

# Airspace World expands East



*Simon Hocquard,  
Director General,  
CANSO shares his  
vision for the expansion*



ABOVE: CANSO Asia Pacific Conference 2024, Chengdu, China hosted by ATMB. CANSO

**C**ANSO is launching a new event to expand the Airspace World brand's global reach and better serve the Asia Pacific market. Based on the success of Airspace World in Geneva and now Lisbon, and the fact that attendance at the award-winning event is often weighted towards North America and Europe, a brand-new event will take the Airspace World brand to Asia Pacific.

This change was not undertaken without including CANSO's members. Speaking to the CEOs of some Associate Members, they were excited about the possibility of such an event as this is an important market for them and will allow leaders from across the region to gather to collaborate on enhancing safety, sustainability and operations.

APAC is not a new region for CANSO. For many years, CANSO has held conferences in the region, and these have been well attended, so there is clearly a desire to collaborate across the region.

## Regionalisation

The overarching theme for both the Lisbon exhibition and Airspace Asia Pacific is Seamless Airspace. But in this case focused on APAC airspace, with a strong meteorological leaning and an emphasis on regional collaboration and innovation.

The Airspace Asia Pacific event will focus on Seamless APAC Airspace: Aviation and Meteorology Integration, while the Airspace Asia Pacific theatres will cover a range of topics including: the transition to FF-ICE Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM), GNSS interference and resilience strategies, the integration of unmanned

and manned aviation, digitalisation, High-Altitude Operations (HAO) and sustainability.

Given that the region will play a major role in implementing the CANSO Complete Air Traffic System (CATS) Concept of Operations (CONOPS) this will also be a major focus, offering a significant opportunity to engage APAC stakeholders in shaping the future of regional airspace.

The Asia Pacific aviation landscape is one of the world's most diverse and rapidly evolving, experiencing unprecedented aviation growth, bringing challenges and opportunities for ATM, UTM, and eVTOL integration.

**"As airspace becomes more complex, collaboration across industries will be key to ensuring efficiency, safety, and scalability. That's why gatherings such as these are so important",** shared Simon Hocquard, **"It is vital that we bring together the CEOs of Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs) and industry leaders to discuss region-specific policies, investments, and infrastructure developments."**

## Airspace Asia Pacific

While there are already many APAC attendees at Airspace World in Lisbon, Airspace Asia Pacific will be more accessible to regional stakeholders, including ANSPs, regulators, airlines, and industry partners who may not typically attend the global event taking place this year in Lisbon, Portugal.

This event provides a unique opportunity for more Asia Pacific-based organisations to engage, particularly those focused on addressing region-specific challenges.