 90 per cent of the world’s air traffic and include air navigation service providers, airspace users and

operators, manufacturers, and aviation industry suppliers. CANSO raises the bar on global ATM performance by connecting the industry to share knowledge, expertise and innovation.

About GCAA

The General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) was established in 1996 by Federal Cabinet Decree (Law 4) as the national regulatory authority for civil aviation in the United Arab Emirates. Its core mission is to oversee and develop the civil aviation sector in line with the highest standards of safety, security, and sustainability. In alignment with the UAE government's forward-looking vision and national priorities, the GCAA is committed to building a globally leading aviation system that fosters innovation, develops Emirati capabilities, and enhances the UAE's position as a hub for safe, secure, and sustainable air transport.

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