Remarks by the
Secretary General of the
International Civil Aviation Organization
Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar
to the ANW CNSS Event
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1. It is my great honour to welcome you to this ICAO Air Navigation World CNSS event – the first ICAO Global Communications, Navigation, Surveillance and Spectrum event.

2. ICAO envisions air transport for all by 2050, with zero fatalities and net-zero carbon emissions.

3. 2026 is the first year for our Strategic Plan to achieve this vision, and so you are meeting at a decisive moment for international air transport.

4. Your expertise in communications, navigation, and surveillance is of foundational importance.

5. This meeting offers us the opportunity to consolidate and accelerate the progress we have already achieved in the development, implementation, and modernization of CNS technologies and spectrum management.

6. This is vital to improving the safety, efficiency, and sustainability of flying, especially as connectivity continues to grow and densify.

7. Innovation in CNS, and the resilience that comes with it, are key to enabling progress under our strategic plan.

8. Strengthening CNS capabilities will enable States to enhance safety, improve operational efficiency, and adopt emerging technologies.

9. Our work is mandated by the unanimous decisions of the ICAO Assembly last Autumn.

10. In particular, Resolution A42-7 affirms our collective responsibility to safeguard the radio frequency spectrum that CNS systems depend upon.

11. It calls upon all States and stakeholders to protect this essential resource and to implement robust measures that address all forms of radiofrequency interference.

12. Resolution A42-8 also urges us to continue the evolution of CNS and air traffic management systems.

13. It emphasizes the need for digital transformation, operational resilience, and international cooperation to address new challenges, including GNSS jamming and spoofing. Achieving this however, requires coordinated action amongst all stakeholders, alignment with ICAO initiatives, strengthened regulatory framework for spectrum protection, and early adoption of advanced technologies.

14. I urge you to focus your discussions on the steps we must take to bring the next generation of CNS to every region, and every community.

15. I also urge you to use this forum as an opportunity to network, exchange ideas, and connect with CNS experts and peers from around the world.

16. This event is an opportunity to build a global CNS community and foster the collaboration needed to ensure our shared skies are safer, reliable, and more accessible for all.

17. I wish you all a fruitful and productive event and look forward to the outcomes of your discussions and to the continued progress we will achieve together.