

# Media release

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## Airservices shares in international award for service provision

A project that improves operational efficiency and safety for aviation and contributes to a reduction in carbon emissions and fuel costs for airlines has won a major international award.

Airservices Australia, along with Air Traffic and Navigation Services of South Africa and Airports Authority of India accepted the IHS Jane's Award for service provision to the aviation industry on behalf of the Arabian Sea Indian Ocean ATS Coordination Group (ASIOACG) in Madrid.

The award, presented at the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) World Congress, recognises the work done to establish one of the world's largest User Preferred Routes Zones (UPR). The zone covers the majority of the Indian Ocean and a portion of the Arabian Sea.

A UPR is a flight path designed to allow airlines to select the most suitable route for their aircraft that makes best use of prevailing winds, favourable weather conditions and the latest technology, rather than the traditional method of flying along predetermined aviation routes.

This award reflects the strong collaboration and trust that ASIOACG members have as they work to meet the challenges of air traffic growth and ever increasing demand for greater safety and efficiency.

The UPR zone has demonstrated fuel savings and a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions that show a saving, based on 100 flights, of 740kg and 2.3 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per flight.

CANSO is the global voice of air navigation service providers worldwide, supporting over 85 per cent of the world's air traffic. Members share information and develop new policies, with the aim of improving air navigation services on the ground and in the air.

IHS Jane's is a global information company and publisher of the international magazine Airport Review. Awards are presented in six categories and this year attracted more than 40 entries.

The members of ASIOACG who contributed to the UPR zone include Australia, India, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, South Africa and Sri Lanka.

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