

Introducing ATC Week – a week-long celebration of air traffic control taking place in UAE on 4-8 October 2015

Industry stakeholders confirmed to run events as part of ATC Week include Dubai Air Navigation Services (dans); UAE General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA); International Air Transport Association (IATA) Africa Middle East Regional Office and Emirates Airline in conjunction with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

London, 20 July 2015. United Business Media (UBM), a multinational media and events corporation responsible for the organisation of the ATC Global Exhibition and Conference today announced the official launch of ATC Week. ATC Week invites the air traffic control community to take part in a series of independent events and networking activities across the UAE between 4th and 8th October 2015.

As patron of ATC Week, His Highness Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Chairman of Dubai Airports; President of Dubai Civil Aviation Authority; Chairman and CEO of Emirates Group, Chairman of Dubai Air Navigation Services said “We welcome the launch of ATC Week in the UAE as the latest initiative to facilitate progress in the continuously growing and evolving aviation industry. We look forward to welcoming aviation professionals from the UAE, the region and the world over to participate in a weeklong series of face-to-face events and discussions shaping the future direction of safe and efficient air transport.”

Speaking about this new initiative, Paula Milburn, Development Director - Aviation, UBM EMEA stated “ATC Week has been designed to highlight the importance of air traffic control and the contribution it makes to the global transport infrastructure. We welcome the international air traffic management community to take part and benefit from this unique opportunity to network and share best practice with international counterparts.” Applications to host an event are now open with confirmed events including:

4 October - Dubai Air Navigation Services ATC Tour, organised by Dubai Air Navigation Services (dans)

Senior representatives from air navigation service providers, airports, airlines and regulators will be invited on a tour of the Air Traffic Control Tower, Approach and World’s Largest Tower Simulator located within Al Maktoum International Airport.

4-6 October – Aviation System Block Upgrade (ASBU) implementation Workshop, a collaboration between IATA, Emirates Airline and ICAO

The workshop will focus on the air navigation performance planning process detailed in the Fourth Edition of the ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) along with ASBU methodology, users’ requirements, major traffic flows, cost effectiveness and global, regional objectives/priorities. The ASBU Implementation Workshop will make reference to current and forecast traffic flows originating or overflying the Middle East and/or Africa.

4 & 8 October –The Sheikh Zayed Centre Tour, organised by GCAA

Industry stakeholders are invited to take part in organised tours of the Sheikh Zayed Centre. Opened in late 2009, The Sheikh Zayed Centre is considered the largest and busiest air traffic management facility in the Middle East as well as one of the world's most technically advanced centres in terms of its design.

5-7 October – ATC Global, the flagship event of ATC Week, organised by UBM

Celebrating its 25th year as the annual meeting place for the international air traffic management community, the three-day exhibition and conference will welcome thousands of ATM professionals looking to build partnerships, share knowledge, meet new customers and debate the most critical issues facing ATM today.

ATC Week will engage with a broad range of air traffic management stakeholders, providing a valuable platform to discuss and promote the contemporary industry developments and the direction of air traffic control operations, technology, policy and structure.

Air navigation service providers, airports, aircraft operators, regulators and ATM suppliers will have the opportunity to take part in a wide selection of independent events including workshops, educational sessions, briefings, site visits, product demonstrations and tours.

For further information or to attend any ATC Week events, visit www.atcweek.com. Guidelines for hosting your own event can also be found on the website. To enquire about hosting your own event during ATC Week, contact atcweek@ubm.com.

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About ATC Global (www.atcglobalhub.com)

- ATC Global is the place for the international ATM community to do business
- ATC Global is a three day event comprising a world-leading exhibition, high-level conference, hosted buyer scheme, networking receptions and an extensive free educational programme
- Founded in 1990, the event unites industry stakeholders from across the globe with the purpose of sharing information, knowledge and expertise. It brings buyers and sellers of ATC equipment and services together in an environment conducive to conducting business

About UBM EMEA

UBM EMEA connects people and creates opportunities for companies across five continents to develop new business, meet customers, launch new products, promote their brands and expand their markets. Through premier brands such as Routes, CPhI, IFSEC, Ecobuild, Seatrade, and many others, UBM EMEA exhibitions, conferences, awards programs, publications, websites and training and certification programs are an integral part of the marketing plans of companies across seven industry sectors.

About Emirates

It is the largest airline in the Middle East, operating over 3,500 flights per week from its hub at Dubai International Airport, to more than 142 cities in 78 countries across six continents. Cargo activities are undertaken by the Emirates Group's Emirates SkyCargo division.

The airline ranks among the top ten carriers worldwide in terms of passenger kilometres, and has become the largest airline in the Middle East in terms of revenue, fleet size, and passengers carried as of 2007. As of 2014, the airline is the fourth-largest airline in the world in terms of international passengers carried and third largest in terms of scheduled passenger-kilometres flown. The airline is also the third-largest in terms of scheduled freight tonne-kilometres flown. The company also operates four of the world's longest non-stop commercial flights from Dubai to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Dallas/Fort Worth and Houston.

About UAE General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA)

The General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) was established in 1996 by Federal Cabinet Decree (Law 4) to regulate civil aviation and provide designated aviation services with emphasis on safety and security and to strengthen the aviation industry within the UAE and its upper airspace. The main office is located in Abu Dhabi and the regional office is located in Dubai to serve the northern Emirates.

The GCAA, which is the sole authority for the control and regulation of civil aviation in the UAE, is responsible for the provision of en-route air navigation services and all aspects of flight safety. In late 2009, the GCAA opened its new Air Navigation Centre, The Sheikh Zayed Centre, which is considered the largest and busiest air traffic management facility in the Middle East as well as one of the world's most technically advanced centres in terms of its design.

About Dubai Air Navigation Services (dans)

Dubai Air Navigation Services (dans) is the air navigation services provider for both the Dubai and Northern Emirates airspace.

Successfully providing air navigation services since 1967, dans is a newly independent air navigation services provider, which contributes through its operations to the phenomenal rapid growth of the aviation sector in the UAE in general, and Dubai in particular.

Chaired by His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, dans plays a crucial and significant role in the management of Dubai's and the Northern Emirates airspace.

dans is utilizing innovative technologies, implementing cutting edge solutions and engaging prominent industry expertise in its operations to safely and efficiently cater to the continuously growing air traffic capacity in Dubai and the Northern Emirates.

About International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is a UN specialized agency, created in 1944 upon the signing of the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention).

ICAO works with the Convention's 191 Member States and global aviation organizations to develop international Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) which States reference when developing their legally-enforceable national civil aviation regulations.

There are currently over 10,000 SARPs reflected in the 19 Annexes to the Chicago Convention which ICAO oversees, and it is through these provisions – as well as ICAO's complementary policy, auditing and capacity-building efforts – that today's global air transport network is able to operate close to 100,000 daily flights, safely, efficiently and securely in every region of the world.

International Air Transport Association (IATA)

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) is the trade association for the world's airlines, representing some 260 airlines or 83% of total air traffic. We support many areas of aviation activity and help formulate industry policy on critical aviation issues.