

WORLD-RENOWNED SA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT ENTITY HOSTS INTERNATIONAL AVIATION ASSOCIATION'S KEY MEETINGS



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Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) SOC Ltd, in conjunction with its shareholder, the National Department of Transport, is hosting a series of key industry meetings, on behalf of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) namely, the Air Traffic Services over the South Atlantic (SAT) meeting; the Central Atlantic Flight Information Region (FIR) Satellite Network (CAFSAT) Management Committee (CNMC) meeting and the FANS I/A Interoperability Team (SAT/FIT) meeting on 4 – 8 June 2018, in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

The three meetings are managed by ICAO, and are attended by Global Air Navigation Services Providers (ANSPs) from all United Nation (UN)-Member States, International Air Transport Association (IATA), Aircraft Manufacturers, Global Air Traffic Management Systems Suppliers; Aviation-related Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) and various Airline Companies. The meetings are outlined as follows:

CNMC is a technical meeting that explores ways and means of further enhancing the provision of air traffic services in South Atlantic (SAT) corridor through established interregional coordination mechanism.

SATFIT is another meeting that is established to oversee FANS 1/A system performance monitoring in the SAT and EURO SAM Corridor, ensure that the system continues to meet safety and interoperability requirements, as well as making sure that operations and procedures function appropriately. ATNS is part of this group due to the services it renders over the Oceanic airspace, as delegated by ICAO.

The SATFIT team comprises of experts from the States responsible for FIRs in AFI and EURO SAM routing areas AR1/AH2 and AR2/AH8, as defined in the Global Air Navigation Plan (ICAO Doc 9750). Mr. Simon Zwane, ATNS Senior Manager: ATM Research and Planning is the current chairperson.

ATNS is a major contributor to all set agenda points to be discussed during the afore-mentioned meetings - aimed at developing action plans, thereby enabling the implementation of previously adopted decisions - from earlier held meetings.

The ICAO statement of “No Country Left Behind” acts as a trajectory and/or enabler for the total implementation of the Global Air Navigation Plan.

Details of the official Opening of the meetings are as follows:

Date: 04 June 2018

Time: 8h30 for 09h00 (until 10am)

Venue: Southern Sun Elangeni and Maharani Hotel, Durban, South Africa

All media houses are invited to attend. For registration and accreditation purposes, journalists are requested to confirm their attendance with Mr Percy Morokane at 071 445 9812 or percymo@atns.co.za