



## Airways New Zealand welcomes the CANSO Global Safety Conference 2025

**Christchurch, New Zealand, 25 March** – Airways New Zealand is delighted to host the 2025 Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) Global Safety Conference, set to take place in Christchurch from 24 to 28 March. The conference will bring together more than 100 aviation safety leaders and experts from around the world to discuss and collaborate on safety and technological advancements in air traffic management (ATM) and air navigation services.

The CANSO Global Safety Conference will feature a dynamic programme with a different theme each day. The first day is “Safety in Practice” which reflects on current challenges and practices for improvements. Day two is “Safety Culture” and takes a deep dive into fatigue as well as objectives to make improvements. Day three is “Delivering Safety in our Future Skies” and considers the future of aviation and how the safety community will consider future challenges. The final day of the conference Safety Programme Working Groups will have individual breakouts to collaborate on existing and future work plans. Overall, the conference will be covering key topics such as emerging safety technologies, data-driven decision-making, and safety culture in air traffic management. Delegates will have the opportunity to participate in panel discussions, workshops, and networking sessions with leading figures from the global aviation community.

James Young, CEO of Airways New Zealand, expressed his support for hosting this prestigious event in Christchurch:

“We’re proud to be hosting the CANSO Global Safety Conference, highlighting New Zealand’s leadership in aviation safety. Collaboration is critical in advancing global air traffic management and the insights gained will help us to continue to improve safety systems, ensuring we meet the evolving needs of our customers now and into the future. We look forward to welcoming industry leaders from around the world and to the insights and solutions that will emerge.”

Christchurch City Mayor Phil Mauer, who will be speaking at the conference also shared his thoughts on this significant event: " New Zealand is proud to host this global discussion on aviation safety. This conference reflects our commitment to innovation and collaboration in air navigation services and advancing safety."

CANSO Director General, Simon Hocquard, commented: "Bringing the CANSO Global Safety Conference to New Zealand underscores the truly global identity of CANSO and our commitment to safety as a top priority for the entire aviation community. Airways New Zealand has a strong reputation for innovation and excellence in air traffic

management, making them an ideal host. This conference will provide a vital forum for knowledge-sharing and collaboration, reinforcing the industry's collective responsibility to enhance global aviation safety. We look forward to productive discussions that will help shape the future of airspace management worldwide”

For more information on the CANSO Global Safety Conference 2025, please visit the official conference [website](#)

### **About CANSO**

CANSO – the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation – is the global voice of the air traffic management (ATM) industry and is shaping our future skies. Our 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. We raise the bar on global ATM performance by connecting the industry to share knowledge, expertise and innovation.

### **About Airways New Zealand**

Airways provides air navigation services within New Zealand airspace, and across our Oceanic Flight Information Region – one of the largest airspace regions in the world. We are also responsible for maintaining and investing in the aviation infrastructure that supports New Zealand's air traffic management system.

Alongside our core business providing air traffic management services in New Zealand, Airways International delivers air traffic management consultancy, airspace design, and training products and services around the world.

Airways employs approximately 800 staff nationally in highly skilled and technical roles. Our people work across the Christchurch Radar Centre, Auckland Oceanic Centre, 17 control towers, and corporate offices in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

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