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Airservices hosts international conference on air navigation

Airservices Australia, the nation's provider of air traffic management, is hosting the eighth annual meeting of the Arabian Sea Indian Ocean ATS Coordination Group (ASIOACG) combined with the fourth Indian Ocean Strategic Partnership to Reduce Emissions (INSPIRE) annual conference in Melbourne this week.

The 2013 conference will see air navigation providers from Central and South East Asia, the Middle East, and Africa attend to share and discuss best practice air traffic management and develop plans for implementation.

Airservices INSPIRE chair, David Webb said, "These conferences present an important opportunity for international air navigation providers and airlines to work together to overcome some of the challenges that face the growing aviation industry.

"The progress made by ASIOACG and INSPIRE reaffirms our faith in this collaboration.

"The level of attendance we are expecting at this year's conference also reflects the strong trust that has been built up over many years as we continue to work together to meet the challenges of air traffic growth and ever increasing demand for greater safety and efficiency."

The benefit to the aviation industry of such collaboration was highlighted recently by the establishment of one of the world's largest portions of airspace for user preferred routes – the Arabian Sea Indian Ocean User Preferred Route Geographic Zone.

User preferred routes improve operational efficiencies for airlines and make a significant contribution to the industry's effort to minimise the environmental impact of aviation.

The use of user preferred routes in the Indian Ocean is estimated to reduce CO2 emissions in excess of 19 000 tonnes per year.

The ASIOACG and INSPIRE conference will be held from Tuesday 26 to Thursday 28 November 2013 at Melbourne Cricket Ground.

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