

CANSO OSC Connect 2026 2-5 February 2026

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Day One: Monday 2 February – Grand Park Ballroom (Ground Floor)

The Now: Industry Status and Regional Voices

08:00-09:00	Registration Participants will receive a table number at registration, which will correspond to round-table assignments for discussions throughout the day.
09:00-09:15	Welcome & Introductory Remarks Speakers: Nicki Harricharan , Operations Programme Manager, CANSO Maartje Van Der Helm , Chair, CANSO Operations Standing Committee Steering Group
09:15-09:45	Keynote Address – Setting the Scene for Global Operational Transformation This opening address will set the strategic tone for OSC Connect 2026 by exploring the global drivers shaping air navigation and operational transformation. It will highlight key regional and global priorities and challenges facing the aviation community, while emphasising the significant role of the human element in navigating change.

	<p>The address will frame the discussions that follow, supporting participants as they produce a shared vision for resilient, future ready operational excellence.</p> <p>Speaker: Ahmed Al Jallaf, Assistant Director General, Air Navigation Services, UAE – GCAA and OSC Champion, CANSO Board of Directors</p>
09:45-10:30	<p>Executive Forum: Skies in Transition Panel and Interactive Session: Operations, Innovation, and Safety at the Forefront</p> <p>Moderator: Maartje Van Der Helm, Chair, CANSO Operations Standing Committee Steering</p> <p>Group Panellists: Hamad Rashid Al Belushi, Senior Expert – Air Traffic Management, UAE-GCAA Lakisha Price, Acting Vice President of System Operations Services, FAA ATO MP Berman, Vice-Chair, CANSO Operations Standing Committee Steering Group Anthony MacKay, Chair, CANSO Safety Standing Committee Steering Group William Estrada, Senior Director, ATM Product Manager, Leidos</p>
10:30- 11:00	Networking Break
11:00-12:00	<p>Regional Dialogue: What's Happening on the Ground – From Global Strategy to Regional Impact</p> <p>This dynamic session will feature short video messages from CANSO Regional Directors from Africa, Asia Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe, while the Middle East will present in person, providing firsthand insights into regional priorities, challenges, and progress.</p> <p>Building on these perspectives, participants will engage in facilitated roundtable discussions focused on how the Operations Programme can better translate global strategies into tangible regional impact, and which regional challenges require stronger global support.</p> <p>Roundtable discussions:</p> <p>How can the operations programme help translate global strategies into regional impact?</p> <p>What regional challenges need global support?</p>

	<p>Moderator: MP Berman, Vice-Chair, CANSO Operations Standing Committee Steering Group</p> <p>Speaker: Saad Alkahtani, Director Middle East Affairs, CANSO</p>
12:00-13:00	Networking Lunch
13:00-14:45	<p>Education & Digital Transformation: Demystifying TBO, SWIM, FF-ICE & ATFM – From Concept to Implementation</p> <p>This interactive education session, led by the Trajectory Based Operations (TBO) Readiness Taskforce Chairs and extended to incorporate SWIM, FF-ICE, and ATFM, will unpack the core concepts of each area and its digital and operational enablers.</p> <p>Moving beyond the buzzwords, the session will clarify how TBO, SWIM, FF-ICE, and ATFM work together to support seamless information exchange, collaborative decision-making, and demand capacity balancing.</p> <p>Participants will explore how these capabilities link directly to the Operations Programme workgroups and regional priorities through guided discussion and real-world examples.</p> <p>The session will conclude with an interactive roundtable Q&A focused on one key question: How can education on TBO, SWIM, FF-ICE, and ATFM be effectively scaled?</p> <p>Speakers: Blake Cushnie, Director, TBO Airspace & European Programs, NAV CANADA Sherry Yang, Senior Manager, Boeing Technology Innovation, Boeing Lisa Bee, Director – Air Traffic Services, Viasat Wayne Osse, Chief Architect, Global Aviation and Transport, Solace Jean-Luc Thirion, Technical Advisor, DSNA Stuart Ratcliffe, Product Manager AireonFLOW, Aireon LLC Eugène Tuinstra, A-CDM / Aviation Consultant, To70</p>
14:45-15:15	Networking Break
15:15-16:15	<p>Shared Path Forward: Safety, ICAO & CATS Across the OSC Community</p> <p>Safety, ICAO, and CATS will deliver a briefing, followed by a Q&A, to engage participants and stimulate forward looking discussion on future workplans, regional collaboration, and alignment with global programmes.</p> <p>The session will provide a shared understanding of current</p>

	<p>developments in Safety, ICAO, and CATS, linking ICAO Assembly outcomes, GANP and ASBU developments, and the CATS CONOPS, including the minimum implementation path with CANSO's strategic priorities for 2026 and beyond.</p> <p>Participants will explore how safety and operations can be better aligned, how global direction translates into regional action, and how OSC workgroups enable coordinated and collaborative work for the future of ATM. Further engagement will continue during networking breaks and Day 2 workgroup sessions.</p> <p>Speakers : Eduardo Garcia, Senior Manager, Future Skies, CANSO John Wennes, Safety Programme Manager, CANSO</p>
16:15-16:30	<p>Closing Reflections</p> <p>Speaker: Maartje Van Der Helm, Chair, CANSO Operations Standing Committee Steering Group</p>

