CANSO AT ICAO
SERVING AS AN EFFECTIVE VOICE FOR ATM

SHAPING OUR FUTURE SKIES

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As the global voice of air traffic management (ATM), CANSO works closely with governments, regulators and industry partners to shape future skies while maintaining an efficient and effective airspace worldwide.

Working with governments and regulators

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is the specialised agency of the United Nations, established by States to manage the administration and governance of the 1944 Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention).

ICAO works with the Convention’s 193 Member States and aviation industry stakeholders to reach consensus on international civil aviation Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), policies and guidelines. Together, these support a safe, efficient, secure, economically sustainable and environmentally responsible civil aviation sector.

CANSO has ‘Observer Status’ at ICAO, which means we are an official Observer to the ICAO Council and Air Navigation Commission (ANC). CANSO’s involvement provides the aviation community with insights into ICAO work programmes and global initiatives that may affect the air traffic management (ATM) industry.

CANSO and some of our Members are representing the ATM industry at the following ICAO events:
- ICAO Assembly
- ICAO Council, its Committees and Panels
- ICAO ANC, its Panels, working groups and task forces
- ICAO Conferences and Symposia
- CANSO works with ICAO and other heads of industry organisations on the Council Aviation Recovery Taskforce (CART) and is an active Member in providing the ATM views on the economic, safety and sustainability of the aviation system recovery.

Shared knowledge and expertise

CANSO’s participation and contribution to ICAO work programmes helps define the requirements for global standards, and the means by which those requirements can best be met through the development of industry best practice.

CANSO actively participates in almost 50 ICAO panels and workgroups on subject areas including operations, safety, security, environment and skills. CANSO works with its members to provide expertise to ICAO on importance issues like the efficient and safe recovery of the COVID-19 pandemic, introduction of unmanned vehicles in the aviation system; the digitalisation of aviation and the protection against cyber vulnerabilities; increasing aviation safety for runway excursions and environmental protection, to name a few.

CANSO also works alongside partners ACI, IATA, ICCAIA, IFATCA and IFALPA, and ICAO on a number of cross-industry initiatives. We try to provide a common industry view to ICAO and States regarding the aviation system and ATM in particular. As an example, all industry stakeholders are similarly affected by the current pandemic, the introduction of innovations like UTM, commercial space operations, cyber vulnerabilities; ATM, safety concerns and environmental protection. On these issues and others we create common views and bring these forward as combined industry position.

Local representatives

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For more information about how CANSO works with governments, regulators and industry partners or the work of ICAO Panels, working groups or task forces please contact:

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