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### **PRESS RELEASE**

**Subject:- Cross Border Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM), Workshop held at New Delhi.**

New Delhi, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2015, Airports Authority of India is hosting the first Asia Pacific Cross Border Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) Workshop in New Delhi , at Radisson Blue Plaza, New Delhi from 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 to 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

The workshop is being jointly conducted by International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and International Air Transport Association ( IATA ).

The workshop is intended to highlight the importance of cross border Air Traffic Flow Management ( ATFM ) to as many aviation personnel as possible, sharing some of the existing cross border ATFM/CDM implementations and benefits of cross border ATFM.

The workshop is being attended by over 70 aviation professionals from various airports across India, airlines, Indian defense establishment, AAI including 30 representatives from ten countries such as China, Japan, Thailand, Singapore , Nepal , Maldives, Seychelles and Europe.

The two-day Workshop will consist of a series of classroom-based lectures. Opportunities for detailed discussions on relevant topics such as principles of cross border ATFM, and the distributed multi-nodal ATFM concept for Asia Pacific Region will enhance the experience of participants.

It is highly appropriate that , India , which is at the cross borders between the MID EAST region , Africa ICAO Region and APAC region should have the distinction of hosting the first such workshop . It is also pertinent to note that India is implementing a nationwide ATFM system which is expected to begin operational trials at the end of this year.

Mr V Somasundaram, Member (ANS ) , in his opening address highlighted the ANS initiatives that India has undertaken in terms of capacity , efficiency and addressing environmental concerns. He emphasized the significance of ATFM in improving the overall efficiency of ANS system. Mr Dave Rollo from IATA and Mr Takata from ICAO also addressed the workshop during the inaugural session.

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Shri V Somasundaram, Member (ANS ), Airports Authority of India and Shri A.K.Dutta, Executive Director (ATM), AAI and other Panelists interacting during the session of first Asia Pacific Cross Border Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) Workshop in New Delhi at Radisson Blue Plaza, New Delhi.