Day Two: Tuesday 3 February – Mezzanine Floor Meeting Rooms
Activating Collaboration: Safety, CATS, and Workgroup Synergy

08:00-08:15	<p>Welcome and Transition to Meeting Rooms</p> <p>Speakers: Nicki Harricharan, Operations Programme Manager, CANSO</p>
08:15-10:00	<p>Meeting 1 : Operations Standing Committee Steering Group Meeting</p> <p>Meeting 2: Operations Workgroup Meetings Breakout</p>
10:00-10:30	Networking Break
10:30-12:00	Operations Workgroup Meetings (continued)
12:00-13:00	Networking Lunch
13:00-14:30	Operations Workgroup Meetings (continued)
14:30-15:00	Networking Break
15:00-16:00	Operations Workgroup Meetings (continued)
17:00-21:45	<p>Cultural Festival and Dinner kindly hosted by UAE - GCAA</p> <p>17:00 Buses depart – Please gather in the hotel lobby by 16:45</p> <p>18:00-19:30 Sheikh Zayed Festival</p> <p>19:30-21:00 Dinner at Al Khayma Heritage Restaurant Al Wathba</p>

	<p>21:00 Buses depart to Hotel</p> <p>Dress code: Smart Casual and comfortable shoes as per the local cultural guidelines</p>
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Day Three: Wednesday 4 February – Grand Park Ballroom (Ground Floor)
Building Capacity and Shaping the Future

09:00-09:05	<p>Welcome and Recap of Day 2</p> <p>Speaker: MP Berman, Vice-Chair, CANSO Operations Standing Committee Steering Group</p>
09:05-10:30	<p>Leadership Development and Change Management Workshop: Building the future of the CANSO Operations Programme together while sustaining today's operational delivery, this session focuses on leading through change, maintaining continuity, and modelling collaborative leadership, regardless of role or title.</p> <p>Speaker: Conor Mullan, Managing Director, Think Research</p>
10:30-11:00	Networking Break
11:00-12:30	Leadership Development and Change Management Workshop: Continued
12:30-13:30	Networking Lunch
13:30-15:00	<p>Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Workshop Preparing for Integration of New Entrants: A highly interactive, multi-disciplinary session bringing ANSPs and our industry together to build a shared understanding of global AAM developments, explore what "integration" really means in practice, and identify the minimum operational, safety, and digital requirements needed to safely enable AAM within existing ATM environment.</p> <p>Speakers: Dr. Eduardo García, Senior Manager, Future Skies, CANSO Elizabeth Chau, Head of UTM Strategic Development, NATS Mohammed Alameri, Head of Airspace Management, DANS Brandon Lint, Regulatory Affairs and Certification Specialist, SkyGrid Anthony Tsui, Senior Operations Officer, Civil Aviation Department (CAD Hong Kong) Alan Chapman, Director, RPAS Traffic Management, NAV CANADA</p>

	<p>Nate Isbell, Head of Business Development and Government Operations, SkyGrid</p> <p>Rovshan Sultanov, Manager of Airspace Design and Development, DANS</p> <p>LaKisha Price, Acting Vice President of System Operations Services, FAA ATO</p>
15:00-15:30	Networking Break
15:30-16:45	Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Workshop continued
16:45-17:00	<p>Closing Reflections</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <p>MP Berman, Vice-Chair, CANSO Operations Standing Committee Steering Group</p>

Day Four: Thursday 5 February – Grand Park Ballroom (Ground Floor)

Reflection and Recognition

09:00-09:10	<p>Welcome and Recap of Day 3</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <p>Maartje Van Der Helm, Chair, CANSO Operations Standing Committee Steering Group</p>
09:10-10:45	<p>OSC Community Closing Session</p> <p>This final session brings the OSC community together to reflect on progress, align on what lies ahead, and formally close OSC Connect. The session begins with concise workgroup out briefs highlighting priority focus areas and deliverables for 2026 and beyond.</p> <p>The OSCSG leadership team then provides an open and candid forum to reflect on what worked, what did not, and how the OSC must adapt and accelerate moving forward, including an outlook toward 2027 and the introduction of the OSC Awards and peer recognition approach. The session concludes with recognition and appreciation of the OSC community, followed by closing reflections.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Nicki Harricharan, Operations Programme Manager, CANSO</p> <p>Maartje Van Der Helm, Chair, CANSO Operations Standing Committee Steering Group</p> <p>MP Berman, Vice-Chair, CANSO Operations Standing Committee Steering Group</p>
10:45-16:00	<p>Host Tour kindly hosted by UAE - GCAA</p> <p>The tour will include a visit to the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque and a visit to the Sheikh Zayed Air Navigation Centre – passport required</p>

There will be two bus departure times:

Group 1 will depart at **10:45**

Group 2 will depart at **11:30**

Lunch for both groups will be at 13:30

Return to the hotel expected between 15:00 and 16:00

Dress code: Please click [here](#) for information about the required attire