

Green ATM webinar - Audience Questions

1. I would like to know how many ANSP's have already shown interest in the program, how many are already engaged in the process and, if it is public information, some of their names."

Answer:

Over 20 ANSP's have shown interest in the program prior to the webinar and over 40 attended the webinar. One ANSP has already started the process of submitting the questionnaire and evidence. We will not be releasing their names until they have been awarded an accreditation level.

2. If you go into trial, is there a fee for that?

Answer:

Trial participants will pay the full fee and will receive a full assessment including a written report which can aid them in their internal review of their sustainability programmes, or in preparation of future submissions. Further details on trial participation can be found in Section 3.7 of the [Guide to GreenATM Accreditation](#).

3. Was actions on the part of the ANSP that deals with noise as well as emissions a topic of discussion during the creation of the Programme?

Answer:

It was a topic of discussion during the creation of this accreditation programme, and is evident within the Airport and Community Relations topic, in particular relating to engagement with communities and local airports on different ways the ANSP is trying to mitigate noise and environmental issues faced in the wider community.

4. What is the period for the ANSP that is doing a trial run? What is the cost?

Answer:

See the response to Question 2 above and the section 3.7 of User Guide.

5. After the GreenATM level has been established and renewed 2 times, the level has been fixed for 3 years. What happens afterwards? Does the ANSP have to apply again to the same level if it can't reach the next level?

Answer:

Once accreditation at the same level is achieved for three years in a row, an ANSP's accreditation becomes valid for three years. At the end of the three years the ANSP can choose to apply for renewal of their current level or seek accreditation at a higher level.

6. Will the implementation of the measures be reported to ICAO. and at what level do you separate state reporting to avoid double counting?

Answer:

GreenATM is an industry accreditation programme. There is no formal reporting to ICAO. However measures implemented by ANSPs are likely to be reflected in the State Action Plans on CO2 Emissions Reduction Activities submitted to ICAO as per ICAO Resolution A41-21.

7. In the guidance for assessing compliance with a particular level for a particular topic, there are number of potential pieces of evidence listed. When will be the applicant considered "compliant" - when providing evidence for compliance with one, or two ...or all the evidence samples? And if there are other evidences...how will be these assessed / recognized?

Answer:

Evidence guidance stated in the questionnaire is what we believe to be the most likely sources where justifications to your answer will be found. We do not expect you to submit numerous pieces of evidence for each question, as one or two sources of evidence will most likely suffice as adequate justification for your answer. We will consider all evidence submitted, regardless of whether we suggested it or not, as some evidence will be ANSP specific and will be valid justification for the answer to the question.

8. Why are the accreditation fees based on annual ATM income and not traffic handled? My assumption is there should be correlation between traffic volumes and carbon emissions and that different ANSPs are at liberty to charge Navigation fees at their desired rate which should not be a factor to accreditation. Kindly elaborate the rationale

Answer:

CANSO membership fees for ANSPs are based on annual ATM revenue and the decision was taken to maintain alignment. The fees are based on the ability to pay rather than the carbon emitted by the ANSP or within the airspace they manage.

9. There may be a lot of very sensitive information in evidence submitted - will the information provided be governed by a data policy, e.g. confidentiality, limitations of use, retention policy etc.?

Answer:

The Terms and Conditions for ANSP participation in GreenATM includes a set of confidentiality clauses. The GreenATM Secretariat, Think Research is bound to maintain confidentiality of all information submitted to it as part of the program by its contract with CANSO. Information submitted can only be used for the purpose of assessing the accreditation level.

10. Is it possible to engage external consultancy to support the accreditation process within the ANSP and coordination with THINK (e.g. data aggregation, scope definition, meeting coordination etc.). If so, can consultancy request the full CANSO questionnaire as well?

Answer:

An ANSP is free to appoint anyone they wish to assist them with the preparation and submission of the GreenATM questionnaire. It will therefore be for the ANSP to share the questionnaire with their appointed sub-contractor. If an ANSP desires, the sub-contractor can participate along with them as support during any coordination meetings.

11. How communication between individual ANSPs and the submission of documentation is resolved? In many cases, the basis documentation is prepared in a language other than English.

Answer:

As mentioned in section 3.4 of The Guide to GreenATM Accreditation responses to the questionnaire must be submitted in English, however, any evidence submitted to support your response can be in any language. Think will aim to translate all documents, however if required, a translation service will be utilized to translate these documents. All parties will be subject to the same NDA and consent terms and conditions, ensuring the sensitivity of any documents are not compromised. To reduce the chance that the context is lost in the translation, clarification workshops between Think and the ANSP will occur to allow Think to ask any questions they may have to help evaluate the submission.

12. Is the accreditation scheme available to ANSPs who are not members of CANSO?

Answer:

Yes. However non-Members of CANSO wishing to participate will pay a higher fee as outlined in Section 2.6 of The Guide to GreenATM Accreditation.

13. Will the Questionnaire be available before deciding on applying for an accreditation assessment?

Answer:

Yes, the questionnaire is available to ANSPs upon request to GreenATM@think.aero

14. I may have missed it, but how often would an ANSP need to renew its accreditation?

Answer:

Once they have been awarded an accreditation level, in the following year they may complete a streamlined Renewal Application, providing evidence of continuation of program activities. Once an ANSP has been successfully accredited for three consecutive years their accreditation at that level becomes valid for three years, enabling them to reduce the frequency with which they submit.

15. Do you publish the achieved level of an ANSP? Or is it up to the ANSP?

Answer:

The achieved level is published by CANSO unless the ANSP has stated they are a Trial Participant which must be made known at the time of submitting the completed questionnaire. Transparency is an important pillar of the programme.

16. When you submit, do you choose the level fee? What happens if you achieve a lower one?

Answer:

The ANSP decides what level of accreditation they will submit for. If an ANSP pays for one level of accreditation but following evaluation gains greater than 80 points at a higher level, the ANSP will have the opportunity to pay the difference in evaluation fee, if applicable, to enable accreditation at the higher level. If the option to pay the differential is declined, then the original level indicated by the ANSP at the point of submission will be awarded. If during evaluation an ANSP fails to secure sufficient points for the accreditation level they were seeking, then there will be no reduction in fee, as the evaluation will require at least the same level of effort.

17. Are you able to give a broad indication how much time/effort you think ANSPs will need to spend on pulling together an initial accreditation submission? And how much is this reduced for a 'renewal'?

Answer:

We expect the higher the level of accreditation level, the more effort that will be required from the ANSP. The Improved ATM category will take the most amount of effort to pull together all the adequate evidence and answers. From the trials that were conducted prior to going live, it was evident that the majority of the time spent was in communicating with the relevant departments internally, and finding the documentation. The feedback from the four trial participants was that the effort was reasonable and not insignificant but it was recognised as acceptable given the breadth and thoroughness of the programme.

The renewal will be shorter as the evidence required will need to prove that the activities conducted to achieve that level are still ongoing.

18. This is a logistics question. Some evidence is not in english (official) How do we evidence that issues. If we translate are not so official and CANSO has to "believe"

Answer:

Please see the response to question 11 and section 3.4 of The Guide to GreenATM Accreditation.

19. Is it mandatory to keep the level you achieve during a couple of years or you can try to go to a higher level next year

Answer:

The ANSP can choose to submit for a higher level at any time, and does not have to have completed a renewal at the current level. That will incur a full assessment fee, whereas a renewal fee enables the ANSP to stay at the same level for a lower fee, providing they can provide evidence that they are continuing with the program activities.